

May 7, 1888

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

From Daily Advance of Thursday, 30th. The ice in the river is broken up as far down as Chatham.

PERSONAL.—J. B. Snowball, Esq., reached home this morning from Great Britain via New York.

POSTPONED.—The St. John's Church entertainment is postponed till Thursday evening next May 7th.

DIED OF GRIEF.—Mrs. Rebecca Harrigan of Halifax has died of grief for her son who has gone to the Northwest with the Halifax Battalion.

YORK.—Mr. J. D. Hazen has been nominated as the Conservative candidate for the Assembly for the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Thompson to the Upper House.

RIGHT.—The Municipal Council of St. John has refused to order an Alma House assessment until the present defaulting Board is suspended and a new one appointed.

FISH.—New York fish market is gutted. Fresh mackerel weighing three quarters of a pound each were selling there on April 27th at a cent a piece.

From Daily Advance of Friday 1st. MARBLE WORKER.—Mr. Rae advertises for a marble worker, with a special view of getting a good man on tablets.

THE RIVER at last week's freshest is said to have been higher than at any time during the past half century.

SUGAR is advancing in price. Flour has advanced very rapidly of late and our telegrams show that wheat has advanced from 4 to 5 cents within a day or two in New York and Chicago. This means a further advance in flour.

THE ICE is running to-day past Chatham. This morning there was a large quantity of fencing, block-logs, saw logs and other lumber and drift stuff in the running pack off the tows. The quantity of all kinds was estimated variously at from a half to two millions feet.

JOINED THE EXODUS.—The sudden and unexplained disappearance from the city of Mr. F. A. McKenzie, agent of the Provincial Oil Company, and his clerk, Mr. A. H. Crookshank, has given rise to considerable talk, among business men especially. Mr. J. D. Sbatford, agent of the Standard Oil Company, has taken charge of the Provincial Co.'s affairs, he being the largest individual creditor.—St. John Globe, 30th.

AN HONEST SPORTING party has returned from the Tabusintac beaches. It consisted of Messrs. D. M. Loggie, Arthur Johnston and D. Chesman. They do not say that they bagged more geese and brant than they could bring home, nor do we see boys lugging game around to their friends as of yore. They squarely admit that they had had luck. It was too early, the ice in the channels having broken up very little.

A NOTABLE WEDDING.—The following from a London paper refers to the marriage of one of the firm of Messrs. J. & J. Miller & Co. of Millerton.

The marriage of Mr. David E. Miller, second son of John Miller, Esq., of Palace Road, Streatham, to Lizzy, fourth daughter of John Connell, Esq., of Bushey Down, Tooting Common, took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clapham Road. The service was performed by Rev. Dr. MacEwan, who gave a most impressive address. The bride's dress consisted of train of ivory satin duchesse, bodice and puffed ruffled bodice with pearls, and petticoat of rich brocade velvet, wreath of orange blossom, and tulle veil edged with pearls and fastened with diamond spray. The bridesmaids were Misses Annie, Nellie, Ethel, and Blanche Connell, sisters of the bride, and Misses Bella and Grace Miller, sisters of the bridegroom, who were prettily dressed in reseda satin merveilleux, draped with lace, two wearing bonnets and four hats to match; each wore a pearl bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's mother was attired in brown broche velvet bolice and train, with petticoat of satin trimmed with Brussels point. The wedding party on leaving the church assembled at the residence of the bride's father, where a sumptuous dejeuner was served, to which sixty sat down. Early in the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left for Folkestone, en route for the continent. The bride's Redfern traveling dress was of green cloth, with velvet hat and muff to match. The numerous presents were exceedingly costly and tasteful. The bride cake and breakfast were supplied by Carpenter, and the floral decorations were by Paget, of Clapham.

From Daily Advance of Saturday, 2nd May. CLOVER AND TIMOTHY seeds are offered for sale by Mr. Hutchison, Douglastown.

THE STEAMERS.—We shall have some of the steamers running on Monday, no doubt.

RED BANK mill has started, with logs enough to last till driving time.

THE SOUTHWEST BOOM was very seriously damaged by the freshest, a large proportion of the blocks—old and new—as well as boom-sticks, having been carried away.

THE ICE in the main Northwest Miramichi River, for a considerable distance above the railway bridge, was intact yesterday afternoon.

THE BARNABY RIVER freshest carried away nearly all the old piers in the vicinity of the Valley Railway bridge. The water was higher there than for many years.

A SNOW STORM to day is endeavoring to balance the two weeks' fine weather we enjoyed just before the prevailing easterly winds set in.

ALL RIGHT.—Charles Cloud, the Indian who was supposed to have been drowned in the Little Southwest freshest, is still in the land of the living. He floundered out of the river and went to the Sugary woods.

IRON AND CORDAGE TRADE.—Messrs. Vaughan Bros. of St. John, who advertise in the ADVANCE, have been a long time in the iron and cordage business. They succeeded Jas. L. Dunn, who was one of the leading importers for the shipbuilding trade twenty or more years ago. Messrs. Vaughan continued that business successfully, and the senior member of the firm having retired a month or two ago the three gentlemen who are now conducting the business have determined to extend it. They are in staple line

only and, we think, can offer real advantages to large buyers. In cordage—such as is used for lumber-rafter, lobster-traps and boat and other rigging—they should command a large trade.

THE GALLANT BORDERERS.—Some of our readers will be able to fix the locality of the following yarn, told by the Eastport Sentinel:

A story comes from a little town on the New Brunswick side of the water, that, during the recent trouble in the Northwest when troops were being sent forward from all parts of the Province, a letter was sent to the commander of the Militia Company in the aforesaid town, inquiring how many of the company would volunteer to go to the front. A meeting was called, and the commander, an old veteran, read the letter before his brave (?) warriors, and he confidently expected when finishing to hear every man express a willingness to go forward, but to his utter astonishment and dismay, only one man could be found in the whole company who was willing to go to fight for his country. Gazing at them with a look of contempt, the old commander said:—"You d—set of cowards, and I thought I was drilling a company of men."—St. Croix Courier.

From Daily Advance of Monday 4th. PLASTERING, etc, see Mr. Kelly's advertisement.

NOR THE CARDING MILL.—We are glad to learn that the freshest at Derby did no injury whatever to the Wilson Carding Mill. It was the shingle mill that was injured.

FIRST OF SEASON.—A special of today to the ADVANCE from Point Escuminac, says "A large steamer, barkentine-rigged, passed here yesterday, at 2 p. m., going north."

TROTTLING.—We understand that it is proposed to have trotting races at the Chatham Driving Park on Dominion Day. The Track Committee at Fredericton has, also, we observe, announced their decision to have a similar meeting, at which there will be races for 3-year olds, 3-minute class and Free for all, open to all horses in the Maritime Provinces.

PERISHED.—On Sunday morning last, the body of a man was found not far from the Northwest Miramichi Bridge, near Sinclair's mill, beside the Highway. It was that of Mr. James Fitzgerald who has, for some time, been employed at the Bark Extract Factory, Millerton, as an engine driver. From what we can learn the poor fellow had been drinking on Saturday night in Newcastle, and, on his way home to Derby, perished in the prevailing snow and cold. He leaves a wife and family.

Daily Advance of Tuesday 5th. PERSONAL.—Dr. R. Bunting V. S. of St. John is in town.

BREAD is not so very high after all, Mr. Minnard continuing to furnish a first class article at the same price as usual.

SHOOTING.—Messrs. George and Ammon Savoy have shot a large number of geese and ducks in the Lower Bay du Vin Bay.

OPEN WATER.—The ice has all gone out between Fox Island and the Village. Thibideau's Gully is also clear of ice.

LIGHTKEEPERS.—Messrs. R. Rainborough and Wood. Williston have gone to their respective duties as lightkeepers on Fox Island.

GUNNING BOATS.—Several jaddle-wheel gunning boats have been introduced in the lower part of Hardwicke this spring as aids to get near wild foal to shoot them.

OLD AGE.—The Hardwicke "Centenarian," Mr. Louis Spley still lives and is in his 94th year.

Robert Noble Esq. of the Village, Hardwicke, completed his 53rd year on the 20th of March. He is still hale and robust and takes as great an interest in the Riel rebellion as many younger men.

LOBSTER FACTORIES.—Two new lobster factories have been put up this season on the north side of Point Escuminac by Messrs Andrew Wells and the Davidson Brothers. Three new factories have also been put up on the South side of the Point by Messrs. Ambrose Williston, A. & R. Loggie and W. S. & John U. Loggie.

D. C. S.—His Lordship, the Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton is expected to reach Chatham this afternoon. He is to visit several of the parishes within the Diocese of Chatham with the special object in view of placing the claims of the Diocesan Church Society before the people of the Church of England, and will address a meeting in that interest, this evening, at the hall near St. Paul's Church, at 8 p. m. He will address a similar meeting in St. Mary's School House, Chatham, to-morrow evening at the same hour.

DOUGLASTOWN BRANCH.—We learn from the World that on Thursday afternoon last the promoters of the above Railway met at the office of M. Adams, Esq., Newcastle. Hon. R. Hutchison was appointed Chairman of the meeting, and the company was duly organized, stock list signed, and directors elected, as follows: Hon. R. Hutchison, of Douglastown, President, Messrs. Allan Ritchie and R. R. Call, of Newcastle, and Messrs. John Johnston and George Watt, of Chatham, directors. Mr. Adams was elected Secretary and Treasurer. It is said that the company are to go on with the work at once.

EPIDEMIC AMONG HORSES.—A good many horses in the city are sick. The sickness seems to be greater among horses in livery stables, doubtless because there are more of them under one roof. Two horses have already died from the disease, which it seems made its appearance in this city during the months of February and March. Horsemen say it has prevailed in various parts of the United States during the past few years. The symptoms of the disease are partial paralysis, loss of appetite, high fever and gradual decline. The "Roach" mare, owned by Mr. R. T. Worden, and valued at \$200, succumbed to the illness yesterday. A few days previous Mr. John Smith lost a horse.—Globe.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S NEW BOOK.—A despatch to the Star says,—"Dr. O'Brien, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Halifax, has just published a religious novel under the title of "After Weary Years," which is likely to create a sensation throughout Canada. Though a religious novel, historic places and events are accurately described. Its hero is one of the three hundred Canadian Zouaves who fought for upholding the temporal power of the Pope, of the fall of which the book gives a graphic history, and predicts that Nemesis will yet overtake the Italian nation. Referring to Riel's rebellion in 1870, Dr. O'Brien does not regard Scott's death as murder, but says he was executed by the only constituted authority then existing in Manitoba and that the time will yet come in Canada when Riel will be regarded as a patriot."

CONSECRATION.—The consecration of the Rev. Charles Hamilton, Bishop-elect of Niagara, by His Lordship, the Metropolitan, took place on last Friday morning in the Cathedral, Fredericton. The day was fine and the attendance large. There were present thirty-six of the clergy and the Bishops of Quebec, Toronto, Maine, Nova Scotia, the Coadjutor and the Metropolitan. The ceremony was most imposing and lasted from half-past ten till one. The Bishop of Quebec preached the sermon from the first Corinthians, third chapter, 10th verse. After the service the new Bishop was presented with a very complimentary address by the clergy present. The interesting part of the service was the procession of robed clergy and Bishops entering the Cathedral by the western door, singing as they walked slowly up the aisle "Onward Christian Soldiers."

THE FREDERICTON BRIDGE.—As the ice in running out neglected to take the bridge with it, work on it will be continued and the contractors, Messrs. J. E. Simmons and D. C. Burpee, expect to have it finished before the close of navigation in the fall. When completed the bridge will be 2,725 feet long, made up as follows: 9 spans, of 262 feet each; 150 feet draw; approach on St. Mary's side, 126, and approach on Fredericton side 91 feet. The piers are 12 feet across the top so there is a clear space of 250 feet between the nine main piers. In addition to these there is a pier near each shore and the abutments. Six of these piers are now completed and the rest have the foundations down, piles driven and are ballasted as far as built. The fronts of all the bridge piers are sheathed with iron and on the sides with 3-inch birch plank 20 feet long. The superstructure, which is of the best hard pine, is complete (except painting) for three of the spans and almost so for the fourth. The working force this summer will be about 35 men. There have been from 35 to 50 men, not including those hauling stone, engaged on it all winter.—Globe.

From Daily Advance of Wednesday 6th. "THE STEAMER ANDOVER" was on the river to day.

PROPERTY SALE.—The residence of the late Dr. Thomson, more recently occupied by the late Dr. McCurdy, is to be sold by auction on Friday of next week.

PUMPS.—Mr. Geo. W. Ritchie, of Ritchie Bros., Salisbury, manufacturers of the non-freezing, double-action submerged force pump, is at present engaged in canvassing Miramichi districts. The pump is very much appreciated by those who have used it during the past two years.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT is to take place to-morrow, Thursday evening, in Masonic Hall, Chatham. It will consist of solos, duets, choruses, instrumental pieces, comic readings, etc. A very attractive programme is promised.

MESSRS. LOGGIE & Co. in the stand of the late firm, Patterson & Loggie, are making a strong bid for popular favor by the importation of fresh stock, which exhibits the evidences of excellent care and good management. Their Bull's Eye show cases are the latest adjunct of progressive store-keeping, the articles they contain being sold at either twelve or fifty cents each. Give them a call.

THE FRANCHISE BILL.—In Monday's debate on the Franchise bill Hon. Peter Mitchell referring to Sir John's assertions as to the intelligence and progressiveness of the Maritime Indians, said they were as far from the actual facts as day from night and he could not have fully considered what he was doing in giving a vote to these miserable wretched humiliated and debased Indians. As for the revising barrister clause he was opposed to that. He preferred that the hon. gentleman opposite if they should come into office, would not have power to fix his voters' lists, and therefore to avoid that he did not want the present government to fix them.

I. O. O. F. Chatham Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., had an anniversary celebration last evening in their Lodge room Masonic Hall. The opening address was by the Chaplain, Rev. E. Wallace Waits, followed by the rendition of a musical and literary programme; also an address by Mr. J. L. Stewart. There were—Chorus "Hills and Vales." Reading by S. U. McCulley, Esq. Quartette by Mrs. Nicol, Miss Loggie, Mr. Nicol and Mr. G. I. Wilson. Solo by Miss Burns. Duet by Mrs. Nicol and Miss Loggie. Cornet solo by Master Gray. Reading by J. Pirie. Quartette by Mrs. Nicol, Miss Burns, Mr. C. A. Patterson. Chorus "Apollo Strikes the Lyre."

The Odd Fellows of Chatham enjoy the reputation of getting up our most enjoyable entertainments, which are largely of a social character, and last night's effort was another proof of their success in this way.—Daily of 1st.

Contempt of Court. There are two gentlemen in Newcastle—twin brothers—who resemble each other very much and whose mixed identity often leads to amusing mistakes. The other day No. 1 was a member of the Sheriff's jury and had served one day's session of the Court, but was not on hand in time the following morning. A constable was sent to look him up and meeting No. 2 he told him the Sheriff wanted him at Court at once. "I'm not going to serve on that jury," was the reply and when it was reported to the Sheriff by the Constable the latter was a little vexed and the Court went to look up the juror who was now guilty of contempt. Meantime No. 1 put in an appearance and when the Court intimated that it had a mind to fine him for contempt No. 1 felt that, "this time," No. 2 had been up to mischief.

Distress in New Settlements. Reports of the great distress prevailing in portions of Rogersville and Acadieville show that many of the people there are in dire necessity. This state of affairs will prevail in those settlements more or less hereafter, simply because the people are so situated that they are largely imposed upon by speculators of different kinds. The craze for establishing settlements on too large a scale and insufficiently perfected plans, without the people understanding how to protect themselves and their interests, is primarily to blame. This aspect of the subject, however, belongs to the future, the duty of the hour being the relief of the people's distress. Hon. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Burchill, M.P.'s, are moving in the right direction by starting a subscription list, which has already received a number of signatures. A number of the contributors are giving money, but others are donating flour, tea, meal, beans, fish and other articles needed by the starving people. Those who are contributing desire Messrs. Gillespie and Burchill to go to the distressed district and see that their charity is properly administered and, we under-

stand their wishes will be complied with. Let those who can, give liberally, as the necessity is urgent.—Daily of May 1st.

An Exciting Episode.

There was a great scurrying along the streets last Friday caused by the alarm of two boys going adrift in the pack off Chatham. It appears that Mr. Jas. Keenan of the Foundry building yard was endeavoring to secure a pole that was in the ice and having a plank leading down from the wharf to the ice, four lads—Dan. Anderson, Willie Coulson, Alex. Touchie and Chas. Bernard—ventured out on it upon the pack. The ice just then swung off and the plank fell down, and there was a great scamper and "hopping" made for terra firma. Mr. Keenan tumbled in, but succeeded in getting safely on the wharf, assisted by his fellow-workmen. Young Bernard had escaped early in the trouble and got, dry, to the wharf, while Touchie floundered ashore in a wet condition. For want of their comrades' advantages or owing to their fear of the ducking, Anderson and Coulson failed to get ashore, and it was their situation as they drifted down on the moving pack that caused the excitement, which was not lessened by the demonstrative maternal solicitude manifested. Men made their way by means of boards out on the pack, but could not reach the lads, who kept up the alarm as they sat perched on a log, or occasionally essayed to find a chance to make for the shore, but the anxiety was, at last, relieved, by some men in a boat who were down in the open water picking up logs, spying the urchins and going to their rescue. The rescuing party was composed of Mr. John Ryan and his four sons, and Andrew Casey, who did their duty gallantly and well.

War and Trade.

A declaration of war over the Afghan question will change the status of every nation on the globe. It will make England and Russia belligerents. It will make every other Power a neutral. The declaration will subject international commerce to a system of laws and principles radically different from those now in force. Commercial intercourse between Russia and England will be broken off. Trade dealings between other nations and either belligerent will be materially restricted. Other nations will be barred from selling any ships to the English or the Russian Government. Any British or Russian war vessel that may happen to be within other national waters will have to depart. Arms, munitions of war, &c., will become contraband in neutral as well as belligerent vessels. The non-contraband goods of either belligerent under its own flag on the ocean will be subject to seizure by the war ships of the enemy. But until war is declared the existing trade rights and freedom between all the nations will undergo no legal or international change.

Not a Pleasant Outlook.

An Ottawa despatch of 29th to the N. Y. Herald says,—"Owing to the serious illness of Sir Leonard Tilley he is unable to proceed to England. His Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Courtney, will sail for London next week to arrange for retiring the \$25,000,000 Dominion loan maturing on the 1st day of July. To pay off these maturing debentures it will be necessary to float a new loan, which the government fear they will experience some difficulty in effecting unless at a greatly increased rate of interest, in view of the Northwest troubles and the financial complications with which they find themselves surrounded. In addition to the amount necessary to mature this loan, the government will require in the vicinity of \$30,000,000 more within the next four months to pay off \$13,000,000 borrowed as a temporary loan from banks in Canada and England, and to meet expenses in connection with the Northwest rebellion and the Canadian Pacific Railway subsidy, which Mr. Courtney will also endeavor to arrange for."

A Tough Experience.

On Saturday, the 25th April, Edward and George Hayes, sons of Mr. Morgan Hayes, of Blackville, on their way home from their lumber camp, crossed the main Renous River on the ice, near Thomas Colepaugh's. The ice started just as they left it, ran a short distance and jammed, backing up the water, overflowing the lowlands and completely surrounding the young men, so that they could not reach high land. They passed that night on a small tree which had been turned out at the roots, a portion of the trunk not being under water. After daylight in the morning they attempted to swim through the ice and slush to land, but failed to do so. They reached a couple of small trees, one of which was climbed by one of the brothers, who supported himself in it with the aid of a piece of rope which he had carried with him. The tree to which the other clung was not strong enough to bear his weight and it bent down, so that he remained with his feet and legs in the water, until both men were rescued by Mr. Colepaugh in the afternoon of Sunday, having been about 24 hours in their dangerous and uncomfortable situation. Both the young men are now at work and seem none the worse although nearly perished when they were taken out of their danger. They had a lunch with them when surrounded by the water which, no doubt, materially aided their endurance.

Draw It Mild.

The Fredericton Reporter says,—"Frederictonians have naturally felt anxious for the success of Major Morris while he has been 'holding the fort' at Battleford. Somebody has very pertinently likened his position to that of Gordon in the Sudan and his charge, Battleford, to Khartoum." Somebody else has enquired how it was that Major Morris—if, as he telegraphed, he was surrounded by a "thousand blood-thirsty Indians"—could send telegrams at all—why the blood-thirsty savages did not cut the wires? But, then, people always want to know too much.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

This Presbytery held a meeting at Campbellton on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The Rev. A. Russell, J. C. Quinn, J. C. Herdman and John McCarter, and Mr. Melvin Adams, Elder, were present. Mr. Russell was elected Chairman. There appeared in reference to the appointment of Mr. Herdman to Calgary Messrs. T. Kerr and J. McAllister from the Board of Trustees of the congregation of Campbellton, and Messrs. Bradshaw McKenzie and D. J. Fraser, elders. The discussion of the matter elicited the fact that a singular amount of prosperity existed in the congregation, and an unusual degree of attachment and affection between pastor and people. It was emphatically stated that during the whole period of Mr. Herdman's ministry such a thing as jar or friction had been entirely

unknown, and that what prevented a strenuous opposition being offered to his removal was their deep conviction that Mr. Herdman was following the path of duty, and the fact that he had, himself, asked that no hindrance be attempted since he considered himself to be in the way of the Lord's leading. The brethren present spoke of the useful work Mr. Herdman had done outside of his own congregation in the mission fields and otherwise as a member of Presbytery, and their keen regret at losing him from their midst. It was agreed that his resignation take effect from the end of May. Mr. Russell of Dalhousie to declare the church vacant on the 7th of June, and to moderate in the session during the vacancy.

Catechists to supply the Mission Stations for the summer were appointed as follows:—

- Escuminac, Quebec, Mr. J. F. Smith. New Bandon, Mr. R. Haddow. Flatlands and Metapedia, Mr. Geo. Kneear. Carquette, Mr. Alex. Campbell. Kouchibouguac, Mr. J. A. Johnston. Burnt Church and Tabusintac, Mr. Murray Watson.

A remit from the Augmentation Board was read, and after discussion it was agreed to as follows: The Presbytery after full consideration of the facts of the case, agree to recommend that New Carlisle and Blackville and Derby be supplemented up to \$720, these congregations having, just before the apportionment of the \$300 levied by this Presbytery upon the supplemented congregations, raised their pastors' salaries by a liberal amount.

Certain instructions were given to members going to the General Assembly with a view to securing the appointment of certain members of the Presbytery to the Assembly's Standing Committees.

A Growing Industry.

Among the growing industries of Chatham the Sash and Door Factory of Mr. George Cassidy located near the corner of Duke and Queen sts., attracts a good deal of attention. Mr. Cassidy has just set up on the premises a new boiler and engine of 30 horse power, made by the Miramichi Foundry, and which for style and workmanship will compare favorably with anything in that line that can be imported. The engine is fitted with an improved Judson governor, so that if, by any accident, the governor-belt should break, it will, at once, shut off the steam and prevent what might cause serious damage. Mr. Cassidy proposes to commence work at once on a new brick building 30x40 ft. to be used as an engine house and drying room. It will be one storey high and made as fireproof as possible. He has added to his machines, this spring, a new combined planer, matcher and moulder. This machine will plane the two sides of a board 24 inches wide at one operation, or it will plane the two sides and two edges of one 18 inches wide, or plane and match up to 18 inches wide, or form mouldings of any pattern, and as large as is ever used, being, no doubt, as complete a machine as is made.

Mr. Cassidy has also put in a patent sand-papery machine, which has a suction fan attachment for absorbing the dust, and blowing it out of the building—a very useful improvement indeed. Last, but not least among the new additions, is the pin hole borer, which will bore a hole in an instant anywhere within a radius of 4 x 6 ft.

Mr. Cassidy thinks if the town will support him in it, by exempting him from taxation on the premises for five or ten years, that he will build and equip a complete factory that will employ from 125 to 200 men constantly, a business which, without doubt, be directly and indirectly a benefit to the town, as it is necessary to keep such a business in operation would very largely be drawn from outside sources, which otherwise would contribute in that way to the industry of Chatham. Anticipating that the town do this he proposes to erect a building to fall 75 x 50 ft. three storeys high covered on the top with fireproof roof. In this building he hopes he will have room enough to carry on successfully the work he has in view.

"Without the Gates."

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance. DEAR SIR,—Allow me another word about the burial without the gate. A regard for the feelings of the bereaved family, impelled me to hope that my reply to Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, couched, as I thought, in moderate terms, would be the end of this unpleasant matter; but, a gratuitous insult flung at the Lewis family, by some anonymous writer from Bay du Vin, who prefers the North West Indian tactics and shoots from his ambush, compels me to make another statement and defend an injured and insulted family.

When the solemn rites of burial were performed by me in this case, I had no thought of publishing a word with regard to it, and not until an incorrect statement appeared in print representing Rev. Mr. Wilkinson as officiating at the grave, did I allude publicly to the matter. Then, I simply gave the facts to the Editor of "The World" who kindly reproduced them in correction of a former statement in his columns. Can any deny the facts as given? You, Mr. Editor, after, as appears, making very free use of the pruning knife, have left us some ugly looking branches, that help us to imagine what the original growth must have been.

The charge of sectarian advertising is I think sufficiently answered in the above statement. But why is this "Episode" considered a mode of sectarian advertising. Is this anonymous writer afraid of the common sense verdict of the public? It looks like it.

Then, as if the feelings of the bereaved family had not been sufficiently lacerated by a service without the gate, a most significant word is called into use, and in the spirit of fierce bigotry aimed at the Lewis family, who are called "perverts." This is a strong word, meaning persons who turn to the wrong, to evil. Now as the Lewis family have identified themselves with the Methodist Church, they have, according to this writer, done an evil act. This also implies that the Methodist Church is an evil organization. What a good thing it is that we live in a free country, with the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of our own consciences, unhindered by ecclesiastical terrorism. I suppose the amount of the charge against the friends assailed as "perverts" is that they use their privilege and worship God as they please. The use of such hard names on the part of the writer from Bay du Vin, during the sore bereavement of the Lewis family, displays a spirit most unkind and intolerant.

A word Mr. Editor with regard to your comment about "these Christians." Perhaps you will allow me to say that before being lumped with others in this fashion, I would like to know the reason why. Have I acted any part inconsistent with a Christian spirit and Christian principles? If I have, then your remarks are just, but if I have not, they are unfair and uncalled for. By publishing the above