faithful professors of religion have degenerated, generation by generation, into utter godlessness, though surrounded by all the other means of grace;

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"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES."

suspected by those who do not reflect upon the sub- earnestly to labor in the cause of Christ. During ject. It is only when we trace the influence of the this short space of time God has wonderfully manisacred writings that we begin to form some faint fested His presence amongst us. Previous to Bro. conception of their relation to all that is most valu- J.'s visiting us, the spiritual darkness was great, but able in society, and most useful to man. Then we a few praying ones still remained, and were daily are disposed to inquire "what could we do without sending up earnest petitions to God that "in the them?" The more carefully we study them, the midst of deserved wrath He would remember mercy;" more profound is our conviction of their worth. If and He has proved to them in a special manner that the Bible itself, and all memory of its contents, were "He is not slack concerning His promises, as men taken away, it would be beyond the compass of our count slackness." Meetings were held twice a day mental powers to estimate the loss. Our boasted during most of the week, in all of which our heavenly mental vigor would do us little good; at best Father was pleased to give us tokens of His favour. we could only feel after God, if happily we might On Saturday afternoon we met for Conference, and find Him; for the vagaries of thinkers are quite as enjoyed a good season. Many wanderers, who had Lord sanctify and support them. dangerous as the superstitions of the ignorant and long neglected to keep covenant with their brethren, credulous. We must have a solid foundation if we confessed their backslidings, and expressed their dewould erect a building capable of withstanding the termination to henceforth stand to their posts like would be preserved from fatal error.

its reference is to the Old Testament Scriptures - service all repaired to the water, where eleven happy powerful work of grace. those writings which have been assailed of late by converts manifested, before a large number of witecclesiastics who claim to be earnestly seeking after nesses, their faith in a crucified Saviour by following the Truth, and honestly desirous of emancipating | him in the ordinance of baptism. The scene was remen from the bondage of error and superstition. It markably solemn, yet mingled with much joy. Sehas been remarked a thousand times, and yet it may | veral of the candidates praised the Lord aloud for writings as the foundation of the Christian faith, to up to help them fight the battles of the Lord. On throw themselves into the work of undermining this , the other hand were to be seen bitter penitential tears foundation: that common honesty seems to require falling from the eyes of many who desired not to be commissions, and retire from the service which they | ing. give, and forming an admirable commentary upon wave of revival may not cease to roll until it covers the older writings. "The Law was given by Moses; the whole land. Yours truly, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ." He has "abolished death, and brought life and immor-"wise unto salvation, through faith which is in veral more are to be baptized next Sabbath .- [ED.]

Perhaps we ought to remark that in the opinion of equal authority with a command.

thy testimonies are my meditation."

some good people; without supposing that commen- nection with the District, a new missionary Board tators are often guilty of "darkening counsel by appointed, and I think arrangements made with

will command his household, and his children itself to the thoughtful reader of the Bible has not It is not alone to the present, but to the future no allusion to it, so that commentaries may fail to Church." generation that we are under obligations to trans- relieve us when we are most perplexed. In many mit to them by this means the true religion. I things good commentaries are invaluable; but we ence are Brethren Robert McLeod-his substitute, say by this means, because the families of un- think it is well not to lean upon them too implicitly. An examination of the context-the comparison of Peter Steves. That evening Bro. W. Downey preach-Scripture unaided by others, with humble dependence ed, and I attended my appointment at the Portage. upon the help of the Holy Ghost by whose inspiradreadful, but deserved punishment. -S. S. T | tion the Word is given, will often lead to more satis- | hear the young converts speak, and tell of the love of factory results. We are not dealing fairly with the Jesus to them. This body was organized some years Scriptures if we do not institute a careful search as since, a branch of the Upper Sussex church, but the

to their meaning and bearing upon ourselves. chapter wherever the book chances to open-a course | way which the brethren think will be finished next | intoxicating beverages. too common we fear-falls far below the requirement summer. Several of those who have recently been of Christ. That is not searching the Scriptures. added to the church are young men, who, by living Such reading produces poor fruit. Even the remem- devotedly, may be useful in the Redeemer's cause. Parties wishing to pay money in Saint John for the brance of what is read, is often wanting. We must Intelligencer, can do so at the Rookstore of Messrs. Barnes & think, if we would profit by the Bible. "In His christian union, which proved a very interesting and law doth He meditate day and night," is affirmed of

REVIVAL AT N. B. OROMOUTO.

DEAR INTELLIGENCER-Knowing the deep interest the friends of Zion take in the prosperity of the Re-Our Post Office address is Rev. E. McLEOP, Frede- deemer's kingdom, we rejoice to be able, through your valuable columns, to inform your christian readers of the joyful news of His gracious visit of mercy to the North Branch of the Oromocto. You have already been informed of the revival on the South Branch, we will therefore only say of the good work there that it is still progressing, and express our earnest prayer that it may continue to spread. Elder Johnson, whose name has already been noticed in your columns by Bro. White, came over to our The extent of our indebtedness to the Bible is not Branch just a week ago yesterday, and at once began

tality to light through the Gospel;" and in these We learn that fourteen persons were baptized last later writings this Gospel is clearly unfolded. By Sabbath, at North Branch of the Oromocto, and two for adults, and children five cents. This course, we He has still in his possession several cabinets, not them, as truly as by the older Scriptures we become on Monday. The revival is still progressing, and se-

SIXTH DISTRICT MEETING. of some these words are no more than an attirma- DEAR BRO. McLEOD. - As I did not return from attion on the part of Christ--that the Jews did tending the annual meeting of the Sixth District in search the Scriptures-and that while commend- time to write a notice of it for last week's issue of the rest to some, at least, and should be to all your Free teurs are there, superintended by twenty-one Bishops ing them indirectly for this, He the more severely Intelligencer, it may be looked for this week. I left | Baptist readers. censured them for not recognizing His claim as the home on Thursday morning, to comply with a re-Messiah, since, as he says, "They are they which quest from the Division of the Sons of Temperance | church, which the writer visited in the autumn of Missionary, attached to the Vicariate Apostolic of testify of me." That the words are susceptible of on the Millstream, to deliver a lecture for them that this interpretation cannot be denied. The original evening. We had a crowded hall, and a pleasant terms may be rendered with equal propriety: "Ye time. Our meeting was held in the hall in the splensearch the Scriptures," and "Search ye the Scrip- did new school house, recently erected for the Superior tures." The connexion must determine the question, school of Studholm. Friday evening I accepted an which is not so very important after all, in its bear invitation to attend a Tea meeting, held under the and, perhaps, no desire for one. Now what are the Christ. ing upon our subject, since we have abundant evidence auspices of the Division of that place, at Lower Norfrom the whole tenor of Christ's life, as well as from | ton. Here we also spent a pleasant evening. I was his recorded instructions, that He put a high estimate pleased to find the cause of temperance prospering in lay leaders, a worthy and faithful minister of the constitutional ideas have made surprising progress in perusal. In his parable of the rich man and Laza- took a seat in the cars for Upper Sussex, where the rus, He represents Abraham as declining to interfere meeting was to be held. The social Conference with the five brethren, by sending Lazarus to warn | meeting on Saturday was largely attended, and was a them of the existence of the world of woe. His season of strength and blessing among the people. In reply is worthy of notice, as proving the value of the the afternoon the meeting was organized by appoint-Scriptures: "They have Moses and the Prophets; ing G. A. Hartley to the chair. The clerk, Bro. Geo. let them hear them." Its force is increased by the McCready, who has faithfully served this District for supplementary statement: "If they hear not Moses years, was in his place as usual. The Elders present and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded were Wayman, Pennington, Dobson, Doucett, Knollin, though one rose from the dead." But how could Downey, Hartley, and S. Downey, Licentiate. In they hear Moses and the Prophets, without putting this meeting the reports from the churches were rethemselves in the way of listening to them as read in ceived. From some of the churches there were no the Synagogues, or reading them for themselves? delegations; some were reported to be in a low and Whatever has so important a bearing upon the ever- scattered state, while others were more hopeful lasting destiny of men, ought surely to be open to and prosperous. A good revival just enjoyed at the their examination; and, if they have the opportunity Portage, Sussex, under the labors of Bro. W. Downey, of examining, neglect must be culpable, and involve | was reported, and appeared refreshing to the whole the careless in transgression. Thus we reach the meeting. He baptized fifteen there. This work had conclusion that it is our duty to search the Scrip- extended over to the Rouse settlement church, where tures. It may be superfluous to remark, after the Bro. Downey had baptized four, with the prospect of foregoing statement, that we accept the translation an extensive work of grace if he can take time to as it stands in our English Bibles, and regard it as a continue his labors there. The cry for ministerial command; since a legitimate inference-a conclusion labor which is so general throughout our whole dewhich follows inevitably, and is corroborated exten- nomination was heard. "Can't you come and make sively by other arguments and undoubted truths, is us a visit?" is a question that is frequently asked. March 8th, 1864. Sabbath schools are held in connection with many of The word translated "search" is very emphatic. these churches. After the reports were all in, the It might be rendered "search diligently." It implies time was occupied by several brethren, who spake an eager and close investigation, and in its bearing on the state of the churches and our prospects. In upon revealed truth, may involve the application of the evening, Bro. S. Downey preached to a large both mind and heart-investigation at once honest, congregation. The Sabbath was very fine and the earnest and prayerful. The Scriptures were given travelling excellent. At an early hour the people for use. They are " profitable for doctrine, for reproof. began to assemble. Loaded sleighs and sleds came for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that in great numbers. I never saw so many strangers the man of God may be perfected, throughly fur. at a District meeting before. At 10 o'clock A. M., we nished unto all good works." They are commended had a prayer meeting, at 11 o'clock preaching by G. in language which would be extravagant if applied A. Hartley, at 8 o'clock P. M., by Elder Pennington, to anything of less importance. One describes them and at 7 o'clock, by Elder Doucett. I hope the laas "more to be desired than gold, yea, than much bors of the day may be blessed. Monday morning fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honey- we met for the transaction of the business of the comb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned, session, which was, done in a very becoming and and in keeping of them there is great reward." It expeditions way. A resolution referring to the newas probably the same sacred writer who said, "I cessity of our ministering brethren, especially our have more understanding than all my teachers; for younger brethren, being industrious in storing and properly cultivating their minds by study, was freely Without wishing to speak disparagingly of books discussed and unanimously passed. Quite an amount which illustrate the Scriptures, as is the fashlon with of money was raised for the missionary work in con-

The delegates chosen to attend the General Confer-Wilford McLeod; and A. W. Leeman-his substitute, We had a blessed meeting. It refreshed my soul to Tuesday afternoon we had a meeting for social

encouraging one. In the evening I spoke to the people again. Wednesday evening I preached in the 'Reach meeting house." We have no church organization in that community, but there is a fine meeting house and many warm hearted friends there. nope the time may soon come when the Lord will bless them with a good reformation and plant a vine there that will bear much fruit to the glory of His name. Thursday afternoon I had services to perform at the head of the Millstream-the exact nature of which may be known by reference to the marriage list of this paper. That evening I preached to a large congregation on the Millstream. My whole visit was personally pleasant and satisfactory, and I was much pleased to meet so many of my friends. At Sussex and Milistream I have many warm-hearted and dear friends-many whom in other days I saw blessed and buried with Christ in baptism. May the Lord abundantly bless them. Upper Sussex is one of the best places that I know of in our whole denominational field to take care of a District meeting. Everybody's house was a home for any and everybody who chose to enter it. The immense host that attended the meetings were abundantly, comfortably, and cheerfully provided for. I trust they

will not lose their reward. I regret to say that I left M. McLeod, Esq., on the Millstream very low with typhoid fever, and John McLeod, Esq., of Upper Sussex, much reduced and if Christians abroad desire to help onward the work soffering with inflammatory rheumatism. May the of religious reform in this land. Providence has

Yours in christian bonds,

GEO. A. HARTLEY. letter received a lew days from a brother at Tusket, whose integrity cannot be called in question, if we on the following morning (Sabbath), many were on N. S., informs me that a good revival interest had In no other city in Italy is there so large a number their way to the house of God, which by ten o'clock been awakened there. The church was much revi- Sabbath, and in no other city has Evangelical labor The short sentence placed at the beginning of this was filled to overflowing with those anxious to hear ved, and a number had been converted. Elder Sul-been so abundantly blest. Five places, in different article, as we read it, is a command; a command the word preached. The whole congregation listened livan, the paster of the church, had baptized three pasts of the city, have already been opened for laid upon us by the Great Head of the Church-our with marked attention to a good discourse, and all when he wrote (16th ult.), and expected others to public worship, and the sixth is greatly needed .elder Brother and Redeemer. As uttered by Him, appeared to hear as for eternity. Immediately after go forward that week. May the Lord grant them a Carleton, March 8th, 1864.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT.

not be amiss to repeat it, that it ill becomes those what he had done for them, while the old soldiers of bath School Concert than at any previous one; and lated region around. The cities and towns on the whose solemn vows bind them to uphold the sacred the cross rejoiced to see so many boid recruits coming | we think also, taking it altogether, the exercises were | East and West, on the North and South, are all was the singing by a number of the children. Miss forth, in great numbers, preaching Christ, it would that when men lose faith in the cause to which left behind. The meetings have been continued since E. Atherton presided at the Melodeon, and judges say seem all Italy might easily be reformed and led to they have sworn allegiance, they give up their the Sabbath, and several have found peace in believ- the music was admirable. The choir, led by Brother the great want: Christians abroad must help create, Eli Perkins, also sung a number of pieces. The dia- here in Italy, a native agency; raise up and qualify have learned to dislike. But although the Old Many more are earnestly seeking, so that there is logues by both boys and girls were spoken with ex- a host of young men and women who will become Testament is in the mind of Christ as He gives the a fair prospect of an extensive work. And while the callent effect, and nearly every recitation was of a the evangelizers of the country. command, it is perfectly fair to infer that it is equally people of God in other places rejoice with us for what high order. These were as usual under the direction our duty to examine the New Testament, as comple- is being done in our midst, we trust their prayers of Bro. E. C. Freeze. The Rev. N. Downey and Dr. ting the revelation which God has been pleased to will unite with ours at a throne of grace that the Hurd gave short addresses; and Mr. Zebulon Mc- land. Their city he describes as immense, surround-Kenzie, who is a member of one of the Bible classes, ed on all sides by walls and fortifications, and con for the occasion. We purpose holding another in speak the original sacred tongue, and posess documents audience by ticket at a very low rate, say two cents and then returned to the ship ladened with presents who occasionally disturb the exercises by noises.

THEN AND NOW.

Mr. Editor-Will you allow me a brief space in possession, which are highly treasured by him. your columns to state a fact or two which is of inte- China. A large number of catechists and colpor-

1852. At that time this church was without a pastor Western Tche-Ly, writes that in his own district, in the cause of God; there was no Sabbath School, such a people need the pure and simple Gospel of and an excellent Sabbath School, conducted in a manare highly interesting and instructive. The exercises the children for these entertainments requires much making the best use of the liberty thus allowed. labor, tact, patience, and perseverance, which are PERU.-The state of things in Central and South the children to sing, while I believe their proficiency is a credit to both themselves and him.

and can say with candor and truth, it was a perfect ous toleration in those countries. But at present were highly pleased and gratified with the exercises. Yours in love,

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

REVIVAL INTELLIGENCE. - In Bridgeport, Connectiare from a Bridgetown paper of the 19th inst :--

"Of all the public places in this city for solid en- not sadly neglected in their education. It is possible joyment for the true Christian, there is none to be ompared with the meetings in the South Church, which are becoming more and more interesting. Last Independent says:evening there were five ministers on the platform. He kept his secret for six long weeks, suffering, as and a large audience listened attentively to the dis- he says, "what God only knows," Now he is as wonderful power with the young, who, notwithstand- making amends for the stealthy secreey of years by together in large numbers to hear him. It is estimat | weep and talk of his crime, not his fate, since his for ladies was held in the parlors of the Chapel, and ed to open letters. Being a sickly youth, of meek the other for gentlemen, in the Church, where the and melancholic aspect, he had escaped suspicion, Rev. Mr. Hammond and the Rev. Dr. Smith address- and had always possessed the sympathy of his fellow-Dr. Smith related his own religious experience, in not a republican, no republican would solicit the which he took occasion to say that his warmest office of Mr. Lincoln against him. This private and sympathies and most earnest prayers were deeply unceasing robbery had come at last to where detecad few and word I will to Lawrence and all the control of the cont

next meeting of this District is to be held with the city, when he was in College; and not until he and One shot and all is mine. What simple logic the for the Extension of the Line of Railway, from the occurred to the commentator, and therefore he makes | church in Lower Studholm, known as the "River another young associate attended one of the revival of Boston,) did he fully resolve to devote his life to the service of that Being who had created and given him a praying mother and father, whose prayers | hell, and we can draw near and look down the dark were at length answered. The almost breathless attention of the audience showed the deep sympathy of the people. It might truly be said by those present, "surely the Lord is in this place,"

THE DRINK TRAFFIC AND MORAL SUASION .- The New York State Temperance Society at its recent annual meeting adopted the following resolutions: Resolved. That the efforts of the sober portion of probability now is that it will soon be organized a the community should be perseveringly employed for

> Resolved. That there would be as much consistency licensing gamblers, counterfeiting, and houses of ill-fame, with a view of suppressing those vices, as in

licensing persons to sell intoxicating drinks with the view of suppressing intemperance. Resolved, That clergymen and all moral citizens are earnestly requested to organize temperance societies

on the old basis in all our cities, town and villages. Free Will Baptist Missionary at Midnapore, India, was recently invited by some native gentlemen to meet them at an evening entertainment. On arriving at the place, a spacious open court, he found a number of natives who received him in a very pleasant and cordial manner. . One of the party then' rose, and presented Mr. Batcheler with a silver plate bearing 100 rupees. In his address the speaker said :-Your knowledge of the healing art, sense of umanity and fellow-feeling, irrespective of color, creed or caste, command our respect; and we have accordingly deemed it a duty incumbent upon us to assist you so far as lies in our humble power. May

mister to the body diseased. Mr. Batcheler did not fail to direct the donors to Jesus, the great physician. The fact of Hindoos making such a presentation to a Christian Missionary is an exceedingly interesting one, and affords one natives of India to Christianity are rapidly growing the prisoners on the following grounds:-

you, by the blessing of Providence, continue to

EVANGELIZATION OF ITALY. - The Christian World publishes a letter from Rev. Mr. Clark, of Milan, in

Day by day I am more and more impressed with the conviction that now the opportunity is afforded thrown the door wide open, the Church may now apply her power to effect great results. As this city, with its population of 230,000, is one of the principal centres of Italian freedom, and the strongest bulwark P. S.-I may take this opportunity to say that a of this land against Austrian despotism, so it has Most of these are crowded with eager and attentive listeners to the truth, and often many go away for . . The instrumentality here in the work of Evangelization is wholly inadequate to the work to be performed. If multiplied ten-fold it would hardly be sufficient to meet the demand. But feeble as it is, we are continually as-On Monday evening, notwithstanding the storm, tonished at the results which follow. The light is there was a larger attendance at the Fredericton Sab- spreading from this centre into all the densely popumore pleasing and more generally appreciated than teachers. Everywhere the preacher finds those who receiving the truth and asking for Evangelical those formerly given. A most interesting addition gladly listen to his words. If there were men to go

CHINA. - A Jewish officer in the British Navy has recently published an interesting narrative of a large also gave an admirable address, prepared expressly taining over 1,000,000 of inhabitants, all Jews. They which record their history thousands of years ago. The about a month, and we contemplate admitting the officer spent about six hours examining the place, think, would keep from our galleries some rude boys over four feet square, which contained over 300 drawers and sacred places. The most interesting curiosity which he received was a prayer book written in Caldaic, on veilum, which he presented to the British Museum, Several little articles yet remain in his

The Popish propaganda is making great efforts in In one part of the Province of Pekin, according to In the city of Fredericton there is a Free Baptist Bishop Navarro, nearly 15,000 influels have been or constant lay leader, and the meeting house too where, last year, only one or two Christian families was a poor building, of the simplest style possible of were to be found, now there are 1,500 Roman Caarchitecture; there seemed to be very little interest Surely the "Man of Sin is not dead." How much

facts? A new and substantially built house, of no Religious Liberty in Austria .- A few years ago of the prisoners, the Judge said :mean appearance, a flourishing church, intelligent Austria was pointed at as the symbol of all that was New Testament as pastor, with whom, having occa- the Court as well as through the country; and relisionally exchanged, I am in a position to judge of the gious liberty is perhaps even more fully secured agreeable contrast between the present and the past; there than in Italy. It was stated at a recent meeting of the Reichsrath, or Parliament of Austria, that ner reflecting much credit upon the managers. This the Minister of State, to regulate the relations beconsist of recitations, dialogues, singing by the chil- this must be regarded as an act of great liberality.

appily blended in one who holds a high and respon- America is awakening a deep interest in the minds sible position under the Government, whose province of a great many members of the Christian Church. is with the juveniles and their instructors. The musical department is under the guidance of Mr. Eli millions. But a variety of causes has operated to Perkins, who is the leader of the choir, and who produce this result. There are many who feel and takes much pains and devotes much time in teaching act as though all efforts to reach the Catholic population will be unavailing, and therefore turn away from all appeals for aid in sending them the Bible and the living teacher. But a still greater difficulty I was present at one of these concerts last evening, has existed, and that has been the absence of religisuccess; and, from all I can learn, the large audience in many of those countries the door is open, and the colporteur and the Christian teacher can have free access to the people, and may preach and distribute N. Downey. the word of God without let or hindrance.

THE MALDEN MURDER.

The New York Independent utters some wholesome words in connection with the dreadful Malden tracut, there is an awakening in connection with the gedy. Such deeds of crime by persons of education, labors of Mr. Hammond. The following particulars and moving in high social circles, should at least lead to the inquiry whether or no the moral faculties are

course of the Rev. Mr. Hammond, who seems to have frank as he was before secretive. He seems to be ing the inclemency of the weather, were gathered one outburst of frankness. He has done little but ed that more than five hundred remained at the two confession and confinement. The beginning of the meetings for prayer and conversation, one of which awful sin was larceny. As postmaster, he was tempted the young men with great tenderness of feeling. townsmen. So great was this sympathy that, though in this city. Very many young men gathered around about \$600. He must meet them. Familiarity with the City. them and seemed much interested in the account crime leads to new steps. The sight of that pile is words without knowledge," it may be in order to brethren Doucett and S. Downey, for a month each which Dr. S. gave of his early struggles against the tempting. Honour and office is saved, providing remark that very often the difficulty which presents to labour under the direction of the Board. The temptations to sin that surrounded him in New York that young friend is put out of the way. How easy !

devil uses. Yet how short the turns of his lane at Terminus at Trure to navigable waters of Picton the end. The depravity of man is taught in this Harbor. lesson. There is no filling up this heart with fantasies of goodness. There it lies, cleft to the bottom of chasm and see our possibilities grinning horribly a ghastly smile from that sunless and fathomless depth.

We see, too, the need of parental culture. The young man says, now, "I had no father nor mother; that's why I'm here." His mother died when he was about two years old. His father was a tavernkeeper. The child, a sickly wilful boy, lacked both the sympathy and the restraints of a pious and steady home. That father cannot hear the reproaches of his child. Others should take warning. There are It need not be said that the rapid reading of a separate church. They have a meeting house under the overthrow of the system of licensing the sale of parents whom their children will rise up and call blessed. There are those whom their children, like

became first a petty thief, and at last an astounding AN INTERESTING EVENT. - The Rev. Mr. Batchelor, | travagance embarassment, and this again thieving till at last, as in Prof. Webster, the baby form of crime grew to the horrid port of the arch-fiend. As Scotia gold mines, is in some respects a complete the Satan of murder.

THE NEWS.

MARCH 11, 1864. (From the Morning News.)

THE "CHESAPEAKE" PRISONERS DISCHARGED !- His Honor Judge Ritchie yesterday delivered judgment in the case of Collins, M'Kinney, and Seely, charged with committing the crime of piracy on board the Chesapeake. The decision was able and elaborate, and touched upon the various points brought out during the examination before the Police Magistrate, and the argument under the writ of Habeas Corpus. The decision if printed in extenso would probably occupy four or five columns of our paper; we, there among many other proofs that the prejudices of the tures. The learned Judge ordered the discharge of absolutely abandoned the agreement made at Quebec

were of no legal effect.

3. Because as at present advised, the Judge though

warrant he issued for the commitment of the pri- and the pledge of the Provincial creditits face, and insufficient in law to warrant their de- committee, and in view of the objects above stated,

actment having reference to cases of piracy being a management of an Intercolonial Railway, should be statutory one, the requisition could only legally be repealed during the present session.' terms of the Governor's warrant, and not have Mr. Fisher felt unwell, and could sympathize with Had an application been made to him (the Judge) second Railway Speech. Last year he felt no emfor the discharge of the prisoners detained under this | barrassment; this year he felt some degree of diffiings, he held that the charge had assumed a different gentleman who had just sat down, could not vote for

dull, and leadened in despotic government. Now and Act of Parliament that has called for judicial in- provide for the construction of the Inter-Colonial careful consideration, and in view of the possibility for the construction of Railways. a committee had been appointed, presided over by of this decision becoming the subject of discussion in other quarters, I have, to prevent misapprehension school is in the habit of holding Concerts, which are tween the Roman and the Protestant Churches; and felt it right, though at the risk of subjecting myself conducted upon strictly religious principles: these that this committee consisted of an equal num- to the charge of unnecessary profixity, to place on ber of Protestants and Catholics. Considering the the face of my judgment, at length, the documents minority in which the Protestants are in Germany, and facts necessary to enable all interested in the matter who have not access to the papers before me, dren and choir, with short addresses. To prepare It is gratifying to find, too, that the Protestants are or who may not have heard the arguments, correctly to understand the points raised and the reasons for the conclusions at which I have arrived.

"In the prompt manner in which His Excellence the Lieut. Governor granted his warrant, and the determination of the Police Magistrate on the facts of the case, the Government of the United States cannot fail to discover the determination of the Queen's Repreto be, wholly regardless of consequences.

City and County of St. John, do not justify the de-Linus Secly, under the said warrant and commitment; and as it appears to me that the Sheriff of the City and County of St. John, the keeper of the said Jail, acted upon the warrant of Commitment of the said H. T. Gilbert, according to the requirements of the of the power conferred on me by the Act of Assembly,

The moment the crowd who thronged the Judge's to be released, a subdued attempt was made by some o applaud, but this the Judge promptly suppressed.

The Attorney General (Johnston) has introduced they were gradually coming round in favor of the into the Legislature of Neva Scotia a Bill to provide scheme. Some of the men whose sames be read from

QUEBEC. - A fearful explosion at the laboratory connected with the military magazine in Quebec, occurred at noon, on the 4th inst. Capt. Mahor and thirteen privates were preparing cartridges at the time. The ouilding was completely blown up. The shock was terrific. Almost every house in the upper town was haken from top to bottom. Windows and interior partitions from St. Johns to Palace street were smashed, and valuable goods thrown into the street. The ruins took fire, and are still burning in close proximity to a large powder magazine. Capt. Mahon and one or two others have been taken out of the ruin alive; from ten to twelve are missing.

By a return of the chief emigration agent of Cana. this poor murderer, will rise up and call accursed. da, it appears that the number of persons who Every father or mother whose lack of Christian pro arrived in that Province during the past year, was fession, life, and training shall incline an I nourage 19,419. 4,840 were English, 5,508 Irish, 3,949 their children in sin, will meet that horrible execra- Scotch, 3,347 Germans and Prussians, and 2,085 tion, either in this world or in that which is to come. other foreigners. Compared with the previous year, It is an awful lesson to young men, to be strictly there was a decrease of 2,757 European immigrants. honest, and early and eminently godly. This man notwithstanding which the number of settlers had been materially increased by the arrival of about murderer. Thieving provoked extravagance, and ex. 5,000 persons from the United States, who have become permanent residents in Western Canada.

> The report of Prof. Silliman, Jr., on the Nova treatise on gold mining in that province. He says: "The thickness of its auriferious veins is perhaps

less than those of California and some other countries, but they are, generally speaking, richer in visible gold, than the average of those I have seen in any other part of the world. It must also be taken into consideration that Nova Scotia possesses many decided advantages over both California and Australia."

LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

FREDERICTON, March 8. Mr. Cudlip's resolution on the Railway correspondence was taken up to day, and is as follows :-

" Whereas, The House in committee of the whole

have had under their consideration the correspondence relating to the Intercolonial Railway; and whereas, it appears from the said correspondence that fore, content ourselves with giving the leading fea- the Canadian Government have unequivocally and in September, 1862; and whereas the Government 1. Because there was no proper regulation on the of this Province are no longer bound by said agreeauthority of the United States of America for their ment, and are relieved from all obligations thereunder, rendition, without which, all subsequent proceedings | and whereas an act was passed at the last session of this Legislature, based upon said agreement, and 2. Because the offence alleged is Piracy against the which provides that the whole means and revenues of law of Nations, and it being admitted that the persons | the Province be pledged, after the civil list and the charged were never in the United States after the principal and interest of existing debts and liabilities, omunitial of the acts on the high seas complained of thereby locking up the available credit of the Proas constituting the offence, the parties are justiciable | vince until the expiry of two years from the passing in this Province, and it is not, therefore, such an of that act; and whereas the people of the State of offence under the treaty, committed within the juris- Maine are providing for an extension of their Raildiction of the United States of America, as would ways eastward towards the boundary line of this entitle the U. S. Government to require their being | Province, and it is desirable for us to move in concert with them, with a view to a through connection between Halifax, N. S., and the United States, due that if it was an offence for which the prisoners, on a regard being had to a connection with St. Stephen proper case against them, should be given up, Mr. and Woodstock, whereby the interior of the Province bilbert had no jurisdiction either as Police Magis. may be brought more intimately in connection with trate or as Justice of the Peace, to take cognizance | the seaboard; and whereas, while the said Intercoleof the matter, but that the proceedings under the nial Railway Act remains upon the statute book, we Governor's warrant should have been before an are prevented from taking the necessary steps to officer having jurisdiction over the offence of piracy. carry out the objects indicated above, involving as 4. Because if Mr. Gilbert had such jurisdiction, the they would the expenditure of a large sum of money,

soners, under which they are now detained, is bad on "Therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this that the Act passed 20th April, 1863, intituled an The learned Judge was of the opinion that the en- Act to authorize a loan and for the construction and

made by the Government of the United States. A Mr. C. considered that the repeal of the act of last public minister might have authority to make the Session would be justifiable on account of the languquisition, but he was not aware that a Consol had, | age of the Canadian Govirnment in a memorandum If the Governor had issued a warrant such as the of 18th December, 1863, when " a re-consideration Jonsul requested, he did not hesitate to state that it of the whole question is deemed necessary," and would have been bad. He deemed the depositions where it is said that Canada "cannot be tramelled made before Mr. Gilbert, wholly extra judicial. They by stipulations or conditions which events have andid not amount to a legal charge, and the act was too | nulled." Then turning to page 40 of the corresponclear to leave any doubt that the parties should be dence, the Duke of Newcastle gives his opinion that legally charged. The alleged offence having been the despetches of the Canadian Government show ommitted on the high seas, and the prisoners not that "the negotiations with the Imperial Governhaving been in the United States, he felt unable to ment with a view to the construction of the Interarrive at the conclusion that the United States had Colonial Railway are conclusively abandoned." The urisdiction; the crime as such was triable here, hon, gentleman then went on to show that the though he was disposed to think that under the country was all alive to the necessity of being joined Treaty a Justice of the Peace had no jurisdiction; by railway to some large country, and action in this yet on this point he found greater difficulty in com- respect was rendered the more necessary by steps ng to a conclusion than on any of the others. As which have recently been taken by a portion of the o the guilt of the parties, it was not for him (the | United States. The arguments against a westward Judge) to pronounce an opinion. In reference to line of a fear of invasion amounted to nothing. On the commitment, the Judge felt at a loss to conceive the contrary such a Railwry would be an effective the reason for stating that the offence was committed | means of defence to our borders. He felt that it was within the jurisdiction of the United States; it was incumbent upon us to move in this matter, the State not so stated either in the requisition or in the of Maine was pushing her lines of Railways upwards depositions. The Police Magistrate, he contended, behind us, and would finally, if we did not mind our should have acted strictly in accordance with the interests, cut us out of a slice of our legitimate trade.

reared a new complaint containing fresh charges .- Mr. Cudlip. He did not feel inclined to make a warrant, he did not see how it could have been suc dence. He had two resolutions to move, one in cessfully resisted. At every stage of the proceed amendment of that before the House, and if the hon. phase. Had the crime been committed within this the first, he was certain he would support the second. Province, there should have been an adjudication by | He confessed his embarrassment now on the questhe Police Magistrate that the crime was such as tion, but he was anxious, most anxious for the anwould have warranted the committing Magistrate in nexation of this Province to the land of his fathers, committing the prisoners; and the warrant of com- or to bind it thereto in such a way that separation mitment should have shown the jurisdiction. In was almost an impossibility. When this House, whatreference to the prisoner's enlistment and consequent | ever the excitement may be now, learn to consider violation of the neutrality proclamation and forfeitue | the whole matter quietly, and calmly, they would of allegiance, the Judge remarked in pretty strong agree with him, and his voice on the matter of Railterms; and he hoped their case would be a warning | ways in this country had never uttered an uncertain to others. In summing up and ordering the release sound. He then moved his resolution, as follows:-

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee that it "This case is, I believe, the first under the Treaty is at present inexpedient to repeal the act passed to vestigation in this Province, and as questions of a Railway, and having due regard to the action of Canovel, certainly of a peculiar, and I may say of a de- nada and the state of public opinion and feeling in licate, certainly of an important character, have been | that Province, it is not prudent by immediate legislaraised, I have endeavored to give the case the most tion to authorise the incurring of any new liabilities

His second resolution is as follows :---

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that while the House shall adhere with strict fidelity to the pledged faith of the Province, a due regard for the public interests requires that the Government should be prepared for any contingency, and that the House should present an humble address to the Lieutenant Governor, praying that during the recess, His Excellency would cause an exploration and survey of the country westerly from St. John for the purpose of ascertaining the most practicable site and probable expense of completing the European and North American Railway, and also of connecting it with Fredericton, St. Stephen, and Woodstock.

Sooner or later the Inter Colonial Radway must be onorably to carry out the .Treaty entered into be- built, and while the Government had perhaps made & tween the respective Governments of the United mistakes, we were never so near a consummation of States and Great Britain; and the present decision, the desires of the people in this undertaking, as we the result of my own judicial convictions, being, I are by the offer made by the proposition embodied in believe, in conformity with the legal authorities of the act of last winter. He wanted the Inter-Colonial the United States, individually I might hope it would Railway built under the basis of the act of 1868, it commend itself to the United States Government; but possible, but that law was not to him like the laws whomsoever it may please or displease, must be to of the Medes and Persians, unalterable, and a basis me, judicially, a matter of indifference. The only equally advantageous to us, though perhaps different, duty I have to discharge is to my Sovereign, to the would meet approval. In his course on the Railway people of this Province, and to my own conscience. | question last Session, his constituents bore him out, That duty, is, faithfully, to the best of my numble and he was prepared to meet them under the present abilities, impartially to declare the law as I believe it | circumstances, without fears of the consequence. In answer to a question from Mr. Smith, he would state "This I have honestly endeavored to do, and the that he did not think the scheme and negotiations result of my judgment is, that for the reasons set finally abandoned by Canada. He would look at the orth, the proceedings before me and the warrant of position of parties in that Province to judge whether mitment returned to me by the Sheriff of the the Government were anxious to abandon a scheme for which we in this Province had been struggling tention in custody of the prisoners, whose imprison. for 25 or 30 years. There is nothing on the face of ment I do therefore declare illegal; and I do by this the despatches from Canada, to lead to the conclusion to be an intellectual giant and a moral demon. The my order require the immediate discharge from prison that the Canadian people desired to abandon the conof the said David Collins, James McKinney, and struction of this railway. The very grandeur of the scheme when consummated was sufficient to aunze us. He could not conceive the vast benefits to accrue from it to these Provinces, and no man could put his finger on a line in the conduct of the Canadian Government and people in their despatches, setting ame, without malice or evil intent, I do, by virtue forth a contrary view. He had great faith in the honesty and purpose of the mover of the resolution, exempt the said keeper of the said Juil from all civil but he believed that gentleman did not wish to see suits which may be brought against him for or by New Brunswick, the first in honorable standing in reason of having acted upon the said warrant or England, throwing back in the face of the Mother Country the offer she had made! Never! She with her vast resources, her millions of acres of unculii hamber received intimation that the prisoners were vated lands, and homes for millions of the surplus inhabitants of the fatherland! His hon, friend (Mr. Cudlip) had stated that we should leave an improved enlisted in behalf of the work of grace now in progress tion was inevitable. His accounts were in arrears were liberated. We understand they have since left what was pitch pine, what was turpentine, what was tobacco, to the liberties of our people? Looking at the position of parties in the Canadian Parliament,

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