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FAREWELL TO THE OLD YEAR.

Any thing which makes us fully conscious of the rapid flight of time induces solemn impressions, even in the most thoughtless minds. The farewell to the old year and the welcome to the new almost always does not run; but it flies. One of the old sayings season of the year we are compelled to change our dates; to count our age one year higher; to think less degree nearly all persons at this season of the year. By Church history, we know in the early are offered for the consideration of such persons. centuries at this season of the year the sacred hosts 1. Prayer is essential to spiritual life. There can annually received thousands and tens of thousands be no vitality of soul without communion with God, new converts. Almost every pastor has noticed in and communion with God involves the going forth of the conversion of the impenitent and the return of our hearts towards Him, as well as the descent of the prodigals good results induced by the general solem- Holy Spirit upon us. The law of this communion is: nity of this period.

pressed much as you are when the old year dies. without air, as to live spiritually without intercourse Speaking of his days and years, he says, in his address with heaven. As well hope to be vigorous without with a flood; they are a sleep." Only now and then the bread of life. When relish for prayer is lost, does man at other times wake up as much as he usually true life declines. Loss of appetite should not more does at this solemn season of the year. Perhaps he alarm us concerning our bodily health, than this do not enter into his feelings so much as at the birth the simple truth when he says: of a new year, the feeling more readily subsides. Life "is even a vapor that appeareth for a little season, and then vanisheth away."

Yes it will vanish, and, well is it for those whose

"Death steals on man with noiseless tread, No plea, no prayer delivers him ; From midst of life's unfinished plan. With sudden band it severs him; And ready or not ready, no delay, Forth to his Judge's bar he must away."

prepared or unprepared, if another year is gone, if has promised to give to those who ask. another is begun, shall we be wise not to act in view 3. Faith is the essence of prayer. Prayer is not of twenty years, recall his name with pleasure.

transfer us to an eternity of happy years. This in He said, and shall he not do it? or hath He spoken, policy.-Religious Telescope. the Bible is called "Wisdom," that is religion. He and shall He not make it good?" who chooses a lower purpose or no purpose at, all is 4. Stated seasons for private prayer are of imnot because he has no intellect, but because having quisite to full success in useful occupations. Without it, he acts as if he had it not. "The fool hath said system, we are greatly hindered in our business; and

lation to the sin of wasting time, and its rapid flight, what must be done daily, it is astonishing what unand of inevitable death, is that we see and feel the expected hinderances arise, and how difficult it is to danger of others more than we see our own. How accomplish the necessary work. But these remarks we wonder that youth waste their years in a way to apply with great force to spiritual exercises. If we make ignorance their sure lot in mature age. Yet ought to be calm and undisturbed at any time, it ready to descend, and consequent heaven-opening we may unwittingly be doing the same thing in refer- should be when we draw nigh to God. Although we supplication. He is thankful to say that the fruits year. 1. Art thou truly in Christ? If so, art thou ence to more ripe years. We see others rushing cannot absolutely control our minds, yet it is our upon inevitable death, and forget we are rushing with duty to take every precaution to guard against disthe same throng whose speed so amazes us. If at traction. The pressure of neglected engagements, is the cause of Christ, and in earnest evangelistic effort New Year's, or at the death of a friend, we are arous- felt nowhere with greater force than when we attempt on the part of members of the church in the instruced, how soon we are likely to forget the glimpse of to pray in secret; and the consciousness of liability death which we caught in those solemn moments. to be disturbed, will often destroy all comfort. It

Themselves, when some alarming shock of fate Strike through their wounded hearts the sudden dread; But their hearts wounded, like the wounded air, Soon close; where passed the shaft no trace is found; As from the wing no scar the sky retains; The parted wave no furrow from the keel So dies in human hearts the thought of death."

Now, the chief advantage of the New Year's is to devotion, it is probable that he would have often felt help us to get a sight of ourselves. To that good that he must omit the exercise. account should we all turn it. He, for instance, who 5. It is well to have a closet or place for private Christian men were assembled, nearly, if not all of traces these lines should bring it home to his heart prayer. Not to press our Lord's direction in the that the pen will soon fall from his hand, which is sermon on the mount, "Thou, when thou prayest, certain soon to be palsied in death. He who reads enter into thy closet," it teaches us that retirement these lines should bring it home to himself, that the is to be sought when we desire personal intercourse at such meetings-renewed for several years pastvery eyes which are following these lines some friend with our Heavenly Father, and not publicity. In will soon be closing as he sleeps in death. Writer exceptional cases, as Daniel's, when he knew that and reader should bring it home. Kind reader, the the King had been betrayed into the folly of prohibiwriter, through grace has so done. He did not lift ting prayer for a definite period, absolute secresy bethe pen to trace these lines till he had deeply felt comes weakress and sin; but usually it is better to what he is writing. Reader, what answer makest be alone, and in such a place as will prevent the thou for thyself? Is thine answer like mine? Then intrusion of others. A closet and bolted door is imthrough the same grace let us persevere, and the hour portant to this end. It has obvious advantages. of mortal agony will not be to us the experience in. Combined with a stated season for private worship, dicated in the following terrific words:

" Of the last bitter hour, come like a blight Over thy spirit, and sad images Of the stern agony, and shroud, and pall, And breathless darkness, and the narrow house Make thee to shudder and grow sick at heart."

Thanks be to God, there is victory over death through Jesus Christ, our best friend. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son ourselves as Elijah did on the top of Carmel; or we of God hath not life." Have you the Son of God as your teacher, guide, redeemer? Does your soul as eyes, smite upon our breast, and plead for mercy. she rests on Him say:

" My faith would lay her hand On that dear head of thine, While like a penitent I stand Aud there confess my sin.

nation, one small favor. Open the dear old family mination. We may use whatever will aid us in con-Bible, or that neat new one which, perhaps, a de- fession, in supplication, in thanksgiving, when in our parted friend gave thee. Does it seem too much like closets alone with God. a task. The greater thy kindness. Read Luke, ch. 6. Secret prayer should not be confined to stated

are the things which that Saviour came from heaven | access to God at all times. Some of the most profita- have not believed in vain; they have proved by their to earth to tell you are not pleasing to your Hea- ble prayers ever offered have been ejaculations. Utvenly Father. Read on to the end of the chapter. | tered from a sense of want, unclogged by the formali-Here are the things that are pleasing to Him. Have ties of devotional exercises, surcharged with faith, heir trouble. For Twenty Subscribers, two copies extra you then come to yourself? Do you acknowledge they have entered the ear of God, and he has verified there is a better way than to live as an impenitent or his promise: "Before they call, I will answer, and Parties wishing to pay money in Saint John for the backslidden one? Do you acknowledge you are pe- while they are yet speaking, I will hear." To one Intelligencer, can do so at the Bookstore of Messrs. Barnes & rishing? Do you say "I will arise?" Do you confess, "I have sinned?" The Father is coming to every event, what he reads, and what he hears, sug- seen before." To all this it is added, in that spirit of meet thee. O happy new year! Happy new life!

CLOSET PRAYER.

It is assumed, without argument, that Christians pray in secret. It is also assumed that secret prayer | will be found most profitable when they bind together pretend to bow before the Most High God. Neither Let christians form, and strengthen themselves in, can it be denied that many draw nigh with the mouth, the habit of praying continually. Then the closet and offer a heartless service. Their sacrifices are will be a holy and attractive place, and the hour of offensive. They are accepted no more than the sacridevotion will find the Christian eager to enter its fices of the Israelites were in Isaiah's time, when in- blessed precincts. Then will be realize that prayer make us feel that time flies. It does not walk; it hated the appointed feasts, and that He was weary to strength, mount up with wings as eagles, run and bear them. Some make a merit of their prayers. are not weary, walk and do not faint. of the Romans was "Time flies." Hence, as at this They regard them as an equivalent for their transgressions, and actually strengthen themselves in wickedness, by multiplying acts of devotion. But of our future as one year less: Hence it is, we were there are others who pray sincerely, and yet have at about to say, that solemnity pervades in a greater or times serious misgivings as to the character, and value to themselves, of secret prayer. Some thoughts

"Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find,"

" Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,

2. There is no merit in prayer. The beggar me- of him, and you degrade him. rits nothing because he comes daily to our door for Moreover, experience has also demonstrated that burdened hearts do not compel them to say "the help. It would be rank impertinence should he insist people who pay liberally for the support of the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is upon relief on this ground. And what is prayer but ministry are usually well served. They hear good they repeatedly served many gods, and offered sacrinot saved." Saved or not saved, the years wait not begging? with this difference, that he who prays is preaching, and have good pastoral labor. They rein their flight. Let us pluck up the courage really a transgressor, admitted to audience as a favor; while spect themselves, are beloved by their minister, and to him great joy. That out of about 1000 Jews, who to think of that solemn fact—"In eternity soon, the beggar may have been, through all his life, re- God makes them prosperous. spectful and friendly towards us. When we are most No minister can esteem very highly a hearer who devout, and pray with greatest fervor, we have no absorbs his sermons like a sponge, but pays him reason to indulge in self-gratulation. We are not nothing for them. We remember a wealthy man worthy of the least of God's mercies, and asking for who heard us a whole year, and who professed to be great favors, is followed by their bestowal, not be- delighted with our ministrations; but when we re-If time is short, if death is certain; if we must go, cause we purchase them by asking, but because God member that out of his abundance he paid us barely received copies thereof at the Bible stand." Domi-

of them as realities? Shall we not look in the face well arranged words, the bent knee, closed eyes, the Nor can a church which withholds a reasonable what we must meet? If you dare, dear reader, to bowed head, solemn tones, and the like. All these support esteem its minister very highly. It is natural look one minute steadily, you will find a prayer steal- may exist, without prayer. If there is no faith, there for a man to hold in contempt any one he robs. ing into your heart. "So teach me to number my is no prayer. The experience of Christians will This is very mean as well as very wicked, but it is days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom." corroborate this statement. Believers can testify with so. The master, who takes the wages of his slave, It is an affecting thought that our life is made up great uniformity that some of the most striking an- loses all regard for the slave, while the employer who Swedes, Danes, "apply daily." In one day 157 of days, and we think it no sin to spend a day to no swers to their prayers were flashed from heaven, pays his hired hand well, respects him. So the foreigners came; often from 400 to 500 foreigners good purpose. How many think it a small calamity, when they but lifted the heart to God, with a sweet church which pays its minister honors him as the call in one week. The missionary not only gives the wery small, to be compelled to write-" I have lost a trust in His ability to help them, and in His faithful- servant of God. day." Seventy years are 25,550 days. See the ness to His own promises. Whatever will vitalize These views are becoming prevalent in our church, and with eyes brimfull with emotion, points the waters pour through the narrows when the tide is prayer with faith, is of value—as reading the Scrip- thank God; but there is still room for improvement. visitors to the Lamb of God. falling, at that place which so thrills the soul, just tures, meditation, fellowship with other believers, and Room for improvement, let us add, in the piety, inabove St. John. Those rushing waters are a fit type the use of the means of grace. I need not say we dustry, and ability of the ministry, as well as in the have a foundation for unwavering faith in God. "All liberality of the church. Brethren, let this subject It is wise to turn those rushing days to some good the promises of God are yea and amen in Christ | be discussed in your social gatherings, and at your account. The highest purposes to which they can Jesus." "God is not a man, that he should lie, official and quarterly meetings. Allow no servant of be turned is to love and serve him who is ready to neither the Son of man, that he should repent. Hath God to be embarrassed and ruined by the starvation

called, in the Bible, "the simple," "the foolish;" portance. As God has constituted us, order is redistracted minds are born of irregularity and confu-A strange fact, which has often been noticed in re- sion. When we have no particular time for doing will diminish this feeling, to set apart certain seasons for private prayer, and, as far as possible, compel other engagements to bend to these. Whether we have little to do, or much, this is important. Without some plan in regard to the disposal of our time, we will accomplish little, even when the pressure of It is said that in battle, if a soldier has a dear friend engagements is least, and spiritual exercises will be with him, he is greatly alarmed for his friend, while driven into a corner or crowded out. But when daily he forgets that the missiles of death are flying about duties are numerous and weighty, the necessity of him in as great a profusion as about his friend. In system appears more real, although probably it is not the great battle of life we all see this and that one so by any means. Daniel, with the cares of governexposed to death, and wonder at the all-pervading in- ment upon him, was accustomed to retire for private prayer three times a day. Without stated seasons for

it gives a feeling of security against interruption, and permits the utmost freedom in the subject, object, and methods of prayer. We may unbosom ourselves to God. We may plead with Him on behalf of others, without the necessity of choosing our words, lest we offend and repel them, a necessity always when we pray for others in their hearing. We may prostrate may stand as did the publican, and with downcast We may kneel upon our knees like Daniel; or we may sit before the Lord like David (1 Chr. xvii. 16), and magnify his name, and plead his promises. We may weep or groan, or otherwise give expression to New Year's is a time to grant favors even to stran- the emotions of our hearts. We may arrest our gers. Wilt thou grant me, thy brother of another words at any time, and alternate prayer and self-exa-

gest petitions and praises. In this way, "Pray without ceasing" is no exaggerated direction to Christians; but a natural injunction, with a large meaning, afforsubstitutes for regular devotional exercises. They many persons never pray. Not a few do not even bowing itself before the shrine of mammon. They "say their prayers," as the phrase is. They do not prepare the worshipper for a healthy closet service. cense was an abounination, and the solemn meeting is waiting upon God; and experience it as a precious was iniquity to Him who declared that His soul | truth that they that wait upon the Lord renew their

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

We hear much, from time to time, calculated to encourage all good men, in relation to the support of hope, that a man who is called, qualified, and devotes himself wholly to the ministry, deserves, and should receive from the people he serves, a liberal support.

stances, that a minister who is not paid for his labor, unless he be a man of wealth, must eventually turn aside from the sacred calling to some secular pursuity do not think the author of it must have been im- you." We might as well hope to sustain natural life | Elijah was fed by ravens, but his case is an exception. The rule is (and it is an apostolic rule) that they thing, house rent, travelling expenses, and some

371 cents for a year's service, we can not, after a lapse | ciliary visits were also paid, full of interest.

THE WORK OF GOD.

telligence, in the December number of the British Messenger, we select the following :-

"THE YEAR OF GRACE." that Ulster revival and "year of grace," the tidings brought back from which told so powerfully in the autumn and winter of 1859 in rousing London Chris- dear Son. tians to increased holiness of life, strong faith in the power of the Divine Spirit as a present blessing the awakening largely remain, in a higher standard of self-consecration among Christians, greater separation from the world, greatly increased liberality to tion of the ignorant, and endeavours to save the outcast population. Nevertheless, it is felt that here so there has been declension, even on the part of 1863, to refer to the felt necessities of the present hour in London, as well as out of it. Oh that all the sent." readers of the Messenger who "belong to Christ," would celebrate the close of this year, and the beginour land, and all over the world.

the million-peopled city," a band of men, whose The bishop writes :bearts God has touched, continue all night long in

accessive supplications, mingled also with special That answers to such prayers have already been vouchsafed is abundantly evident from a pamphlet ecently published—" The work of the Lord in the East of London, in connection with certain Special Services in 1862-3." The originators or early promoters of this work, some years since, began a small prayer-meeting in Wentworth Street, Whitechapel, reparatory to the united evangelistic labour. Combassion prompted them, they were impelied by the of the city, and bring in hither the poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind, that my house may be filled." Among the "roughs" and "fancy men" (sellers of birds, dogs, &c.), the frequenters of Rag Fair on the seamen near the river, and in districts teeming with numan beings, where only two in a hundred are beieved to attend places of worship, special services have been held. The number of labourers has been

xv., 11 to 16 inclusive. Pause a moment. These seasons nor to the closet. It is our privilege to have and steady devotedness have witnessed that many ten years hence as in the ten years past. Tradicate and the total form to the trade to be accounted to the trade tra

love to their fellow sinner, that they have themselves unerstood the love of Jesus. 4. The sovereign care and power of God have been manifested over the whole work, not only in the good accomplished, but in restraining or correcting many evils which reasonably have been looked for. This in the absence of pastoral care, has been a merciful interposition. Often has the Lord both manifested evil and taken discipline into His own hands in ways we have not Christian simplicity, truthfulness, and honesty which marks this blessed movement, "Some few who appeared hopeful, or indeed,, converted, have turned ding scope for holy emotions, and the aspirations of there any religion of similar labour where "some while yet fruit remains most gladdening?

The visitation of the lodging-houses of cast London reveals to us painful glimpses of their usual inmates. is the duty of every one who is capable of compre- the prayers which are statedly offered. They feed The time for visiting them is from three to four hending the divine existence, and his own dependence the fire which is kindled in the closet. They fan the o'clock. Here beggars and thieves, tramps and low upon the Supreme Being. It cannot be denied that filme of a devotional spirit, and keep the heart from people of all sorts, are found. The person who con- his duties. lucts the service must go on in spite of noise and ing, washing, &c.

At the Diorama and St. Agnes Hall, the Assembly

Rooms, Commercial Road-the two latter being ordinarily used as dancing-halls, and one of them a low casino-the power of the Spirit has been manifested by remarkable conversions in connection with the preaching of the Word. It is most pleasing to be rows of carriages, and fair dames and rich attire, the able to add that Jewish women are being increasingly numbered among the converts. One of these, with her face quite radiant"-the wife of a poor Spitalfields weaver-" declared," at the Assembly Rooms, to one of the preachers, "with an ecstasy of delight, that she had been converted and given her heart to Jesus." The change had been wrought on the previous Lord's-day, when the sufferings of Jesus were spoken of, and when footsteps of sorrow were traced the ministry. The feeling is becoming general, we from the communion table in the upper chamber, first to Gethsemane, and thence to the cross. Mrs.--said, "If Christ then bore so much suffering for us, we surely ought to love him in return." Soon after, she confessed Christ openly, and now is a humble Experience has demonstrated, in ten thousand in- and consistent, as well as a happy Christian. Mr. S -g, the Jewish missionary, who visited, during the summer, seven different countries of Europe, in order to search after the results of his distribution of the New Testaments and portions, to upwards of 2000 Jews or break down at last, under an accumulated load of -chiefly from foreign lands-has favoured me with Turn, my friend, to the 90th Psalm, and see if you &c.—"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to debts, a disgraced, discouraged, and ruined man. a second communication, additional to that, the substance of which has already appeared in the Messenger. Referring to his visit to Paris, he testifies to the divine authenticity of the Scriptures, in opposition to infito the Almighty, "Thou carriest them away as food, as to have a thriving soul without partaking of A preacher must have books, bread, meat, wood, clo-against idolatry "among the dark image-worshippers" delity, but also as to his living and constant protest of the Romanist population. A French pastor ex means to meet the calls of benevolence. All these pressed to him his delight and gratitude in witnessmeans to meet the calls of benevolence. All these things cost money. He can not go into the market, M. Munk, author of De la Palestine, an old man and may upon the anniversary of his birth, but as others symptom of spiritual disease. The poet utters only and say "I am a preacher, have no money, will you blind and M. Frank, professor at the College de fill my basket?" When he wants wood, clothes, or France. "These men have defended the cause of food, he must have money to buy them as other men God, and the idea of the providential mission of Israel, against Mr. Renan, who says, that 'the unity of God have, or he must do without them. Make a beggar is merely a natural idea of the Semitic race; whilst son, in all appearance of Saxon birth, with the exthe plurality of the Godhead is an idea natural to the Germanic races.' M. Munk has refuted the assertion

to his great joy, that out of about 1000 Jews, who had come to the Bible-stand in 1862, from this place and district, "the gospel has found an entrance into many an Israelitish heart." Eagerly and earnestly numbers are searching the Scriptures to see whether Jesus is the Messiah, and "as many as four Hebrews trace their conversion to the direct influence which

Mr. A-, a Jewish convert, who is in a daily attendance at the Bible-stand, and who is a native of Dusseldorf, has conveyed to me most gratifying facts as to the numbers, not only of Jews, but of other nations, who come to receive the Scriptures from his hands. Nearly 1000 Jews have thus presented themselves within the first ten months of 1863. But pesides these, Spaniards, Italians, French, Germans, book, but lovingly, and with a single eye to the selves to increase our circulation.

"It will also be interesting for you to know," writes Mr. A --- , "that a great number of Span iards, of the higher classes, have come, generally accompained by interpreters. I made the acquaintance of the interpreters (themselves Spaniards) by present- rest, and we trust some profit, and recommend the extent of only \$600.77 .- News. ing them with a Spanish Bible entire; and since doing so, as soon as they enter the palace, they bring Spaniards with them (amounting, from time to time, to many hundreds), to the Bible-stand. Through this medium, the Word of God will, we believe, gradu-From the very interesting article on religious in- ally make its way, not only into Spain, but into the hearts of many foreigners, who otherwise could never have had an opportunity of receiving the Bread of received, and will be inserted. We shall be glad to Life." Surely many will respond to Mr. A---'s earnest request when he says-" Permit me, dear sir, The writer has recently visited the chief scenes of to ask from you and your friends prayer on behalf of this interesting work, so that God may work through this means, exceeding abundantly, for the glory of his

And now, dear reader, let me close this paper with one or two questions suggested by the departing living, giving, working, praying, as becomes a Christlike man or woman? Oh, work while it is day; the the night cometh, and souls are perishing at thy side. 2. Art thou still Christless? Does conscience-does truthful consciousness compel thee to reply, "Yes?" Then, be entreated, ere the year is out, and now, as thou readest this, to cry for mercy through Him who those who are by the most soberminded ministers is mighty to save. To ask thee to work for Christ. believed to have truly passed from death unto life and trusted in his work for sinners—that were in vain. amid the memorable scenes of three years ago. I To thee, therefore, comes now the message-may the el it a solemn duty in this the closing paper for Holy Spirit give it effectual entrance; "This is the work of God, that ye believe in Him whom He hath

ing of next year, with such a concert of prayer, ac- mercy, are now located in Pekin; and we may take are reported by the Globe as follows:mpanied by penitential confession of personal as it for granted they are not idle. One of the priests well as of public sins, and wrestling urgency for and the other day that there were 3000 Roman such an enlarged blessing to be poured out, as should Catholic converts in Pekin. Their large church, usher in another era of glorious life and progress in given to them by K'aughi, has recently been repaired, and services are held daily in it.

The Bishop of Victoria has been enduring rough A night of prayer has been held at Shaftesbury and hard work, such as riding twenty or thirty miles Hall, Aldersgate Street, City, at which Mr. Richard a day, and then sleeping in the cold weather, on Weaver gave an address. A considerable number of them, for several years past foremost in labour for Join a missionery party for an excursion into the inthe perishing in London, and especially in the east- terior of the province of Canton, as he had intended, ern districts of Whitechapel, Shoreditch, Bethnal and his place was taken by Mr. Preston, a Wesleyan missionary. The other members of the party were when amid the comparative silence and stillness of the consular chaplain and an American missionary.

After a week's journey, they were attacked and captured by twenty-five banditti, stripped nearly naked, robbed of everything, and then driven three or four miles up a mountain side, pricked with swords and knives when they seemed likely to sink with fatigue. The Robbers were heard discussing the most convenient mode of killing and concealing their bodies. After two or three hours of such peril, and when they expected to be slaughtered in a cavern to which they were led, a sudden impulse seemed to seize the bandits, and they left them alone to return the way by which they came. They arrived a week command, "Go out QUICKLY into the streets and lanes afterwards at Canton, after enduring fatigues that

would have caused me to sink under them. In striking contrast to the state of things indicated above is the condition of the Fukien province. At Lord's-day, and amidst a population of Germans Fuh-Chan, the capital, missionary effort was formerly Irish Romanists, Jews, thieves, beggars, as well as attended with constant turmoil and danger. "Now," the missionaries write, "we live in our own houses as securely as in our native land."

This great city is fully opened to missionary work, comparatively few, and most of them are habitually and sites for preaching places, schools, churches, are occupied with other duties, yet to the glorly of God, open to our purchase or renting in any place. No and to the encouragement of all kindred efforts, sooner, also, are such places opened, than we get the specific results" are thus summed up :- "The crowds of hearers, and very many of them most atcommittee conclude that, 1. Many souls have been tentive ones, and parents are anxious to send their stooped down to pick up the body he was shot at A man named Terrence McInnes, was murdered in converted to God. 2. Christians have been loving- | children to our schools. Such has been the change ly associated, and have kept together from the within the last ten years, and in addition to this, first. The association has been altogether unsectari- above one hundred converts have been gathered in, an, as believers of various denominations are united in connection with the various missions. There together in prayer, in love, in communion, in service, seems, also, to be no reason why, if the work is stea- him; did not see any marks of violence on engineer, body in the cart. Five or six wounds were discovand in work for their one Lord and Master. 3 Zeal dily sustained, there should not be as great a change but afterwards saw marks of blood where the head ered on his head. The perpetrator of the deed has

Intimacy begat friendship, and it was hardly a matter | mand of her. of wonder that love should follow. With the blessings of all, they were married at St John's church in a clear straight forward manner, having concluded, this city. It happening to be about the first marriage | the further hearing of the case was postponed till that ever took place there; and even now the long Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. crowded parlors, the splendor and joy which crowded the wedding, are vividly depicted by those who the Police Court being densely crowded. The Second treasure the chronicles of society in those days, The young man's father had bought and furnished

the father was called home, and left his son and daughter, intending soon to return. They received no intelligence from him for week after week, which caused them anxiety, daily increasing to alarm. A last, one day when the son had just decided to go in search of his father, a carriage dashed up to the door, a young man stepped out, and, followed by the sheriff of the district, walked into the War Department, and before all his companions, in the broad light of noon, arrested the son as the slave of his father!

mitted him, and that he had seen the will long since in which it had been done. This outrage shocked the sensibility of even an effete slave community Mr. Monroe, then President, and others high in power, used all the argument, all the entreaty tongue could utter, offered money without stint, for the ransom of one whom all loved and esteemed, and of whose condition, to that hour, no one had dreamed. But the young man, possessed of all power in the case, and the son of an enraged family, mocked them, told them that money was no object, argument and entreaty alike unavailing. What he had now obtained was revenge, of which nothing should foil

had been either concealed or destroyed, and his pet the next Session of the Legislature; and while the of the extreme South, was taken, chained as a slave, nus is obvious, it is to be hoped that no private intebeautiful, heart-broken wife, faithful and unfaltering the place that would not be for the general interests in this living death, from the fashionable circle of Washington society, carried to the "plantation," to toil in slavery, beneath the infuriated lash of a vindictive family. Mr. Munroe assured him a situation February; the Nova Scotia Assembly, February 4. should be given him, if he ever could prove his manu- Nova Scotia will go on with the Pictou railroad exmission or escape. He never afterwards was heard tension. from in this district, for as Napoleon said of convents, The terrible mysteries of slave prisons perish unrevealed."-N. Y. Evening Post.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We tender our thanks to our subscribers and newed their subscriptions to our paper. We have sad occurence took place. much pleasure also in stating that the last two weeks need a large addition to our list, as well as prompt renewals on the part of present subscribers as fast as their terms expire, to enable us to continue to pub- sented their esteemed pastor, the Rev. Neil M'Kay, lish the Intelligencer at its present size and at its pre- with a sum of \$120 as a New Year's gift. The passent price. We trust our friends will interest them-

YEAR IN ADVANCE!

Prayer." We read the manuscript with deep inte- vince, during the same period were orders to the

"D. M. G.'s article is timely, and impressive. We trust it will be carefully read. We rejoice to welcome

Brother Graham back again to our columns. " JENNIE G. W .---," your contributions have been

We learn that an interesting season of religious revival has recently been enjoyed in connection with the Methodist Church at Dutch Valley, Sussex. Rev. D. D. Carrie is the minister of the district.

THE NEWS

JANUARY 8, 1864.

The subject of greatest interest during the week has been the examination of the three prisoners (a third, Linus Seely, having been apprehended in Car- zle the experts of the establishment to tell which is leton a few days since), on the charge of piracy and murder on board the Chesapeake. They were brought into the Police Court on Monday, when the examination commenced in the presence of a large number of persons. Messrs. Wetmore and Tuck appeared for of 1863 of 1,646.02. the prosecution, and Messrs. J. H. Gray and Weldon A bishop, several priests, and some sisters of for the prisoners. Mr. Gray raised objections, which parative statement of the revenue collected at St. John

I. That the Court had no jurisdiction. II. That the warrant on which his clients were arrested was insufficient, not stating facts which were essential to bring the pirates charged with the offences therein stated before our tribunals in pursuance of the Treaty, nor yet sufficient to create a special jurisdiction whereby the prisoners could be tried upon those charges; and III. That the warrant was not only insufficient; but it charged the prisoners with the Bible Society this evening, at 7 o'clock. crimes of piracy and murder, whereas the prosecution The liabilities of the City of Fredericton at had decided to try them first on the charge of piracy close of 1863, were \$11,713.14, which is only \$599,alone. Mr. Gray, in support of his objections, among | 03 over and above the assetts, without including other matters, called attention to a case which had lands owned by the City. The receipts for the year charged with crime upon the high seas and who had News. been acquitted, on account, we understood him to Sugar Refinery. -We understand that machinery say, of this very want of jurisdiction of which he for the Sugar Refinery arrived a few days ago from spoke; and Mr. Weldon also mentioned a case New York, and that the establishment will shortly which had happened in 1857, where the Hon. E. B. Chandler was appointed a Special Commissioner to inquire into it. Mr. Wetmore replied, urging that Mr. Gray's objections were of no weight, that the authority for him to proceed in the case, even if Mr. of the captors of the Chesapeake. The affair attracts Gray's objections in regard to the want of jurisdiction | considerable interest in Hailax. Treaty in support of his position. The Magistrate. discharge the men, replied that he would take the She died a few minutes afterwards. The Coroner's objections into consideration, but would in the mean- Jury returned a verdict of accidental death. time proceed with the case.

then sworn. From his evidence as reported in the evening last, taking with them a sleigh and a span of Globe, we make the following extracts: ---

Shortly after 1 o'clock on the morning of the 7th. the chief mate came to his room and called him, which was the first intimation he had of the disturbance. He was told that the 2nd Engineer had been road was shot at, just as he was standing by the drew's Congregation waited on their pastor, the Rev. Engine Room door on the starboard side. He was Geo. Boyd, and presented him with a purse containon the upper deck. He saw the Engineer, but did ing \$100 as a mark of their appreciation of his not know whether he was dead or not. When he labours among them. - Halifax Witness. twice, turned round and was shot at again. Saw a most brutal anner in P. E. Island a few days ago. two marks the next day, which were made by the It appears he was on his way home from a grist mill iny; on going round to the wheel house he was cold not yet been discovered.

lared, a pistol was put to his face, and he was ironed Forty years ago a wealthy planter came from Flo- by Lieut. Parr; others were standing by, but did rida or Louisiana to reside in Washington for a time, not know them; he was then confined to his room, bringing with him a son, a fine, manly boy of thir where he remained an hour; Parr and Robinson went teen or fourteen. At the levees of his father, which to him, and asking him if he was cold, conducted him were then fashionable, he received the caresses of the to the cabin. Four or five passengers were in the ladies and the encouragement of the gentlemen, that cabin; the chief mate, who was wounded in the his age, intelligence, and his father's position natu- right knee and left arm, was brought in; the bullet rally elicited. Of his family none accompanied his was taken out of his arm by Lieut. Parr; the chief father besides this son, in his visits to Washington. | engineer was wounded in the chin; remained in In due course of time the boy, on whom his father's cabin till next morning at 8 o'clock; the irons were affections were evidently centred, was sent North, then taken off him; he went to his room for a few and was there educated, graduating at Harvard or minutes, and then returned again to the cabin; he Yale, with an honorable standing in his class. On saw Collins on deck, and Seely was working scrubaside. Some few have backslidden." Alas! where is his return to this city he avowed a love for the North, bing some brass work. They ordered him to give up acquired during his college life, which was not re. the ship's license, the permits for the cargo, and the worshipping hearts. But ejaculations should not be few" have not "backslidden," and turned aside, even strained in its expression by his father, who fostered passengers' money, which Brain and his men had and encouraged it zealously, and readily consented to paid, amounting in all to \$87; he had paid passage his permanent residence there. He desired however for seven besides himself, at \$7 per head; the rethat his son should remain with him here during his mainder of the \$87 was made up by those of his own stay. An appointment was procured for him as party who paid their own way; the money was a clerk in the War Department, and he entered upon handed over to him, Braine having a pistol in his hand at the time the transfer was made; he was then Among the acquaintances formed at this time was sent to his room, and ordered to stay there; shortly interruption, smoking, talking, cooking, eating drink- a gentleman from Pennsylvania, and the chief clerk after they met the pilot boat just below Dipper Harof a bureau, who was the father of a girl yet in her bour 15 or 20 miles; Capt. Parker came from the teens, loveable in character, as well as very beautiful. pilot boat on board the Chesapeake, and took com-

WEDNESDAY.

The examination was continued on Wednesday: Mate, Daniel Henderson, was examined at great an elegant home for his children, and they removed length; his evidence corroborated that of Capt. Wilat once to their own establishment. Not long after lett's on Monday, that the engineer was killed while the marriage, and while in the full tide of happiness, unarmed, and without offering resistance. Adjourned

The examination was resumed again on Thursday. James Johnson the Chief Engineer of the Chesapeake was sworn. He had not proceeded far with his evidence, which contained no new facts, when the Court was suddenly adjourned. The probability is that this examination will occupy a number of days The son solemnly declared that his father had manu- yet, and it is to be hoped that such a decision may be made in the end as will be alike impartial and conducive to the ends of justice.

The question of a Railway Terminus is just now agitating a portion of the people of St. John to some extent. No difference of opinion can exist in relation to the necessity of a deep water terminus somewhere, but the difficulty seems to be whether it shall be at Mill Street and North Wharf, or at the Breakwater. The Globe and Presbyterian strongly advocate the former place, the Courier and News the latter; the Church Witness also is in favor of the The father had met with sudden death, the will latter. The subject will probably be brought before ption of a slight swarthiness common to all natives | necessity for the immediate construction of a termihis house and furniture sold, and, accompanied by his rests will prevent it, nor yet influence its location in

Our House of Assembly will meet about 20th of

SAD ACCIDENT. - While Mrs., George Browne, of the Scotch Settlement, in the parish of Springfield, had been away for a few minutes spreading some clothes a few yards from her house, on Thursday last, her youngest daughter, a child of about two years of age, caught fire from an unknown cause, and was so fearfully burned around the neck and riends who have so promptly came forward and re- arms, that she expired about thirty hours after the

We notice with sorrow the death of Alexander M. Inches, formerly of St. John and St. Stephen. He was much endeared to a large circle of friends and

The congregation of St. David's Church have pretor's wife was not forgotten on the same occasion, but shared in the expression of esteem and affection. We understand that the Rev. Dr. Dona.d received a REMEMBER -ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS A substantial New Year's gift from the people of Roth-

say, whose want of religious ordinances he has been long endeavouring to supply. - Presbyterian. We wish to call the especial attention of our POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS. - During the month readers to the excellent article in our columns this of December, money orders to the extents of \$3,882.25 week, from "A. B.," on the subject of "Closet were paid in the St. John Office. Issued by the St. John Office, on offices in differents parts of the Pro-

The Rector of Trinity Church begs to acknowledge the receipt of a very handsome present, sent to him, by a number of his Parishioners, on New Year's morning, and to convey to them, through the medium of the " Church Witness," his cordial thanks for

this, in addition to many other evidences of their kind regard.

The Fishery lots in the harbour were let yesterday: those on the East side and Navy Island realized \$2,-964.27; on the West side, \$2,519.85. - Ib. Two forged checks, bearing the signature of

Stephen Wiggins & Son for \$1,400, have been presented and paid at the Bank of New Brunswick. The Bank offers a reward of \$1000 for such information as will convict the offender. Mr. F. A. Wiggins also offers a reward of \$500. - Ib.

ANOTHER REPORTED FORGERY .- A check paid a short time since, at the Commercial Bank, on what seemed to be the genuine signature of Mr. J. W. M. Irish, for \$90, has been repudiated by that gentlepan in a settlement with the Bank. The alleged imitation is said to be so like the genuine as to puz-RAILWAY RECEIPTS. -- The receipts of the E. & N.

A. Railway for the month ending 31st Dec. 1863, was \$12,121.50, against \$10,476.48, for the corresponding month in 1862; showing an increase in favor The Royal Gazette of Wednesday contains a com-

for the month of December 1862 and 1863, which exhibits an increase in favor of the latter year, of \$8,-His Excellency the Lieut. Governor has been pleased to appoint Capt. B. L. Peters, New Brunswick

Regiment of Artillery, to be Provincial Aide-de-Camp, vice Lieut. Colonel R. Hayne, resigned. Our readers will not forget the meeting of the

happened in our courts, of a man who had been were \$18,161,47, and the expenditures \$15,087.43.

commence operations.-- Ib. D. W. J. Almon, and Alex. Keith, Jr., Esq., were arraigned before the Mayor of Halifax, for a Governor's warrant to the magistrate was a sufficient charge of aiding the escape of the man Wade, one

were just, and quoting the 10th Section of the ACCIDENTAL DEATH. On Wednesday evening a young girl, about 17 years of age, named Margaret being called upon by the Counsel for the prisoners to | Sullivan, fell down stairs in a house on Mill Street,

The Fredericton Farmer reports that four Captain Willett, Master of the Chesapeake, was soldiers of the 15th Band deserted on Saturday

horses belonging to Mr. H. Strickland. The deserters reached Calais in safety, and then telegraphed to their owner that he could have his horses &c., by application to a Hotel in that place. PRESENTATION TO REV. GEO. BOYD. -- On New Year's shot. He determined to go and see him, but on the Day a number of gentlemen representing St. An-

bullets. Did not know who fired at him. Couldn't when the deed was committed. His horse and cart identify any of the prisoners as those who shot at were found at his door next morning, and his dead

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