So is it always. There is no loss without some gain, no sorrow without some joy, no labor without some reward. That being the case, is it not unfair and ungrateful when we act as if the gloom were altogether impenetrable, when we quite forget the merry-making, and think only of the cold and the darkaess ?-Marianna Farningham.

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## CHRISTMAS.

This day is endeared to many hearts by the event which it commemorates; and the peculiar circumstances connected with the advent of Him who came to

## WHO WILL HELP US?

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Lest week, through the columns of the Intelligencer, the friends of the Foreign Mission cause were reminded, by the Treasurer, that more fands were needed. It will be seen by reference to his notice that, not only are we in want of funds, but that the means are required immediately, as payment of Bro. Phillip's half year's salary is to be made on the first of the ensuing year. We look back with pleasure, and gratitude to God, as we call to mind how promptly the means have, heretofore, been supplied, to meet all demands on the Treasury, and how quickly they have been gathered.

This has given us an abiding confidence in the will and determination of the friends to support Bro. Phillips and his companions in their labors of love, among the heathen. This week we again hear from him, telling us of the united labors of the father and son in giving the scriptures to the Santal. What a work of love ! Who can estimate the result of their those devoted men in their disinterested exertions for people.

Has not God blessed you abundantly, and will you not make that doubly blessed, by giving a part, even the heathen-remember Bro. Phillips.

Contributions may be forwarded either to us, at Fredericton, or to Bro. Wm. Peters, Treasurer, St. John, N. B.

## OUR INDIA LETTER.

SANTIPORE, INDIA, Oct. 15th, 1868.

Ms. EDITOR-For a fortnight past I have been here engaged with father in the revision of the Gospel of Matthew in Santal. This is a delightful work, and one that I erjoy very much. The greatest satisfaction about it is that we are thus permitted to prepare God's most precious Word for a large and interesting class of readers. The Santals are fast rising from habits of savage life to those of civilization. Their young men are learning to read, and manifest a strong desire, in some cases, for an education. The We respectfully solicit the renewals of our present relations of knowledge to respectability and wealth, subscribers. We also wish our agents and friends and the importance of being well-informed on general to make a little exertion to increase our list, and for- | topics in order to secure a standing in society, are ward the names of new subscribers as soon as pos- now being understood by these wild children of the jungles. How far all this shall incline them towards Coristianity remains to be seen. But we hope that our labor for them may be one of encouraging success. Be that as it may, there can be no doubt as to our name. This is what we are now trying to accomplish. It will require years to complete the translation of the sacred Scriptures, but, God helping us, we are determined to give this people the Word of God in their own language. Can there be a doubt as to either the duty or the expediency of such a course ? Conceive for a moment the untold advantage of having the Bible in our own speech. How we should eel the want of this did we have to read a French or formally but carnestly, as he would any other book take me to mean that there may not be advantage in reading the Scriptures in other languages than our own. By no means is this true. I should say the more languages the better, after the original llebrew and Greek, provided study plexing puzzles of what course to pursue in a certain is critical and thorough. But I mean to say, that for daily reading, for frequent reference, and for constant communing, we prefer the English Bible to every other. It comes closer to our hearts, and its holy words are more precious because better understood. Every one who has ever given the point a moment's thought, will at once perceive what I mean. | if he takes time to consult it, will give no uncertain | Now it seems to me very clear that whatever we may fail to do for the Santals, we should by all means give them the Bible in their native language. This is what we are now endeavoring to do. My faing to America. The Gospels of Matthew and John are already printed and out among the people. A volume of Scripture Selections is now in press, and with himself and with his God. we hope to have it out soon. Besides these, we have several smaller works of an elementary character. This important and interesting work is now only fairly begun. We have just made a good start, and now hope to push our way steadily through the and strength may prove sufficient to the undertakhis health is as good as it ever was in India. No man was ever more devoted to his work than he is to the Santal. He is very enthusiastic in acquiring and using these strange, wild words, and I am often amused to see how delighted he is over a new one. now of San Francisco, is a case in point. He cannot be fifty, still he was obliged to quit India to save his than a score of years yet. But institutions live, though men fail and pass away. God's holy Word, the precious truth of the Bible, stands sure. Even though we all die, the dear Santals are sure of the Bible. Christian reader, what a comfort are the preclous promises! In them we find our cheer, and from them we take heart again when discouraged. Thank God for His promises! And now, in closing, let me ask all who think of the benighted heathen to oray for me, that the Lord may help me work for the JAMES L. PHILLIPS.

#### THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER

## ADHERING TO PRINCIPLE.

The world has seen many times of darkness and has the following :--tempest, when Christian men have had perilous work, when many were cast away and perished drunk with rioting and blood-many seasons of sore

ess to destruction.

other as members of one family, and great move- New York, this would give \$62.50 for every man, ent, and a cause for great gratitude to God.

good causes may become a temptation of carelessness articles sold by retail liquor-dealers besides liquors.

and the self-deception of men, who, alas, are very easily deluded with the fascinations of free-thinking, and theory building, and universe-making, is the great danger of the day.

Now, it makes very little difference what a man is engaged in, be it religion, mere morality, politics, reform, social life-whatever it may be, he can, with the freely offered help of any number of "philosohers," construct a theory of life and responsibility hat will leave him free to do pretty nearly anything he wants to, and do it "conscientiously." One says, It makes no difference what I believe, if I do right; another, " If a man is sincere and acts on his belief, how can he be held responsible for what another calls were amused for a few weeks by a series of discourses wrong-doing ?" As usual with epigrammatic say- under the above title preached by Rev. Mr. Ewer, ings, these contain a little truth and a great deal of falsehood. Men must believe right and do right. Just here steps in your honest skeptic, who has New York Observer shows by a series of facts how about the Bible; for, however many other philosophers he may believe in, one after another, he is no-

"During the short visit paid by General Prim to Algeciras, he found time to accord an interview to the three refugees, Senores, Cabrera, Alhama, and wretchedly, and when the true-hearted found little Hernandez, who have been for a long time exiled from but discouragement. Times of persecution, times of their native country on account of their religious pagan corruption, times of courtly luxury and popu- opinions. The general received these gentlemen with lar degradation, times wild with the license of war, the utmost kindness. In reply to their remark that their only crime had been that they did not profess the Roman Catholic religion, the General said, ' From distress have tried the heaven-aspiring children of this day forth there shall be liberty in our country men. But there is something more dangerous than -real liberty ; every man shall be master of his open, menacing, frowning peril. A tempest nerves own conscience, and shall profess the faith which the whole man to opposing effort-gentle winds, and seems best in his own eyes.' 'You, gentlemen,' he added, 'may return to your country by the first the caressing waves of currents that give no sign of steamer, and you are at liberty to enter Spain with whither they tend, may waft the thoughtless or reck- your Bible under your arm, to preach its doctrine."

STARTLING STATISTICS .- Commissioner Wells reports Such is our present time. The world seems fair, to Congress that the amount of sales by the retail ill prospects bright. Everywhere, intelligence seems liquor dealers of the United States is \$1.483.491,865 ushing its way among the people, ignorance is slow- for the last fiscal year, or six-tenths of the entire y giving way, rulers are more in sympathy with amount of our national debt. These statements, be heir kind, the masses are taking more interest and it remembered, are based upon the sworn statements labor ? We trust the God of missions will long spare exerting more influence in the modes and objects of of the liquor-dealers themselves. We notice in a government. Science is bringing light into dark cursory inspection of the table that the sales in the places; the spirit of humanity and brotherly charity District of Columbia, a mere speck on the map of our the conversion of that degenerate and superstitious is seeking out the helpless and indigent, to care for country, amount to \$10,376,450, or more by \$2,119,them; the word of God and the gospel of Jesus 4s5, than the entire State of Maine. This accounts Friends of the heathen, we request your assistance. Christ is attaining more power, penetrating to deep- for a good deal of bad law-making. The sales in New er depths, and spreading over wider fields than ever York amount to the enormous sum of \$246,617,520. before; men are learning to take interest in each Assuming four millions as the present population of

a small part, to Him ? As you prepare to bestow ments are made for reform in morals, in habits, in all woman and child in the Empire State. We notice your Christmas and New Year's presents, remember the varied life of communities. All this is most excel that the Observor is congratulating itself that the facts are not quite as bad as they seem, since the But the very fact of such apparent prosperity in figures reported by Commissioner Wells cover other

> to men whose chief stock in good works consists of This is very true; but on the other hand, it must be good intentions. The very fact of spreading intelli- borne in mind that there is a vast amount of retail gence and thoughtfulness among the masses necessa- liquor selling carried on by wholesale dealers, apotherily gives rise to many new ways of looking at things, caries and unlicensed venders.-Ex.

> > EXAMPLE. - When Mr. Wilmot of New Brunswick was elevated to the Bench of the Supreme Court, it was expected that he would no longer continue to be a Sabbath School Teacher. He however did continue in the work and with more zeal and devotion than ever. When he was lately elevated from the Bench to be Governor of his native Province, it was again believed that he would give up his class; but to his bonor be it recorded, Governor Wilmot is a regular and zealous and efficient Sabbath School Teacher. - Halifax Witness.

> > PROTESTANTISM & FAILURE .- The New York public an Episcopal clergyman of " High" proclivities. The

ncere doubts about everything, and particularly notably Protestantism has failed. Here are the facts : Taking Great Britain and Prussia as Protestant countries, and France and Austria as Catholic naiceably constant in the denial of those simple teach- tions, we find that where 20 can read and write in the ings-although, if ever after long searching he finds former, but 13, or little more than one half as many, rest, it is there. To such, then, there is no argument can do so in the latter. In 16 European countries I but a negative one; while the gospel teachings have in every 10 are it schools in the Protestant nations, doty to give the Santals the Bible in their own helped millions to travel on the right course, they and but 1 in 124 in Catholic countries, or more than welve times as many Protestal be said of any other doctrines of living. Therefore, thus educated. If we take six leading Protestant however beautiful, or harmonions, or elevating, the countries in Europe and six Catholic, in the former 1 hemeral theories of honest, but uninspired thinkers newspaper or magazine is published to every 815 of ay seem, the unpretentious and simple but grand- the inhabitants, while in the latter there is but I to ly steadfast light which the Bible throws upon the every 2,715. That is, about ten times as many newspapers and magazines, in proportion to the populaion, are published in these Protestant countries as in the Catholic The value of what is each year produced by industry in Spain is \$6 to each inhabitant; in France \$74; German instead of an English Bible! Do not from which he wishes to learn something-and he in Prussia \$8; and in Great Britain \$81, or nearly will find the principles of right and wrong taking five times as much as in Spain and France. There are about one-third more paupers in the Catholic mainly to the numerous holidays in the former

The Glbralter Chronicle of September the 28th, Frederick Sancton; the Nail Factory at Clifton, some shares in vessels, and the household furniture have, however, been seized for the creditors, athe proper notices given and the question of instituting proceedings for a thorough investigation of the circumstances nnected with the mortgage transfers referred to will be duly considered.

Having ascertained that Geo. P. Sancton had reached New York, the Directors being themselves unable at their request, undertook the task of following the defaulting Cashier and left St. John by express on the 22d Nov., with full authority from the Bank to act as he should be advised by the proper officers and Counsel at New York; and also with full affidavits of the facts then ascertained. Mr. Prescott has since returned and reported to the Directors his so the "INTELLIGENCER." . ()proceedings, resulting in Sancton's arrest on the 8th

December at Brooklyn, where he was found by the was fixed by Judge's order at \$125,000 U.S. currency, but no ball had been given up to the time of Mr. Prescott's departure from Brooklyn where he left Sancton confined in gaol.

The Directors have now to pass from the circumstances connected with the Cashier's defalcation to other matters which it is necessary should be laid before the shareholders. During the period which has intervened since, the present meeting, at the request of many of the shareholders of the Bank, was

inder the circumstances, can be obtained. Various matters of importance, however, including those conacced with Messrs. McKay, are still under consideraion, and cannot, therefore, be definitely reported upon ; and the Directors are assured that the shareolders both in consideration of this circumstance and of the other difficulties which have presented have been serious .- News. themselves in the course of their undertaking, will be A fire broke out on Sunday morning in Mr. Quinstances of the Province and of the Bank itself, the The other parties will be heavy losers.

task is peculiarly one of great difficulty. The Directors, so far as in their power, have however gone. over each asset and liability in detail ; the bills disounted and other securities actually in the Bank have ocen checked by the documents themselves; liberal illowances have been made for debts considered bad ; and every effort made to render their estimate as nearly accurate as is possible. The estimate submitted has been made up to the 23rd Nov. last, since which period, however, no circumstances have oc-

# THE NEWS and THE PRESS

DECEMBER 25, 1868.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

To each New Subscriber sending us \$2.00, the yearly subscription, we will send the INTELLIGENCER n the state of the affairs of the Bank to leave St. [ till the close of 1869, thus giving the balance of this John, were fortunate in securing the services of Gideon year FREE. The sooner the names are forwarded Prescott, Esq., a large Shareholder in the Bank, who, the more the subscribers will get for their money How many shall we have ?

> FFFST. STEPHEN'S BANK PAPER will be taken in payment of all sums due the estate of the late Rev. E. McLeod ; also for renewals and new subscriptiont

Our Ottawa advices give us to understand that officers charged with the execution of the process the Commissioners and Engineers will meet in issued against him. His bail, Mr. Prescott reports, St. John on Tuesday, the 29th inst., when four sections of the Intercolonial road will be put under contract. This is making a good beginning .- Tel.

The Victoria Skating Rink in this city was opened for the season on Tuesday. A great crowd attended. The band of the 60th Rifles furnished the music.

The sittings of the Circuit Court for the present term were brought to a close on Saturday.

FIRES .- About 4 o'clock on Saturday morning a fire called, the Directors have turned their attention to originated in a house on Brussels Street owned by the realization of assets, while the paper of the Mr. Alex. King. In a sort time the flames were Bank in circulation has been rapidly coming in in communicated to the adjoining building, the property payment of the notes discounted by the Bank prior of Mr. George Wasson, both of which buildings were to its suspension and otherwise; and the circulation considerably injured. Fortunately the insurance is has been and is thus being rapidly reduced. The sufficient to cover the greatest part of the damage Directors have also proceeded to investigate the affairs done. The slippery nature of the ground at the of the Bank as fully as the limited time at their dispo- time caused the Hose Cart of No. 2, to slew, by sal would permit, with a view to the preparation of a which the driver, John Lane, was thrown to the statement of assets and liabilities as nearly correct as, street, and sustained rather serious bodily injury.

Again at eight o'clock on the same morning, another alarm emanated from the house of Mr. DeVeber. Sewell Street. In this instance it originated in the barn, but fortunately, was suppressed before the flames had time to reach a large quantity of hay which was stored in it, otherwise the results might

prepared to make all due allowance for the general [ton's workshop in Carleton, resulting in the entire erms in which they have felt compelled to submit destruction of several buildings and a large quantity he following statement of the position of the Bank. of valuable lumber belonging to Mr. Quinton. The t will be readily understood that, at any time, it buildings destroyed were occupied by Mr. John Curwould be no easy matter, but indeed an impossibility, rie, Mr. J. D. Ganong, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Baxter, and o go through and fix the exact value of each of the Mr. Sharp. Mr. Sharp was uninsured; his loss will iscounted notes and other securities held by a large be between \$1500 and \$2,000. Mr. Quinton's loss banking institution ; but under the present circum- will be upwards of \$3,000. He has \$1,000 insurance.

OBITUARY .- Since our last issue we have lost an esteemed friend; Fredericton a worthy citizen; and the cause of religion an earnest and faithful advocate. Alexander M'Causland has gone to his rest. Not only in this city, but throughout the whole county, his loss will be heavily felt; for his sphere of usefulness was widely extended. As a local preacher in the Methodist church, he has for years traversed the County from one end to the other, never growing weary in the good cause to which he had given his heart. Though unostentatious and retiring, he possessed a powerful mind and talents of no ordinary calibre. Wherever he went he made friends, and it may in truth be said of him that they loved him most who knew him best .-- Farmer, OBITUARY .- Thos. Killam, E.q., of Yarmouth, N. S., died in Digby at noon yesterday of inflammation of he bowels, while on his way homeward from Hali-He was a native of Yarmouth, and in his long life time proved that he was both persevering and energetic. He was one of the largest shipowners of his tate, amounts held by the Miramichi Branch, Secu- native town. For about fourteen years prior to the need to look for verbal permissions or prohibitions in countries of Europe than in the Protestant, owing rities held at Woodstock and its vicinity and in Union of the Provinces he represented Yarmouth due, after allowances made for bad and doubtful have that period he represented it in the House of Com-

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stone for man, and also to instruct and elevate us, will be lovingly remembered and dwelt upon. The first observance of the day cannot be exactly ascertained. It has been traced back to the second century, and seems to have been quite generally observed by Christians soon after. Dioclesian, the Roman Emperor and tyrant, who waged a most savage persecution against Christianity, found a large number of Christians assembled on Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Lord, and commanded the doors of the place where they were met together to be closed, so that none might escape, and firing the building, soos reduced it and its inmates to ashes. Whether Christmas has slways been observed on the 25th of December, is a point which has given rise to no little dispute. It has been said by some that our Lord was born on the 16th of May. The precise time of celebrating this joyous event is not of so great importance, however, as is the spirit and manner is which we do it. We keep it as the birth-day of our Long Jesus Cheng-that event which was so gloriously assounced by the angel messenger to shepherds watching their flocks on the plains of Bethichsen. It was "good tidings of great joy to all people." The heavenly hosts recognized it, and they praised God, their songs reverberating through the beavens, " Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

It is certainly lamentable that the real object of the day is lorgotten by so many; for there is really no good reason for its being made a day of boisterous mirth or sinful pleasure. Those who desecrate it by making it a time for idleness, feasting and dissipation, must be sadly unconscious of the fact that it is in tended to bring with freshness to their minds and hearts the blessed event which is the great evidence of God's noutierable love to a lost world, and in which, of all things, they should feel the deepest interest. That it should be a day of cheerfulness and Christian joy, none can deny, reminding us, as it does, of God's unspeakable gift to man. While we wish our readers a joyous Christmas, we do not mean a " merry Christmas," in the common accepta tion of that term. We trust that all may spend the day in a manner becoming the gracious boon it commemorales

The practice of making presents on that day is universal. It is supposed by some to have originated in an old heathen custom of giving gifts at the time of one of their festivals; but we are more inclined to the opinion that its origin is owing to the circumstance of the wise men from the East presenting gifts to the infant Saviour. Whatever its source, the practice of remembering the poor at this season is, at least, commendable. While men of wealth are just now specially reminded of God's great gift, their hearts must be warmed towards the needy and destitute. Let none of our readers forget that " He who soweth bountifully, shall resp also bountifully." Are there not, in many communities, persons-widows. fatherless children, the aged, or others-who are unable, even at this joyous season, to provide themselves with the bare necessaries of life. Visit them, and make their hearts glad by your generosity. In this way you make this day " a merry Christmas" in re-

For the Religious Intelligencer. WATCHMAN WHAT OF THE NIGHT? ality; for such it will be to those whose wants you " The night cometh and also the day." With us supply, and to yourselves as well; while at the same there are now and then signs of approaching day. time, you will be exhibiting and carrying out the Here and there revivals are being enjoyed and labored example and spirit of Him of whom the poet has for. There are no real revivals, unless the minister and church are willing to labor and to get into such a spiritual state that they can labor for the salvation it is found to be the most difficult part of the work connected with a protracted meeting, to induce the members of the church to seek and secure a fresh baptism from on high. They seem to feel that they are already doing about all they can, especially those who are in the habit of taking part in the social necessity of more strenuous efforts to be revived. themselves. It requires a certain degree of spiritual when this discernment is attained, they are astonished at their former blindness and coldness. When the prevailing influence in a church attains to this state, there is no great difficulty in reaching sinners. If christians generally admitted the truth in such cases that it is really a sin for them to live in indifference and coldness, and that they must repent and obtain forgiveness before they can go on towards heaven and be fit to work in God's cause, they would much sooner find their true place in the army of the Lord, and be prepared to labor for the conversion of sinners. A great many of our churches are preparing to hold protracted meetings, during the winter months. progress. May they be largely blest of the master. There is some encouraging tokens of the special presence of the Lord in our two churches in this C. O. LIBBY.

have never led one astray-and that is more than cab tossing waters of this life is the only true and reliable guide through its perils.

This gives the first essential-belief, faith, princile. Let every man search well the Scriptures-not clear and distinct shape in his consciousness. No reference to special acts ; the rule of action will be plain to him. And then, when there arise those pernatter of business; in the decision of the part to be de questions of every day, are precisely those in which a man needs help-he will find that conscience,

honesty urge him to take it. Although acute theorizes and fanciful historians

her began the work several years ago, before return- name in high places only to disgrace it, this much is his native country. that man has ever found-and Adherence to Princi-

#### PASTORAL NEGLECTS.

We hope and believe that most of our pastors la bor with so active concern for the welfare of their people, and such sense of responsibility with reference books of the Old and New Testaments. How long it to them, as to pot them beyond the reach of reasonmay please God to spare my dear father for this great able censure. But there are temptations to neglect affairs. After a formal organization, the President work I know not, but hope and pray that his years which are not always sufficiently resisted. We some proceeded to read the Report of the Directors, to the times hear of cases which leave a very sad impres- meeting. The first part of it rehearsed what is alng. He is now only fifty-six years of age, and says sion, the effect of which must be injurious to a min- ready generally known to the public, the closing of ister's influence, if they have not even more painful the Bank for want of specie, the partial change in consequences. We are informed, for example, that its Directors, the sudden disappearance of Geo. P. a very worthy Christian woman, afflicted with blind- Sancton, its Cashier, &c. It then goes on to say :ness, died recently after several months illness. Her pastor was twice informed of her case, and requested But his days cannot be many, at most, in this cli- to visit her. But for some reason he did not, and inste. Men, you must recollect, wear out fast in In- when she at last died he had never seen her. The dia-sometimes fearfully fast. Henry M. Scudder, circumstance may admit of explanatiou. But, as It seems to us, there ought never to be such a case calling for explanation. A lady (to mention another illife. In America he may serve the church for more [lustration] brought up in Unitarianism, was led to see her need of a Divine Redeemer and an atoning sacrifice, and in Christ to recognize and adore the Saviour she needed. She joined a Baptist Church. About this time the family removed to a neighbouring city, and she joined a Baptist church there. But case also may admit of some explanation, but, as we said of the other, there should be no such occasion. Nothing like it should have been allowed to occur.

visiting sick persons of whose illness they had no ascertained that on Saturday, 14th Nov., the late means of seasonably knowing. They are sometimes Cashier went to the Tellers, one of whom had on unfavorably compared with Roman Catholic priests, hand a large quantity of Bank paper which had acforgetfulness of the Romish doctrine of the last cumulated rapidly during the week, under the cir- the expiration of the Charter, " or other sooner diss sacrament, which demands an assiduity of attention cumstances of the Bank, and directed that officer to lution of the Company, the Directors for the time to the sick and dying not to be expected of those hand him to place in the Bank's safe \$76,000, and being shall proceed to take effectual measures for who reject these unscriptural fancies. But this at afterwards, after referring to a small pocket memoran- closing all the concerns of the said Company by callleast may be required of every one holding the pas- dum book, directed the other Teller to hand him for ing in and paying off all notes and bills which may Strange to say, Macomber was able to see to crawl toral office, that his heart be so engaged in feeding the like purpose the sum of \$10,830 - these two sums have been issued by the Company, and discharging three quarters of a mile to a house, but when he had the flock committed to him by the Lord, that, however imperfect his service, it shall not be possible to the existing deficiency. These amounts were so and disposing of the property belonging to the said of souls. This is why I say " labored for." In fact charge him with neglect. He cannot afford to let handed to the Cashier and charged by the Tellers to Company, and dividing the capital, profits and proeven the lowliest of his charge suspect him of indif- the Cash Account ; but on examination it has been found were not debited by the Cashier in a separate | tion to their respective interests." erence. --- Examiner. Vault Account Book, which was kept in his charge A correspondent to the Canadian Baptist, writes and entirely in his own hand writing. Acting under the advice of their Solicitors the Dias follows on the work of grace on the Ottawa. rectors have taken the steps necessary to ensure pay-The readers of the Baptist will be glad to hear that ment of the security held by the Bank for the Cashthe revivals in the Ottawa region still continues, ier's good behaviour. They have also taken the meetings, consequently they neither see, nor feel the Pastors Ross and Higgins have been laboring with necessary proceedings to attach his property under great success at North Nation Mills and Gore of Loch- the absconding debtor's Act, there having been a aber. At these places over fifty persons have given sum of \$5,789.77 due from him to the Bank on an evidence of conversion. Twenty-six of these have overdrawn account in addition to his defalcations in discernment for christians to see these things. But already been baptized, and others are now awaiting the Bank paper, and a further sum of \$6,660 due the baptism Bank on his own notes discounted. There was, it The churches in Clarence and Thurso have more should be said, a strict order of the Board of Directors is likely to be realized for the Shareholders by this than wampum, rum, or tobacco. Savages are not than doubled their lists of membership since the that all overdrawn accounts should be laid before commencement of the work. From August 14th to them periodically, but the Cashier, it has appeared, Nov. 1st., 151 persons were baptized at these places, evaded his name's appearing in this list by the tembaptisms having taken place on every Lord's day porary deposit of a check, or by some similar method. In the course of their enquiries with regard to the during that period. In Cumberland and Buckingham, where Lord properties of George P. Sancton liable to seizure, the thoroughly acquainted with their intricacies-serious-Cecil and Messrs. Dunlop and Turner, have been Directors have ascertained that two mortgages, ap- ly reduced or perhaps totally lost to the Bank, and notes or sums under \$25 did not require a stamp. preaching, a large number of persons have been con- parently drawn with great haste, were registered in verted, and the subject of Believer's Baptism, is now St. John on the morning of Monday, 16th Nov., both the shareholders considerably reduced. But these Act in regard to notes of this description. - Montreal engaging the attention of many. Some have been bearing that date, and one of them, as well as a power baptized lately in Cumberland. of Attorney to George F. Sancton, proved on the oath The number of converts in all the places mentioned of Charles W. Bell, whom the Directors are informed shareholders present, trusting that their d liberations gings in Nova Scotia for the months of July, August, in the foregoing cannot be less than 300, but the was the driver of the Express in which George P. number cannot be precisely ascertained at present. | Sancton left St. John on the previous Sunday evening. Some have already had them, and others are now in This number includes persons of all ages, from the One of these mortgages secures £2,500 on all Sancchild of eight or ten, to persons of fifty or sixty. Nor | ton's property in the County of St. John in favor of do females preponderate, as is often the case in such his son George Frederick Sancton ; the other securmovements, for a large number of young men are in- ing \$1600 in favor of Mrs. Jane Brown, on his property on Princess street, St. John. Further, on the cluded. Surely this is a marvellous work. To God be all same morning, the register of the Victor, steam tug. was taken out in the name of the same person, Georg the praise.

BAPTISM OF A JAPANESE STUDENT, - The services taken in a political campaign, in the formation or in St. James M. E. Church, New Brunswick, N. J. continuance of certain habits of body, of mind, of on a recent Sunday, was of special interest. After speech, of daily duty; in how to give of his aban- the usual introductory exercises, a young Japanese, dance to the needy ; in the delicate problems of social a student in Rutger's College, presented himself for life-for all these and all the other practical, inevita- the Sacrament of Baptism, receiving by his own choice the name of John Wesley, in addition to his Japanese name of Iwoski Nagai.

Special interest attaches to this case, from the fact sound. His "sincere belief" will point the way ; his that though there is a Protestant Christian Mission in Japan, there have been no open professions among the natives, and we believe that John Wesley Iwoski may be able to show the records of folly, and crime Nagai is with one single exception the only baptized committed by selfish men who bore the Christian native of Japan. He may yet do a great work for

sure : the Gospel gives the truest principles of living There is a real idol temple erected and formally existence of more than 30 years, because, although established in the United States, at Portland, Oregon, ple is the only safe guide for a man, who is honest The building is completed, and the Chinamen are actively engaged in furnishing it.

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#### COMMERCIAL BANK.

On Friday last, 18th inst., a meeting of the shareholders was held in the Bank Building, according to Bank either absolutely or collateral on various acprevious notice, to examine into the state of its The Directors at once, acting under the advice of Counsel, telegraphed in the proper directions to have out exposing the various accounts of customers of the absconding Cashier followed and traced while they | the Bank, or such business affairs of the Bank itself decide on the course most proper to be pursued. was found to be correct, the amount of course, under he circumstances of the Bank, not being very large. In counting the Bank paper, however, it was found to amount to but \$599,582 27, which by the Cash Account of the Bank, alter entering two amounts paid into the vault by the teller on Saturday, 14th Nov., y the Cashier's directions, which will be alluded to gain hereafter, it should have amounted to \$700,412. the wish they have again and again expressed, that 34, there being thus an actual deficiency existing in the Bank should resume its place among the finanthe safe of \$100,830.07. This deficiency, however, the pastor took little notice of her, she was left to has subsequently been reduced by the sum of \$6,000 "Liberal" society almost exclusively, and the result in Bank paper, which was found cencealed in a small has been a succession of mental struggles, and an specie keg in a dark corner of the vault and close to this question to the shareholders assembled as the clipse of her former spiritual enjoyment. This though outside the safe, in the course of a search for documents left for safe keeping in the Bank vaultsthus making the amount of the Cashier's defalcation to the notes of the Bank \$94,830.07.

curred which would materially affect the actual re-

ASSETS. The bills discounted then stood as follows :

. . \$248,934 95 Fo fall due.... Overdue (and in some places covered by collate-

\$321,733 20 From which there has been allowed for bad and Leaving a balance considered good of ..... \$269,932 00 The other assets of the Bank including Real Es-

King's County, and all other securities and balances | County in the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and since been valued at \$195,739 00. Total of assets esti- mons, -- News. mated at \$765,671 00.

LIABILITIES.

The amount of Bank paper in circulation as per 

otal supposed circulation, the other liabilities of the bank, including all other sums due by the Bank, so far as can

be ascertained, amounts to ..... . \$269,468 49

laking a total liability of ... \$680,958 And leaving an estimated surplus of assets of . \$134,712 1 The Directors have, in the foregoing estimate, made o allowance for the accidental destruction of Bank notes which has probably taken place in the Bank's when the large extent of the notes of the Bank were overtaken by the fearful storm of that night and driduring a great part of that period in circulation is ven into Westport where she found shelter, but she considered, it is evident that the present habilities was so seriously injured by the tempest that when for circulation must be thus, to a certain extent, re- she arrived at Boston she had to go on the blocks for duced ; it is quite impossible even to estimate, with repairs. It is expected this detention will prevent any approach to accuracy, the amount of such re- her from making another trip to St. John this sealuction. No allowance has been made either for the value of 586 shares of the Bank's stock held by the

counts, though should the Bank be closed, as recommended by the Directors, distribution of the surplus assets will of course be made among the remainng shares only, amounting in number to 5,464, and epresenting \$546,400 only of the original capital of the Bank

Such then is the most accurate estimate the Direcors have been able to frame of the Assets and Liathat should the shareholders desire any further information which it is in their power to afford withmade the investigations necessary to enable them to as are still in the course of transaction, they will be by Messrs. Brodie and Givens. The wood-house at happy to the best of their power to furnish it in reply On examining the safe the specie contained therein to any enquiries which may be made by the share- probably be put up this winter; but the other neholders present.

> In closing their report, the Directors feel it their doty to state to the shareholders that, after the most nature deliberation, they believe the position of the Bank to be such that the resumption of specie payments within the period limited by the Bank's Char ter is impossible; and gladly as they would meet cial institutions of the Province, they regret to have to report that in their opinion any such resuscitation can not be reasonably hoped for. They now submit most pressing business of the meeting, since a short period will now complete the limit of the sixty days during which the Bank may suspend specie payments comotives on the Line, --- Tel. without absolute forfeiture. Should the meeting endorse upon this point the views of the Directors, the question of the method of closing the concerns of the Bank will next come before the Shareholder. The

The morning papers state that during the last two or three months, Messrs. Parks & Son, of the Cotton accounts of the Bank appeared to be......\$168,660 29 Factory have sent ten tons of Cotton Warps of yarn To which must be added for over issue through or warp are turned out weekly in this establishment or warp are turned out weekly in this establishment.

> An adjourned meeting of the Shareholders of the \$261,496 86 Commercial Bank will be held on the 5th day of Jaouary.

> > Mr. McMillan, Inspector of Post-offices, has resolved on supplying box-holders with a numbered ticket which must be produced by persons other than the box-holder, in order to enable them to receive letters, &c. -a good idea. - Journal.

147 The steamer Linda left Yarmouth for Boston a fortnight ago last Monday evening, and was soon

RAILWAY BUILDINGS ON WESTERN EXTENSION .----The company are creeting an Engine House at Fairville. The frame is up and boarded in. The Station will probably be erected early in the spring; the plans for it have been drawn up. The next Station is located on Lyons' land, just above Brundage's Point. At this place a temporary engine house has been put up-to be used, perhaps, as a wood ho ise by and by ; a permanent tank house has been compilities of the Commercial Bank. They have to add pleted here. The third Station is at Wood's, in Petersville Parish, where the Douglas Valley road ioins the Fredericton road-the Gagetown road comes in about three miles above. The Station is about a mile above Bayard's, and is located on land owned this point is up and closed in ; the tank-house will essary buildings will not go up till the spring The tanks at Brundage's Point and Woods will both be supplied with running water, rendering pumping with its attendant expense unnecessary. The fourth Station will be on the South Branch of the Oromocto ; the locality is not yet decided on. At the Junction with the Fredericton line, about a half a mile above Hartt's Mills, the turn-table has been put up, and preparations are making for the erection of Station uildings in the spring. The timber, shingles, etc., for the several buildings will all be got out during this winter. Of course, there will be a number of stopping places at other points along the portion of the line to which we have referred-for instance, at South Bay Mills, McKenzie's Duplessis' Mill, etc. Sixteen miles of track are laid, and there are two lo-

On Saturday night last, a lumber camp-known as a "single" camp-at Victoria, back of Upper Gagea few bones being left. Another party, a Mr. Macomber, was so badly burned about the head, eyes, face, neck, and lower extremities, that it is impossible for him to survive-he is probably dead by this time. reached the place his sight left him. Dr. Scott was called to attend the sufferer. The inquest on Watson's remains was held before R. T. Babbit, Esq., Co-Alexander Macomber died on Monday morning of his injuries. - Telegraph. 1-37" Our Fur Traders and Trappers, in fitting out with the shareholders thorough assent and upon the here, find Ayer's medicines one of their most profitable articles of traffic. Around Slave Lake and the the proceedings of the Board of Directors and of the wild regions of the North, the Indians know their Assets and Liabilities of the Bank as the continuing uses, and have an abiding faith in them. They say : maturity of the Bills now running and the receipt of "Ayer-great medicine-cure sick man," and his remore complete statements and accounts from other medies for the diseases from which they suffer will the same time, the Directors are of opinion that more often bring forth their stock of skins even quicker course than by the only other one which appears feels if they are unsophisticated in some of the arts of

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Pastors are sometimes unjustly censured for not In prosecuting their enquiries, the Directors have

well said

There's not a gift His hand bestows, But cost fils heart a groun." We carnestly hope that all Obristians will evince

largely the spirit of Him whose birth is brought to our minds to day.

A VEBY HAFFY CONSTRANT TO EVERY READER! and a second second second second second

#### HOME MISSION REPORT.

Dear Bro. Hartley-You will naturally expect to hear of my whereabouts. I commenced labor about the first of November, and spent about two weeks at Roshsgonish. Our meetings were interesting; since which I have been laboring with the churches at Oromosto and Garey. I have spent two Sabbaths with each of these churches, and attended other weekly meetings also. I have made quite a number of visits, and enjoyed much strength in prayer. The cause of religion is slow in these churches; yet there appears a desire for better days in many hearts. Our meetings, latterly, have been very interesting, and we, with others, are praying and looking for a revival of religion.

Yours in the fellowship of the Gospel, Garey, Dec. 15, 1868. SOLOMON SMITH.

The Annual Sermon on behalf of the poor of Brussels Street Baptist Church and Congregation, will be preached in the Brussels Street Church, next Lord's Day evening, at six o'clock, by the Pastor, the Rev. Timothy Harley. There will be no meeting | city. n this Church on Christmas Day.

Dover, N. H., Dec. 14, 1868.

together making \$83,830, or within exactly \$8,000 of all other debts due therefrom, collecting all debts due, ceeds remaining among the Stockholders in propor-

This course, if pursued, would necessitate great forbearance among the shareholders and creditors of the Bank, and the Directors would undertake it only understanding that they would be willing to meet periodically to receive such further reports, both of quarters would enable the Directors to make. At open. A proceeding at law under which not merely civilization .-- [Montreal Pilot. serious costs and expenses would probably be incurred, but many accounts and sums requiring, to real-

ize them, the most careful management of persons matters the Directors gladly take the present oppor- Gazette. tunity of submitting to the consideration of the general interests of those concerned.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. McL. SEELY, President. [Signed] WM. PARKS, JAS. VERSON, ROBERT REED. WM. M. JAHVIS. 154. John, N. B., Dec. 18, 1868

December 18, 1868.

BILL STAMPS .- Judge Kingsmill decided at the last sitting of the Division Court, Walkerton, that thus the surplus remaining for distribution among There has been some doubt as to the meaning of the

GOLD .- The returns of gold from the various digwill result in such a manner as may be best for the and September, amount to 5047 ounces 16 dwts. In value about \$100,000.

> INDIAN DROWNED .- Rev. Mr. Rand tells, in the Messenger, of an Indian who was drowned in the Annapolis river a few days ago. He was 20 years of age. His name was James Jeremy. He tried to cross the river in a canoe, but the canoe upset, and the young man, though a fine awimmer, was drowned.

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