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NEVER has it been our lot, and seldom or never the lot of other journalists of this Province, to chronicle such a chapter of crime and delinquencies, as it became our duty to record, during the past year. For a time, society was held in almost breathless suspense, while the enquiry was frequently made, " What will follow next ?"

A merchant of extensive business connections absconds, with, it is generally supposed, a large amount of money, leaving his creditors without any means of securing their lawful rights; and now, it is said, he is comfortably settled in one of the neighboring States. Next, is the escape of a Cashier, with thousands of dollars of Bank capital, either secreted or squandered: he has at length found a lodgment in gaol. Then follows, what is still worse, the closing of the business of a Broker, whose liabilities are nearly half a million dollars ; much of this amount, the hard earned means of the poor : this man also flies from justice, but is overtaken and thrown into prison. While these things are going forward, the public are startled with the news, that a man has been made a prisoner and forcibly taken from British soil, and what is still more remarkable, our own officers are implicated in the deed. But as if to reach a climax, a soldier of her Majesty's 22d Regt., is felled to the earth, under the cover of night, and left a corpse in the streets of the capital, while his murderers are screened by the intensity of the darkness. Other minor crimes occur, but sink before the magnitude

For the Religious Intelligencer. THE FATAL INFATUATION.

BY REV. BENJAMIN CARTO. The inebriate, for rum,

Sells house and home, his children and his wife, Estate and health, and happiness and life, Himself perdition's son!

estimated, it must be viewed in relation to its source. loses much of its interest, hence much of its power. There intelligence illimitable overwhelms the mind, The subject seems to be receiving some consideration, while his superlative nature and ever evolving excel- and there is a manifest determination on the part of lencies at the same instant unfold happiness, and con- some of the New England churches to cramp their firm the singular propriety of that distinctive and re- schools no longer, but, even at the sacrifice of one of vered designation-God! Both his natural and mo. the preaching services, to give them full scope for ral administration have been constructed, consistent- growth, believing that their churches will thus be ly with human freedom, so as to originate and con- more effective. One pastor, Rev. Mr. Bates of New serve happiness. As the subject of both administra- Bedford, has blended his Sabbath School with his tions, man is especially favored. In the one, lord of morning services; and he has the largest school in this lower world; but in the other, amenable for his the State. He writes thus in Zion's Herald : conduct to the Lord of ALL. Created in the image of He could obey or not obey the Divine will. With a

be happiness. Thus the blessing was in his own power, being contingent on his own conduct. If, himself, and the reason be found in the unimpeachable record, "Sin lieth at the door."-Gen. iv. 7. own happiness, which, "so far forth," is entirely under his own control. If it should be objected that this statement of his case gives the whole glory of his that since his capability and his opportunity of happiness are alike from his Creator, that that does not and ability to retain it. To the impartial and enquiring, here is a demonstration of the Divine goodness irresistibly convincing. Its legitimate influence, and the personal obligation to which it points are not less alpable : to sustain the dignity of our nature, to act from a regard to our happiness for both worlds, and to use the capabilities with which we are endowed, or the glory of God. Here let it be observed that not to act consistently with the dignity of our posi. hear the gospel preached, for they did not and do not tion as properly qualified subjects of moral government, but rest in mental sloth ; or to act from a supreme regard to mere personal physical induigence, nearly all come in the afternoon and hear the preacher

of those just mentioned, as scarcely to be worthy of when the Creator has shown it to be contrary to our again. We do not claim perfection for this plan; we notice. All these occurred within a few weeks of own welfare, or that of our neighbor, is highly crim- have no iron system; but our system changes every inal. And what mind not perverted from reason either mediately by a vile habit, or immediately by self-inflicted death ? The act affects society injuriously; those with whom he is directly connected in the family circle, and those with whom he is indirectly connected in the neighborhood. He is responsible, in the one case, for the infliction of a positive and appalling wrong; and in the other, for an overt free, and as capable, man is guilty or not guilty in all ner :-his acting. To pervert his intellect, to abuse his freedom, to misemploy his capabilities, is to bring down a condemnation, the justice of which none can will not overlook. Listen to the heavenly majesty, "Thou thoughtest I was altogether such an one as order before thine eyes."--Ps. 1. 21.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER

ROOM FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOLS Complaints are frequently made to the effect that vice, or between the morning and evening services. Happiness is derived. If, then, it is rightly to be In either case the time is limited; so much so that it

"We have given up the name of Sunday School. his God, he necessarily possessed personal liberty. At present we call our morning service a service for the study of God and Man. We give the entire view to his security, and the possession of adequate after 10 o'clock, giving fifteen minutes for the openmorning to this service, commencing at 15 minutes motive, he was informed that disobedience would end ing exercises conducted by the superintendent and n misery, but that the reward of obedience would | pastor, consisting of singing, prayer, reading of Scripures, and remarks by the superintendent. From half-past 10 o'clock to 20 minutes past 11 o'clock, is appropriated for lessons and instruction by the teachthen, he did not realize it, the fault would lie with ers to their classes. From 20 minutes past to 30 minutes past 11 o'clock, reception of books by the classes, and collections in the class envelopes of the As endowed with reasoning faculties, and able to dis- 12 o'clock, A. M., the whole service is given up to the weekly contribution. From half-past 11 o'clock to ver "the fitness of things " from facts disclosed in pastor. Singing once or twice by the young and old ; oservation and experience, he is responsible for his the exercises conducted by the minister vary. We intend always to have a gospel discourse of some ind; sometimes from the blackboard, sometimes from a picture on the walls, sometimes from a map, sometimes by having a card on the walls, and lettin happiness to the creature, it must be borne in mind the children do the filling up, and sometimes in the form of a dialogue between the pastor and congregation. We have no set plan, but try to meet the demands of the hour. We have in our official board 25 ollow. The glory must redound to Him who places men, every one of whom is connected with this serhim in a position to realize it, with sufficient motive vice. Nearly every male member of the church who

is not at sea belongs to this department of our work. In short, nearly all the healthy members of the church are identified with this service. We commenced two years ago; then we had 500 members of the Sunday School; we now have 1,000 in this department. During these two years between two and three hundred have been converted who belong to this service. We have thus overcome the great evil of nearly all Sunlay Schools, viz. ; by the old system the children and young people to a great extent, did not and do not in too many instances attend upon the preaching of the Word in the sanctuary ; but by this plan all have the gospel preached to them during this service, and

of Huntingdon, and others who were connected with ber, to win souls and it had all along striven to keep too little time is devoted to the Sabbath School. It liberal assistance toward the centenary movement is a fact that in both city and country it is either had which aims at erecting new college building, at a in the morning before the 11 o'clock preaching ser- cost of some £10,000. A large collection was the re- tion to Liberia, preferring to find a home in that Afrisult of this appeal.

THE CHURCH AND THE THEATRE.

The Church Witness publishes, under the above heading the following article, which was written for and appeared recently in the New York Episcopalian. It is a strong protest against the Theatre, with its accompanying evils. It is also timely. Fredericton has just been visited by a Theatre company ; and we believe the same company is now holding torth in thi. rity. It is painful to notice the efforts made by thes companies to attract all classes, even children, t. their entertainments. We commend the following t our readers :

"The Devil's Chapel, the school and nursery of ice and lewdness," is the title which the celebrated Archbishop Tilletson bestows on the Theatre, and surely every thoughtful moralist will concur in its perfect fitness. The prosperity of the play-house is : sure sign of public depravity, for in exact ratio as it flourishes, does virtue declin

During the horrors of the French Revolution, foureen theatres were nightly in full blast in Paris, it order to stimulate crime and stiffe the voice of con thirty-two licensed play-houses, and this season there are probably more, to the vast increase of social and national evil. If there is no other significance in this circumstance, it at least shows that the tide of sin rushes after the spreading population. The money quandered at these places in one night would doubtless be sufficient to relieve the wants of the city poor during a week.

Warnings have come down to us from early antiquity of the pernicious tendencies of the theatre-the ore illustrious and virtuous heathen denounced it as the unfailing seminary of vice, and Rollin affirms Athenian State. Of course, to the early Christians back under clerical tyranny. it was a place utterly forbidden.

"We (Christians)," writes Tertullian, " have nothing to do with the frenzies of the race ground. the lewdoess of the play-house, or the barbarities of he bear-garden." St. Augustine declared that all case as stated : the venoms that corrupted his heart and made infamous his early life, he imbibed at the theatre; and t should be borne in mind that the theatre of the present day far surpasses in destructive allurements that of his time.

John Wesley styled the theatre "the sink of all rofaneness and debauchery." Wilberforce declared to be most pernicious in tendency; and in short, the testimony of every advocate of virtue accords against it. It is impossible for any person to frequent the play-house and not become oblivious to nodesty, indifference to sin, and most fatal consequences of all, hardened against God's Spirit, and areless of the issues of heaven and hell. One vis made by a young person to the play-house will often suffice to quench the blushes of "ingenious shame," and brush the bloom of innocence from his mind. The theatre, it is well known, has been and is the training school for multitudes of the criminal and miserable of all sorts whose favorite resort it is; but not its most ardent advocate can prove, that in one single instance has it ever been the means of reclaiming a soul from evil. George Muller, the founder of the celebrated orohan establishment in England, once, when in great mon (Prov. xi. 30), "He that winneth souls is wise:" benefit as coming from so improper a source, it was unfit to be used in a religious cause. No person enlightened by the Bible, or who has The text does not say he that winneth gold is wise. ples of folly without a distinct consciousness (except monks, and ritual, and prayers, so that the Romanhough it may require a great deal of wisdom to get his conscience has become calloused) that he is guilty ists had but little change to make. The successful money-getter should remember, of a transgression which must be accounted for before with rationality impeach, and which a righteous God next were of a very different kind. The text does The Church ministry has been accused, justly, not say he that winneth the approbation of men is of lukewarmness on the subject. Is it not, therefore, wise. Yet what appliances are sometimes brought her duty to raise yet louder her warning in reprobanto play to win it ! Let it be known, however, | ting her enemy, the play-house ? to expel the emissathyself; but I will reprove thes, and set thy sins in that if a man make that his object in life he would ries of the foe out of the sanctuary? By undue lenifind it turn out a miserable thing. The text declares ency and temporizing the sacred cause suffers. At the soul-winner to be personally and eminently wise. the late Convention the presiding Bishop opportunely It does not say he is wise who knows how souls may warned his hearers against the licentiousness and be won, and could write a book about it, but he is grossness of theatrical exhibitions, and others of the wise who does the work. The text, too, is very bishops and clergy have been equally condemnatory. broad and unqualified in its statement. It says, A clergyman of Hartford, Conn., expressed his detervery ornate and oratorical in his style !" Never of his parishioners who attend any of the revolting ings are held under the direction of nine ladies; and; he winneth souls. " But, sir, he is very and vulgar plays and operas now so popular; and rofound. He utters everything with logical pre- might not his excellent example be copied with benesion!" Yes; but souls are won. "Ah! but he fit. Is it too much to ask of Church members-of he diploma. Paul with his logic and his learning, is expressly meant theatrical exhibitions-that they pollos with his oratory, and Cephas with his bold, not only abstain in person from venturing on what rough tones, were all useful as soul-winners. That the distinguished Dr. Rush, of Philadelphia, designapoor Bible-woman who wins souls is wise; and so is | ted the "the Devil's ground," but also exclude from the useful Sunday-school teacher. And it is to be their social circles those who daringly persist in the a man who can win souls would have done anything sight for the "Devil and his angels!"

Rev. J. K. Converse, Agent of the American Colonization Society, sends a communication to the Morning Star, in which he states that 2,300 Freedmen have applied to that Society for the means of emigrawork there.

BRIGHAM YOUNG'S TELEGRAPH. - Brigham Young due us. has telegraph wires leading to his office and connecting with every hamlet in Utah, a line of 500 miles charge of a bishop of the Mormon Church, and who can report at any time all that takes place to Young. From his private office in Salt Lake City, like the watchman in the fire telegraph, Brigham may give an order to ring an alarm from Idaho to New Mexico. the village of Rosendorf, upon the frontiers of Bohemia, lived a man who had adopted infidel opinions, and wearied the priests by his doubts and objections. In first, that he ought to be a faithful believer ; secondly, that the papal church was not in accordance with and jubilant.

the Scriptures. This is not all. He talked with his friends and neighbors about the Scriptures ; and the villagers. seeing how much better he had become, conceived a Every week increases the number of proselytes to the Christian faith.

Bible; but what can they do? Souls whom the belief that the accident was not caused by any carcthat it was the chief cause of the downfall of the grace of God has converted, are not willing to fall

> PIOUS STEALING .- The New York Independent records an instance of good resulting from a sermon in a way probably the least thought of. Here is the

A city clergyman some years since preached a Judges. The majority of our citizens think the verthorough practical sermon upon honesty. In the course of his service he alluded to this very subject, and poured out the vials of indignation and moral to our taxes.

wrath against the too common habit of stealing under the disguise of borrowing. At the conclusion of the discourse he called upon the people carefully to examine themselves, and solemnly charged them that

if any of them were guilty of this offence, at once to repent and bring forth Iruits meet for repentance. Market on Tuesday evening, 50 hogs of various sizes, During that very week, three books, which he had and a lot of buckwheat, &c., all worth a pretty large lent and considered lost, were returned to him. He sum .- Journal. announced the fact on the ensuing Sunday ; and this MR. ALWARD ON "ENGLAND IN AMERICA."-The former : not forgetting, however, tho reflex influence not omit a happy reference to "England in Canada," The Journal says : -

th back two more stray books. Other lenders Institute on Monday evening was crowded to excess, in the congregation were profited in the same Silas Alward, Esq., being about to deliver his proway. The careless, if not dishonest, borrowers were mised lecture on "England in America." The theme waked up to a sense of the evil justly chargeable was well selected. It was akin to that illustrated in against them, and at once sought to correct it. That Dilke's book on "Greater Britain," this gentleman sermon did good. Any sermon does good that so following the English round the globe, while Mr. Alexposes a sin, or recommends a virtue, that the sin- ward treats of English colonization in America and of ner abandons the sin and at once sets about practi- the political and moral bequests of the latter to the Buddhism, the religious system of China which of America upon Europe. The career of Spain on this has the most adherents, is so much like Romanism continent, beginning with its discovery, her decline need of funds, returned the proceeds of a theatre that it is said that when the first Catholic priests and fall; the career of France, ending with the tragic went to China, they said the devil had been there from small beginnings of British colonization were grabefore them, and taught the Chinamen all the exter- phically sketched and admirably illustrated. Towards any glimmering of truth, can enter one of those tem. nals of their religion. They found monastaries and the end of the lecture, every sentence of which told on AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH.-The Islington (London) a portion of America of whose prospects Mr. Alward Congregational church, of which the Rev. Dr. Ra. made a grand estimate. This was one of the best for preaching. Besides a large Sunday school, it has will from time to time be demanded .- Journal. fifteen rooms are regularly opened for religious read- number of persons in this city who were either awake "He that winneth souls is wise." "But, sir, he is mination to exclude from the Holy Communion those ing and conversation meetings; four mothers' meet- at the time or aroused by the noise. As these perplaces of worship; the schools are attended by 1,300 mistaken for the sensation described resembling, to this the insulated requirement of revelation. In- is very rude and rough in his manner. Sometimes those whose baptismal vows bind them to renounce children; and no fewer than 2,000 poor people re- some extent, distant thunder. The noise, which lastngrammatical." Still he winneth souls. Give him "the vain pomp and glory of the world," by which ceive Christmas dinners, etc., through the same in- ed probably three quarters of a minute, was loudest TRUE REVIVALS .- An American exchange says :- produced was not great, though sufficient at one time The winter is passing, but we do not hear in any to cause a loose-fitting lamp chimney to shake and served that the man who does much in the way pursuit of iniquity. Communicants of the Church from only a point here and there, does a word come respect except intensity it was similar to that which f soul-winning is never a fool. On the contrary, participating in such orgies must surely be a joyful of the outpouring of the Spirit. Are we all at work, was experienced in the Maritime Provinces about 14 dear brethren and friends, as we ought, or are we years ago. To some the noise appeared like the failpass, and witness few souls saved? The close of the of a loaded cart over frozen ground." *

THE NEWS and THE PRESS

JANUARY 22, 1869.

Many thanks to our triends who are promptcan colony, that they may share and contribute to ly renewing their subscriptions. We hope others will the civilizing agencies that are now effectually at not neglect to do likewise. With heavy payments to make at this season of the year, we need all the funds

ST. STEPHEN'S BANK PAPER will be taken in mg. Every settlement of half a dozen houses has a payment of all sums due the estate of the late Rev. elegraph office, with female Saint operators and in E. McLeod; also for renewals and new subscription to the "INTELLIGENCER."_

Our Local Government it appears is about to undergo a regular overhauling and be remodelled. Mr. REVIVAL IN BOHEMIA .- An exchange says that, in Chandler has retired, or is about to do so, Mr. Sutton, ditto. The names of Messrs. King, Keans, Botsford and Muirbead, are all mentioned in connection despair of convincing him by ordinary means, the with the future of the "frail bark." The News and Romish curate advised him to read the Bible. He Globe are earnestly discussing the prospects : the did so, and soon arrived at these two conclusions : former is carnest and hopeful, the latter is doubtful

At the present sitting of the Circuit Court, an action was brought against the City Corporation by a Miss Green, for damages sustained in crossing tho ience. Last winter there were in New York city deep respect for the trath which he taught them. Carleton Ferry. It appears that the Ferry Boat in The Moravian brethren of Herrnhut, hearing what | making the landing struck the piles at the sides of the had taken place at Rosendorf, sent evangelists with slip, causing one of them to break, and in its fall copies of the Bible. Religious meetings were held in struck Miss Green, breaking her thigh. She was A chapel a commodating about two hundred per- laid up some nine months, and has never fully recosons was built by the Moravians, and to day evange- vered from the accident, one leg being shorter than lical worship is regularly celebrated at Rosendorf. the other, and causing an ungraceful limp. The Corporation defended the case on the ground that the The Romish priests are greatly incensed. They lessees of the Ferry were liable for the accident. The bitterly regret that they advised the reading of the jury returned a written verdict, stating it as their

lessness or neglect in the management of the Ferry Boat, but by a defect in the timber which came under the jurisdiction, and was allowed to go unre-

> paired, through the neglect of the Defendants. Damages, \$4,000; amount claimed, \$20,000. It is currently reported that the case will be referred to the

dict a just one, although it will be another addition

Lieut. Col. Otty has been gazetted a Brigade Major in the Militia of the Dominion. The appointment carries with it a salary.

Mr. Price, of Butternut Ridge, had in the Country events in Mexico, and finally the wonderful progress, the audience, Mr. Alward waxed particularly eloquent, and produced a corresponding effect. He did lectures yet delivered by Mr. Alward, and it is one on which his active and inquiring mind will be likely to make further improvements as its repetition EARTHQUAKE IN ST. JOHN .- Early on Saturday morning last St. John was visited by an earthquake. "The shock was perceptibly heard and felt by a sons live at different points, such as Orange street, Wellington Row, Jeffrey's Hill, the Valley, &c., no local disturbance of any kind could have possibly been at first, and though it diminished gradually in intensity, it ended (as it began) abruptly. The motion rattle. It is said by some who heard it that in every ing of great quantities of lumber and the swift passage

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each other.

The natural enquiry is, from what source arises these crimes, whence come they ? The answer may easily be given. Extravagance and an inordinate desire of "keeping up appearances," have much to do with failures in business. Against these christian men should constantly guard. When we see persons in business, running into all the unnecessary and extravagant expenditures of life, we feel like advising our friends to stand aside, for failure must assuredly follow. An additional course is, an unrighteous and unjustifiable speculation, which becomes, with some minds, as fascinating as gambling, and may be carried to a point, which is almost, if not quite, as objectionable. From this source alone, hundreds of persons have lost, through the speculations of their Broker, above referred to, the hard earned means of years, and have in some instances been reduced to poverty and want.

It follows then that a christian should guard against the growth of a desire for undue speculations, as he would against that very common curse of society, gambling. Another very common cause of these evils is, the love of gain, illustrating the truth of God's word, where it declares "the love of money is the root of all evil." How anxious in these days, men are to become rich, by some magical or sudden means, this is the " foster-moth r" of gambling and speculawhole matter is a want of integrity, a wretched dishonesty, covered as it may be, for years by abundance itself in all its naked deformity.

he deliberately run into extravagance, over speculawhat shall be said of the climax of crimes, murder? How shall we account for so foul a deed ? dark, brutal and fiendish ! This arises from the natural corruption of the human heart-the absence of christian and parental instruction, strict education, and foul and corrupt association. We warn our readers to be cautions of the company and the hours of their sons. See that moral influences, as much as it is possible, are thrown about them; and let the daily walk and mercy, rather than those of vice.

Let us now reflect what has been the result of the above acts to the mercantile community. Distrust, followed by stagnation in business; to the poor, confiding creditors, heavy losses, and in some cases absolute beggary; and to the perpetrators themselves, disgrace, confusion, and imprisonment; but to the murderers, and those guilty of lesser crimes, escape, at least from human punishment. Nevertheless for all these sins there yet awaits a day of reckoning, and unless repented of, and restitution made, so far as it remains possible, the wrath and vengeance of an offended God will be poured out upon them. The laws of man may be evaded, either for want of evidence or otherwise, but the justice of Deity will meet themthis they cannot escape. We should all learn a les" son from these events, not only to escape the evils of like deeds, but to so train those under us, that they may walk in wisdom's ways, and not go in the ways of their own hearts.

Never was the motto introducing these considerations more fearfully illustrated than in the end of the self-immolated victim, whom it is a duty admonitorily to hold up to view.

"THE ACTING BAD "

stands out in distinctive contrariety to the Divine mandate expressed in plain and unequivocal lantion. But the cause which lies at the base of the guage, "Do thyself no harm."-Acts xvi. 28. Nor is stantly responsive to it is reason and justice. How or credit ; still when the hour of trial arrives it shows frequently is reason aroused from slumber by nature in those repulsions of vital energy which indicate When a man has given up all for Christ, come the violation, by unlawful self-indulgence, of the what will he stands firm, explains the cause of his laws of our physical being. Amongst the disgusting losses or failure, if such has been his misfortune, and habits at variance with the dignity of our character gives an account of every farthing. Neither does the before God and man, is addictedness to the drunkard's christian knowingly live beyond his income, so that drink. The balance of sanguineous circulation is he is compelled to use the means of others or his em- overturned; an undue quantum of blood surcharges ployers. We are aware, that the best of men may the brain, producing temporary congestion, indicated fail in business and may be the means of injuring or by giddiness, loss of distinctive vision and self coneven ruining others, but he will not shrink an inves- trol. The danger impending is two-fold ; internal tigation or strive to escape from justice ; neither will and external. Internal : a brain vessel may be ruptured, liability to which is probable, from distension tion or gambling, to cause loss to his creditors. But by supercharge and the violence which is characteristic of the sin. The extravasated blood flowing upon the brain, produces apoplectic death. External : by exposure to death-perils which the most ordinary foresight in a state of sobriety would render inert. The voice of nature, equally with the voice of revelation, is in this case the voice of God. Oh, how death, temporal and eternal !

It is but a few years since that a young man, on conversation of those at home lead them to acts of his way to the West with his wife and child, intimated, as they were waiting for the train, that he must leave the depot. He set at nought the most piteous entreaties to remain, while the anxiety too apparent in her countenance indicated fearful apprehension as to the result, and her tears fell upon the sleeping babe. Just as the signal was given that the time for starting was nearly due he came, reeling under the stupefying influence of liquor. Attempting to cross m his body. The wife stood, with ghastly counwas taken up, her hair drenched with the blood which had founted from the mangled body of the lifeday witnessed will be berne on the mind with shuddering horror till life's latest hours, while the widow lives only to wither under the all-blighting recollecrable ruin which befel an obstinate votary of strong | that indescribable something-sometimes called uncdrink, beware how they indulge the depraved and de-NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES WANTED .- A friend graded appetite. Let Christians look at it, and re- being about to preach at some particular place, and church to have a revival without a minister. Some who has been a long time a subscriber to the Intelli- member that it is the fiat of heaven, No drunkard determined to be before him. So he went to the place churches (or church members, at least,) go so far as gencer, enclosing his subscription for 1869, says of hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and the paper: "I still look forward to its visits with of God. Let ministers follow in thought the depart." the paper : "I still look forward to its visits with of God. Let ministers follow in thought the departanxiety, though sometimes in looking over it I get | ed spirit to the judgment throne, and, as there it disappointed in not hearing from more of our minis- awaits the decision of eternal justice, ask themselves tainly be against his own cause. "Oh," said the exchange contains an account of a revival which may ters. It seems to me we might hear from some of whether or not they have been faithful in warning devil, "it will do no harm; there was no unction in their prosperity: their people of fostering, by compliance with the it, the Holy Ghost was not with me; it will do no them every week. I love to hear of their prosperity ; their people of fostering, by compliance with the and hope they will take more interest in writing to customs of fashionable etiquette, this intoxicating you." We have reason to believe the above to be a 'and soul-destroying demon? Let all ponder their correct expression of what our readers generally de- personal responsibility as members of God's moral sire-news from the churches, communicated either government, and when temptation comes, and the deby ministers or others. We hope our friends will ceptive apology for compliance falls with familiar urtake the hint soon. Long letters are not required, gency upon the ear, think of the FATAL INFATUATION.

hour. All live agencies will constantly change; the does not perceive it? Is it not either personally sui- world around us is changing, and if God's people are cidal or relatively unjust? "No man liveth unto wise they will be ready for every change presented. himself."-Rom. xiv. 7. Does he destroy himself | Our world is to be redeemed by aggressive warfare. Go forward,' is still the demand.'

MR. SPURGEON ON WINNING SOULS.

The London Christian World has the following synopsis of a sermon recently preached by Rev. Mr. Spurgeon. He took for his text, the words of Soloand contaminating immorality. As intelligent, as and discoursed on it in the following admirable man-

however, that the currencies of this world and the the bar of God.

well if he had been called to do it. Luther could have ruled empires, Wesley could have managed a Cabinet, Whitfield could have stirred the souls of the embled Partiament as Pitt used to do. Further, an exceedingly wise one. What can be a wiser thing han to aim at bringing glory to the Creator? and if o this you can add benevolence, to men you do a ning of pre-eminent wisdom. And besides this the oul-winner brings a wealth of happiness to himself, which further stamps it as a wise thing. It is to be observed that not without wisdom does God Himself f God.

In further discoursing on the subject Mr. Spurgeon llustrated the figurative expression of winning. The There are some who think to win souls by trickery; ance at the place of prayer is nine hundred. the dropping of water from the hands on a child's face is to regenerate them ; and so by Sacramentari anism souls are to be juggled into heaven. The term is also used in connection with warfare, and men talk of winning a battle. It is also employed in connection with the Greek games. The athlete ran or wrestled to win the prize. Each of these points were made The preacher went on to speak of another way which the term was employed, of which he could nly give a hint, but which came nearest to soul-

sinning than any of the other uses of the word, -he letter to a friend : meant when a man won love. It could not be ex- I have a great desire to live. I am not tired of fresh interest and sympathy in this necessary but the mouth of the harbor. Two gentlemen were apart of winning souls. The man had a sympathy for that there are glorious things in prospect for our souls who drew them toward him. The concluding earth, and that it will be a greater thing to live for this port, and he did not hesitate to say that in pro- We are pleased to learn that Fireman's Division is sensibility. The wail of the infant, as the mother ance more particularly preachers, Mr. Spurgeon re- do. You have the advantage of me in other respect. minded them that if they would do anything in the You have the use of your eyes. I have not not, and way of soul-winning they must believe in it-believe am obliged to write this letter by the aid of a ma- Telegraph. that souls could be won. It must be the drift of chine, and this I can use but little. I preach a little, less father, pierced every heart, and the scene that their sermons. It was not the man who hoped souls but have no charge, and am a practical farmer-with might be won, but who was sure they might, who a farm of one acre. I remember the scenes of other won them. Further, he would be the most success-ful soul-winner who kept closest to the soul-winning be recalled. There are brighter scenes and even which is now due. We are persuaded that it is only duly received his change. Shortly after his departure truths of the Bible. Some important truths were not happier lands, and there will be a prolonged and untion of the fearful end of the partner of her early life. soul-winning. It must be the preaching of the truth broken friendships beyond the grave-that grave Let those who may read this notice of the irrepa- of Christ to save souls. There must, moreover, be which is but little before us. tion-in order to the winning of souls. It is said A REVIVAL WITHOUT A MINISTER.-This idea is that the devil once heard of a very powerful preacher often entertained that it is scarcely possible for a some of his friends remonstrated with him afterwards they have the services of some particular preacher. for preaching such a sermon, urging that it must cer- asserting that no other can do them good. An harm." It is a legend, and of course we don't believe of revival is Strafford, N. H.; and the writer says ; it, but it illustrates an important truth. Preaching The revival interest which was noticed a few weeks

PEN AND SCISSORS.

It is estimated that 30,000 men are kept at Sunday he that winneth souls is wise, because his object is work on the steam railroads of the United States. It is also said that but few of these Sunday running trains pay.

Henry Ward Beecher presides over a very thriving and progressive church. Its membership is 1,707; its annual income from pew rents amounts to \$50,000, more general outpouring of the Holy Spirit ? win souls. There is wisdom in the plan of salva- and during the last year it has raised \$40,000 for chaion, and Christ the Great Soul-winner is the wisdom ritable purposes, besides building a Mission School

Beecher's prayer meetings, which was very small, terrible! Not unfrequently the sin terminates in term is used by knaves who seek to "win" by tricks. has steadily increased, till now the average attend. our sympathy for men who go down to the sea in of guilty.

> HARD TO SUIT. - One of our eastern exchanges reports the case of a congregation that had had about commenced.

suggestive of application to the case of soul-winning. on the 4th of December. Those of our readers who tracts. Mr. Spencer's address, while simple and unhave derived instructions from his " Notes" will be affected, sketched vividly the surroundings, discompleased to read the following extract from a private forts, and temptations and ocean perils of the seaman,

since in the Star, still continues with us. Between

the platform he stumbled, fell upon the rail, and the plained; sometimes a look did it, or a word. So life, nor discouraged much abused class of workmen. Mr. Spencer has pointed delegates to confer with the Dominion auth-

cing the virtue.

leigh is pastor, supports three auxiliary ministers preaching in as many chapels, and four other places three "ragged schools" and two day schools, employing three salaried and 160 volunteer teachers. Two "Bible women" and 120 members of the church are regularly engaged in house-to-house visitation;

1,500 are gathered every sabbath into these various strumentality.

of the denominations of extensive revivals. Indeed, willing, in listlessness and quiet to have the season ld and the opening of the new year ought to be

that we have and are to the Lord. It is too true that there are not those cheering ac- Western Extension will speedily be finished. We counts from all quarters that were so frequently at notice that the cutting between the depot and river is

this season of other years. It should not be so. Are pastors and shurches labouring and praying for a which rush the surging waters of the St. John. We

On Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Spencer (Baptist) preached in St. John Presbyterian Church (Rev. Mr. Bennet's) a sermon admirably calculated to increase Mr. Marter's shop, King street, resulted in a verdict

ships. The text, psalmody and reading of scripture, as the discourse itself, had a special reference to Seamen. In the course of his instructive remarks, Mr. thirty candidates on trial for their pulpit, and Spencer stated that, during the year which had just four times as much per mile as the earnings of the seemed not so near obtaining a pastor as when they closed he had preached 100 sermons to congregations St. John and Shediac line.

of seamen, visited 500 vessels in port, and 300 sick A Woollen Factory is projected in Carleton Co. Rev. Albert Barnes completed his seventieth year seamen in Hospital, and distributed 25,000 pages of The prospects appear favorable. and, we have no doubt, created in not a few hearts, a

FAIRVILLE. - This place is assuming quite a popusignalized by a deep and reverent consecration of all lous appearance. New houses and stores are going

up in all directions. The depot and wood-shed o being carried forward. Soon another bridge will span the narrow and picturesque gorge through hope it will not be such as will be a blot of ugliness on that romantic view .- Journal.

The trial of the boy Wetmore, charged with stealing a cash-box, containing money and papers, from

The earnings of the St. Stephen Branch Railroad for the last year amounted to \$110,000, and after deducting all expenses will leave a balance for the stockholders of \$9,000. The earnings are nearly

The Military School of Instruction will be opened in St. John about the first of February. Assistant General of Militia, Col. Maunsell, will have charge. A meeting held in Richibucto, on Friday, passed

and insinuating address, who, after selecting some

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House at a cost of \$60,000. The attendance at Mr.

It is to be hoped that the follies and wickedness which have been so prevalent of late will prove a salutary lesson to all.

What we, and those interested in the movements of our denomination want, is a simple and brief state. We are indebted to the Journal for the ac. ment of facts. Church news is always eagerly looked count of the meeting of the British and Foreign Bible for and carefully perused.

in the acknowledgment list that we have given you | with us send their papers addressed, " Religious Incredit for the Commercial Bank Note sent, at the rate | telligencer, Fredericton," instead of St. John ? Some of 87cts. on the dollar, that being the rate paid by now go to the latter place, which makes them a little brokers now.

To COBRESPONDENTS. - Beverly Smith : you will see Will the publishers who kindly exchange old before reaching us.

without unction will win no souls from Satan. In addressing Christians in general, Mr. Spurgeon | sixty and seventy have professed their faith in Christ. exhorted them all to aim at winning souls, to pray Quite a number are heads of families. The work also distinctively for some souls in particular, and to embraces many of the Sabbath school scholars, watch opportunities for soul-winning. In conclusion among whom are two of my own sons. This good the preacher said that those who could not do work commenced in early autumn in the portion of bound to help those who had a gift for doing brethren live, who have for some time past sustained it, and to further every means that might improve a weekly prayer meeting. About the time of the inthe gift, such as education and ministerial training. | terest here, I was confined to my room by sickness Society, which appears on our first page this week. He remarked on the backwardness of many Chris- for several weeks, and thus they were deprived of tians to help colleges for the training of ministers. pastoral aid; nevertheless they made their prayers

He had to do with an orphanage and a college, and he | unto God for the salvation of sinners and for the resfound it much easier to get help for the first than for toration of their pastor, and God heard and answered Two brothers jumped from the fifth story of a They have now a mill at Miramichi, also." nated in a burning desire on the part of the Countess | have a midd to work.

been incessant in his labors among the seamen in orities.

tenance, motionless. As the headless corpse was part of the discourse was occupied in earnest direc- the next half century than it has been to live in the portion to the agency employed, missionary work already reaping good fruits from its weekly Temperlifted to the platform she fell upon it in a state of in- tions to soul-winners. Addressing in the first inst- one that is past, and where we have had something to among seamen has been productive of as much good ance meetings, by large additions not only to its as among any other class of persons in the world. - | self. - Tel. Pledge Book but also to the ranks of the Division it-A Dock street establishment was yesterday pa-

FOREIGN MISSION .- We learn from the Treasurer of tronized by a young man of prepossessing appearance the F. M. Society, that there is not yet enough cash necessary to intimate this fact to the friends of the however, the proprietor discovered the note to be a Society to have the deficiency made up. One hundred forgery. One corner had been torn off, and in the dollars at least is yet needed. Shall it not be forth- altered to "four." It is just possible that this is not coming at once? Collectors and contributors will the only forged note in circulation .- Freeman. please be prompt.

A letter from Rev. J. L. Phillips, received too of Internal Revenue, who has been making a tour as late for this week, will appear in our next.

TEMPLARS. - There are now in Carleton County, 29 St. John is progressing favourably, the lumbermen primary and two juvenile Lodges of British Templars, stating that the season has been all that could be with a total membership of 1,950.

for month, is greatly in excess of last year, although SABBAAH SCHOOL UNION .- A meeting of the Sab- the aggregate of results and expenditures will not be bath School Union, was held in the basement of the so great as in 1867-8. The movement of produce is Centenary Church, Princess street, on Wednesday not large, nor does there appear to be much money evening. The attendance was large and much inter- in circulation."

est was manifested in the proceedings. A. W. Mas-ters, Esq., acted as Chairman, and Mr. T. B. Smith. "The large wooden bridge over the Aroostook river where it empties into the Saint John, we understand, much in the way of soul-winning themselves were Farmington adjoining Strafford, where some of our as Secretary. The report of the Society was read, is in need of considerable repair, which ought to reafter which the meeting was addressed by the Rev. ceive attention before the time of the Spring freshet. Messrs. McKenzie, Harley, McKay and Mr. W. K. Perhaps the Board of Works will institute enquiry on Reynolds. The addresses were all admirable and to this point. the point; and were listened to with the closest at- "The Company organized to manufacture barrel

tention. Music was furnished by the Choir. - News. staves and work of that description at Florenceville, are quite sanguine of success in their operations.

far up as Grand Falls.

the second, and yet he did not hesitate to say that the in both cases. Before my recovery quite a number boarding house in Chicago, the lower part of which "A much larger quantity of snow has fallen up training of preachers was at the root of all other kinds had found peace in believing, thus showing that a was on fire. Both had their necks and arms broken. river than in St. John. The other day, when only 2 of Christian usefulness. Cheshunt College had origi- church may have a revival without a minister, if they One was killed instantly, the other lingered a few or 3 inches fell here, the upper country was favored hours. - Freeman. with more than a foot in depth."

nearly all of The Patra letter of Mr. York, and p made therein sence of An irritation of own country A meeting favor the ad speeches wer Buxton, Edv London n Government Southampton

centre the word "one" preceding " dollar" had been UP RIVER NEWS .- The Journal has several items of news furnished by Thos. Hanford Esq., inspector

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