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TO ALL OUR READERS WE WISH A Kappy New Menr.

ARGUMENTATIVE PRAYER.

By argumentative prayer we mean that prayer in which we not only present our petitions to God, but also show arguments and reasons why our request should be granted. Job in his extremity said if he knew where he might find God, and could come even to his seat, he would order his cause before him, and fill his mouth with arguments. That is, he would shew him reasons, and plead with him why he should deliver him, and put strength in him. When David prayed in extreme anguish on account of his sins (Psalm li.), he pleaded as an argument for forgiveness-"then will I teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee." "Open thou my lips," said he again, "and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise." A christian writer well observes that "God reasons with us by his word and providences outwardly, and by the motions of his Spirit inwardly: and we reason with him by framing, through the help of his Spirit, certain holy arguments, grounded upon allowed principles, drawn from his nature, name, word, or works." There is certainly nothing unnatural in the incorporation of argument with petitions, and although God knows our abilities and the uses we them, yet there is nothing unreasonable in his re. A young minister was once called to a young and specifying in our prayers our purposes, and the re- he asked was, "Do your people take good religious sults which we expect and wish to follow the grantimproper in a wise father requiring of his sons or | the congregation was supplied with that sort of lithe word—for to profess or promise something to when and where he cannot go.—Ex. God which is not true, or that we do not intend to perform, is to endeavor to mock him, beside deceiving ourselves. God looks at the heart, and as all sincere prayer proceeds from the heart, so the aim of the heart must be expressed or implied in the argument used. Numerous instances might be cited from the Bible of this description of prayer. When Jesus prayed for his people as recorded in John 17th chapter, that they all might be one, it was "that the world might believe that the Father had sent him." When he prayed that they might be

hold his glory.' When Peter and John had been threatened for teaching the people, and preaching through Jesus the resurrection of the dead, they went to their own company, and reported all that had been said unto them, which when they had heard they lifted up their voices with one accord, and prayed that boldness might be granted unto the disciples, so that they might speak the word with boldness, and do signs and wonders in the name of the holy child | bottom, but now my restlessness bespeaks a calm.

with him where he is, "it was that they might be-

But there is another kind of argumentative prayer with which every christian should be acquainted. This is, prayer which incorporates a promise with in Christ. By means of the insight into my misery the petition; which pleads a thus saith the Lord | and corruption, I seem to have obtained permission it in faith to the throne of grace, and what he asks | years, after having once seen the glories behind. will be granted to him. If he hungers and thirsts after righteousness, plead the promise that such shall be filled: if temptation assail him, that such shall not be tempted above what they are able to examine themselves, if they are the characters to

Prayer is not a mere rhapsody of words without

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th,

is the day, recommended by General Conference at keeper can collect any postage on the delivery of the | the last Session, to be devoted to humiliation, fast-INTELLIGENCER, as we have paid in advance the post- | ing and prayer by the Churches of the Free Baptist Denomination. We republish the resolution:

> many of our districts, is the destitution of ministerial help, which we feel ourselves entirely unable Whereas. We sincerely believe there is an abundance of material among our churches, if consecrated

Whereas, The general complaint coming from

to God, to supply such demand; therefore Resolved, That Wednesday, the 4th day of Januuary, 1871, be appointed as a day of humiliation fasting and prayer-1st, That God will preserve

and prosper our ministers already in the field; and and, That he will lay his hand upon, and thrust nto the vineyard, from the intelligent young men of our denomination, such as will assist in gathering in the whitening harvest.

That there is a scarcity of ministers who can doubt? Looking no further than the limits of our own Denomination, we see district after district almost, if not entirely, unsupplied. "Come over and help us" is the constant appeal. Our churches are increasing with cheering rapidity; but undershepherds to watch over and guide the flocks do not increase in proper ratio. There has in reality been a decrease in the last three or four years. What is to be done? More men must be forthcoming, or the good work will suffer. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers. The Conference recommendation is but a reiteration of the Divine direction. The men are in our midst

now. What is wanted is that the Lord send them, for "how can they preach except they be sent?" What men want, they ask for; so when the church needs "God sent ministers"-and no others are wanted-she certainly ought to ask Him for them. All believe that God has concern for His church, and delights to grant her requests, and in every way advance her interests. Christians ought to come boldly to the throne of grace.

We trust all the churches will, on Wednesday next, meet in their several places of worship, and in lowliness of heart cry unto the Most High for help. Let it be a holy fast unto the Lord. Let it be characterized by prayers full of faith in Him who has said, "Ask, and ye shall receive." His ear is not heavy that He cannot hear. He can send whom He will, and in answer to the faithful cries of His people He will cause many to feel, "Necessity is laid upon us, yea woe are we if we preach

RELIGIOUS PAPERS.

quiring our own declaration in the matter, and plastic church. One of the first questions which papers." The elders scarcely knew. He was uning of our petitions. There is certainly nothing | willing to accept their call, unless they would see that daughters a knowledge of the uses to which they | terature. They liked his proposal. The people began intend to appropriate the funds which they occa- to read more upon Church and Christian affairs, and sionally draw from his purse, and especially so, if they began to arouse to earnest working and generous an improper use has been already made of his former giving. The contributions increased wonderfully, bounty. Just so, while we go to God and solicit for the people were learning the real wants of the from the treasures of his grace certain favours and church. The preaching was blest. Press and pulblessings, there is no reason why we should not pit lent a force to each other. Pastor and editor show in our petitions the uses we design to make were mutual helpers in the same good work. And of them. If to glorify God, we have the assurance here is the real design of an earnest, thoroughly that we shall receive; but if to consume upon our Christian paper. It is not to draw dividends upon lusts, we shall as certainly be denied. It may be the large investment, not to wage controversy, not be dedicated to the pure and holy worship of God, said that God knows what we intend to do, and to deal out the mere news of the day, not to pub- on Sabbath, January 1st. May it be said of them, ed. The editor of a contemporary describes that how we shall employ his grace, and therefore it is lish brilliant essays; its leading design is to do "Many souls were born to God there." not necessary for us to use such arguments. True, what pastors should be doing if they knew everybut God also knows what we need before we ask thing, and could be talking and teaching every him, and yet he says-" Ask, and ye shall receive." week in every house. It is his assistant and vicar The power of prayer lies in its arguments—not in in the parish. It supplements his work. It goes tized. Others are anxious, and Bro. M. hopes to

RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE.

It is sometimes said that only the weak-minded profess to enjoy experimental religion. That is not true. Some of the finest minds that the world has ever afforded have not disdained to enjoy and profess the bessedness of experimental religion. Among these is the great German theologian, Tholuck, one of the finest scholars and greatest thinkers living. In a letter to a bosom friend he thus decribes the state of his soul :-

The overbearing spirit in me is humbled, the neart of stone is broken. I can truly say that I am worthy among the children of men. I am still very ephyr breathes upon my cheek in the midst of all soul, and I must weep more and long. In every calm I had before, there was a restlessness at the My whole inward life is like a summer evening when the sun is just setting. I know not whether

THE PASTOR'S SALARY.

The San Francisco Evangel recently referred to case, in that city in which a minister resorted to bear; if adversity or sorrow oppresses him, that all the civil law to recover his salary—an exceptional things shall work together for good to them that | case we hope, and one most certainly unfortunate love God. But let those who plead God's promises for the good name of the church and honor of our faith. We know nothing of the merits of the question in this particular case: but we feel impelled, whom they apply, as well as to know that the pro- from a layman's stand point, to say a word upon A mistake in either of these will render our prayers | in mind a case where the people have been careless or something worse in attending to this duty, and we fear that the instances are too frequent in which it is left to chance, or deemed of little consequence per knowledge of what our real wants are. when or how it is to be done. We want to say eathing of the soul under a | most earnestly to every church within our reach, t be in sighs | whether large or small, rich or poor, that whatever effort or self denial or personal inconvenience it may cause, by all means let the pastor be paid and paid nptly? How can a minister preach with uns pressing upon him; and how can he s with his salary unpaid? No church

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TO THE INTELLIGENCER'S FRIENDS.

We are anxious to commence the new year with a largely increased list of subscribers. To this end we have offered specal inducements to new subscribers (see first page), said offer to continue good for Norton, was last week made the recipient of a donone month only. The figures are below what car be afforded, but hoping they may succeed in se curing many names not now on our list, we venture | gregation in this city.-Union Prayer Meetings for them. Every friend of the paper can assist in some degree in widening its circulation, and thus its usefulness. That it will do good to every family it enters, we are confident. Its costs is nothing in view of the healthy influence we believe it is calculated to exert. We have no agents employed to canvass for subscribers; we must depend upon those who are friends of the paper to do this.

That the Intelligencer is appreciated by per sons of various persuasions, the fact that a large number-over one third-of its subscribers are other than Free Baptists is proof. To these friends nation of \$60, from his parishioners. the Proprietor returns his thanks, and hopes long to have them and many more as readers. Yet it is plain that upon Free Baptists, the paper has more than ordinary claims. It is their unanimously acknowledged organ; their only means of communiabounding sin than of religious revival. The cation with the public; and their principles it Week of Prayer is at hand, but let us not wait for stands ready to defend. Its pages always contain that; pray now, pray always, pray fervently, benews of the state of the churches, the whereabouts of the ministers, and their successes, so far as can be ascertained. More of them ought to be subscribers; more of them may be if effort is made to pray. secure them. While we solicit the assistance of all friends, we think we may properly appeal especial- Suppression of Cruelty to Animals, has recently ly to the ministers. They have now an excellent | brought to light a secret form of torture applied to opportunity of helping their denominational paper horses. It appears that in order to show off the and themselves as well. The Intelligencer's points of their steeds, the drivers of dashing equiaim and theirs is the same, i. e., the dissemination pages in New York are in the habit of attaching of the saving truth of Jesus Christ. While they leather pads thickly set with steel needles to the labor to benefit the families of their charges from | bit, in such a manner that the sharp points will the pulpit, they may also do them good by per- come next to the thin skin of the horse's cheeks. suading them to take a good religious paper. There | When they wish to show the "spirit" of their aniare many, in every community, who only want the mals they have only to draw the reins and the pain matter brought to their notice, and they will sub- causes the prancing, &c., which are thought eviscribe. Ministers may profitably mention it from dences of mettle and good keeping. Mr. Bergh is their pulpits, and during their pastoral visiting. putting a stop to this dreadful cruelty. Will you do so, brethren? Now is the time. Let us have you hearty co-operation, and much can be done. With earnest effort, the INTELLIGENCER going on briskly. The offer of reduced rates is might commence 1871 with five hundred new sub- only good for two weeks longer. scribers. Who will try? We shall expect many.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

VICTORIA CORNER.—A correspondent writes that being made to secure the labours of Rev. Thomas Vanwart. We trust they may succeed, for we are persuaded that brother Vanwart will do good and

DONATIONS .- We are glad to know that our brethren are on the "sunny side." A friend informs us that Bro. Shaw does not have the pastoral care of any of the churches, represented at his donation, which speaks well for his standing outside his field of labour. The same is true, if we remember cor- the siege of Paris commenced, one hundred and fifty Water street. rectly, of Bro. Vanwart. We hope all the ministers | thousand copies of the New Testament and separate will experience like generous treatment at the hands | Gospels in circulation among the soldiers of the of their friends. A good way to make "A merry Christmas" and "A happy New Year."

Signs of Prosperity.—Two new churches are to

TRACEY'S MILLS, C. Co.—Rev. G. W. McDonald writes that he is still holding meetings. The church the paper, then his contributions to benevolent has been much quickened, and eight have been bapsee them come fully out on the Lord's side.

Correspondence.

DONATION TO REV. J. R. SHAW.

DEAR INTELLIGENCER-On Wednesday evening. the 14th inst., the friends of Rev. J. R. Shaw from Jacksontown, Waterville, Simonds, Hartland, Victoria Corner and Summerville, met at his résidence in the latter place. Good things for the inner man were abundantly supplied by the visitors, and to them ample justice was done. Proceeding to more important business, Israel Merritt, Esq., was called to the Chair, and on behalf of the company presented Bro. Shaw with a donation of one hundred and ten dollars, \$51 of which was in cash. Bro. S. made a most appropriate verbal reply, thanking his friends for their kindness so heartily expressed towards himself and family, and expressing a hope that he might be a more devoted servant of Jesu Christ. Several gentlemen, among them Revs. T. Connor and T. Vanwart, followed with speeches suitable to the occasion. After a short time devoted to music, etc., the company separated, the givers better for having received. December 17, 1870

LETTER FROM BRO. A. RIDEOUT.

Dear Bro. McLeod—A Conference resolution says that we should report our labors every three months through the Intelligencer. I take this as an argument. The promises of God are the be- to raise at times, for a moment, the curtain of a opportunity of showing, in a few words, my present liever's warrant for all his needs. And he has only great sanctuary. After such a glimpse my soul is situation. In the past three months I have felt filled with so joyous a trembling that I would be encouraged; I have indulged a hope of getting to find the promise suited to his want, and present | willing to wait patiently before the curtain for | well, and have spent a month from home with no known injury to myself. Now that the weather is cold I must remain at home. I hoped to be able to write more encouragingly by this time; I am anxious to be well, for I see so much to be done. I would readily go up to the battle if I was able.

I have collected nothing for the Missions, though | soul in patience" if he waits for Gen. Trochu. The I have tried. I trust, however, that God has bless- General seems to have his hands full just now. ed me in helping me to help some anxious ones to Christ. "Let him know"-says the Apostlethat he which converteth a sinner from the error trouble between the Chinese and Europeans comes of his ways shall save a soul from death, and shall to view, the first interference of certain people rehide a multitude of sins." I am thankful to God for the favor conferred. "Sorrow may endure for puted to be worldly-wise is that something must a night, but joy cometh in the morning." "Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing ample, since the peaceable settlement of the diffl-

shall offend them.' I hope the time is not far off when I shall report, with others, thirty days' labor in every month. I find a good many churches without pastoral care, and very seldom visited by any preacher. Their piritual wants should be met by the servants of doings in that part of the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, then the laborers' temporal wants peace and prosperity let it be carried a step further, would be supplied. Neglect on one side begets and let some check be put on the proselytizing zeal like neglect on the other. Let the laborers go of the missionaries; or, as sure as they are left to forth sowing beside all waters. This we know, if urge on their wild career of religious enthusiasm we sow to the spirit we shall reap life everlasting. o pray for a blessing upon the word May the Lord prosper us all in the great work is like the last, delaying the progress of enlightenmy prayer. Yours in Christ, y and care in reference to

A. RIDEOUT. Summerville, C. Co., Dec. 17, 1870.

MONTANA'S CONTRIBUTION.

Brother H. Vanwart, who is still in Helena Montana Territory, has not forgotten home, nor the benevolent interests here sustained. We have ust received his annual offering to the Missions, hich is acknowledged in the usual place. Bro. nd the other brethren who have gone so far from home, have done so well in their practiabrance of home that they deserve special

> ger of the experiment being tried. matters, Bro. V. writes, under date of

r is remarkably fine for the season, ern Pacific Railroad. It will, h some of the beautiful valleys near to Helena. This town | the most magnificent in the world, exceeding in ilies resort here then to get | is, they being the only ones to appear the population

The Lutheran Synod of Northern Indiana has BRIEF RELIGIOUS ITEMS.—The Baptist Church in elected King William of Prussia as a life Director Woodstock is having some revival. Rev. Mr. Cady has been labouring there for some time, and last of its Missionary Society. Perhaps he will act. Sabbath he baptized six.—Rev. I. E. Bill jun., of Dr. Cuyler, in an article on Systematic Giving, states that Mr. Jas. Lennox, of New York, has, ation of over \$50.—Rev. Mr. Houston (Presbyterian) during the past thirty years, contributed more to received a christmas present of \$200, from his conhalf dozen single and very large donations. next week, have been arranged to be held in the

English and French Protestants .-- A Methodist

Church has been organized in Portugal.—Rev. Chas.

Medley, rector of Sussex, received a Christmas do-

"O LORD, REVIVE THY WORK," is the prayer

that should be on the lips and heart of every

Christian. From all quarters we hear more of

Mr. Bergh, the President of the Society for the

** We hope the canvass for new subscribers is

Pen and Scissors.

sent week were the shortest of the year, having

eight hours and thirty minutes each from sunrise

Dr. Hepburn, a Presbyterian missionary in Japan.

has translated into Japanese the Gospels of Mat-

thew, Mark, and John, and is about half through

M. DE PRESSENSE, one of the most devoted evan-

gelical men of France, succeeded in placing, before

French army and in the hospitals of Alsace and

STOPPING A RELIGIOUS PAPER.—In the first

psalm the downward course of a sinner is describ-

of a man giving up his church paper on the plea

of poverty, as follows: "A man usually first stops

enterprises, then his subscription to his minister,

then he feels compelled to worship where he can

do it at the expense of other people, then he be-

Lord's day comes, next that there is a Lord, a

heaven, and that he has a soul. Yet all the time a

good many of these poor people will buy houses,

lands, shave paper, and-yes-and-the latter end

VICTOR EMMANUEL does not have the fear of the

Pope or his thunders before his eyes. Two Italian

apers having published the Bull of Nov. 1, in which

ne Pope excommunicates those who ordered, ad-

vised and executed the invasion of the Pontifical

States, they have been seized by order of the

Government, and are dealt with like all other of-

are hard pills for Popes to swallow, but they have

been administering them to others for many hun-

reds of years and it is about time they should

GEN. TROCHU is far sighted. He has already de-

eided what he is to do next, after he has beaten the

Germans; he is going to restore the Papal throne.

A letter has been received by the Pope from Gen.

culty occasioned by the Tien-tsin massacre, the

Examiner and London Review moralizes as follows:

the pugnacious valor which formerly directed our

uncontrolled, so surely will they raise a hubbub

ment in the country itself, checking the progress of

empire, and landing us in the difficulty of diplo-

matic demands for reparation, with the contingency

other Government, will propose to check the zeal

of missionaries. We should like to see what sort

of chance a Ministry would have at the hustings,

cotton, and it is said that their fectories are now is likely to hold sway in future.—Ex.

of refusal and reprisals.

New York Independent.

Now that discretion has shown itself superior to

to restore the Pope his triple crown.

nders against the dignity of the crown. These

is worse with them than the beginning."

know how they taste.—Ex.

Pall Mall Gazette:

different Fredericton churches.-York County Bapexcommunicated, for the period of one year, nearly tist Quarterly Meeting is to be held with the Fredthe entire congregation of a Roman Catholic Church ericton Church, commencing Wednesday next, for engaging in a dance on the Sabbath. The January 4th.—The Pilgrims Progress has been transdance was in honor of a new church, and was in lated into Caffre.-Rev. Mr. Payson (Methodist), opposition to the will of the priests. has been holding a series of meetings in Burton, Just sixty-eight years ago, Mary Edwards started with cheering success.-A daily prayer meeting commenced in Paris in 1867, is still kept up by

a female prayer meeting in a private house in Binghamton, N. Y., and continued it regular for fifty years; and in so doing, founded the second largest society of Presbyterians in the United States. There are more than fifteen large Chinese cities

in which Protestant missions are established, employing one hundred and twenty-nine ordained missionaries, with four hundred and eighty-seven native assistants, and fifty-seven hundred and fortythree communicants.

A famous brigand, Pilone, recently executed at Naples, carried with him to his death, bits of three saints, an image of the Virgin, and other equally lievingly, hopefully. The promises are strong and powerful relics wrapped up in a piece of paper. our experience is rich in encouragement. Let us Doubtless he thought they would do him good, but did not his priests know that in the hour of death

' None but Jesus, none but Jesus, Can do helpless sinners good.

On Fifth street, New York, there is a small Church of Christian Israelites, who have maintained regular worship for more than twenty years. They believe that the twelve tribes of Israel now scatter ed on the earth are to be gathered together and brought to embrace Christianity as the first step toward the evangelization of the race. Their dress is like that of the Quakers, and their services are in English and German.

A remarkable revival has begun at No. 977 Water street, New York, formerly a house of ill-fame, kept by Annie Russell. This woman has been attending the prayer-meetings at the "Home for Women' occasionally, and, at the dinner at the Home on Thanksgiving Day, expressed to the missionary her desire to leave the life of sin she had been living, and become a Christian. Last week she sent fo the missionary to come and see her at her house, where she was in a wretched state of mind. As he entered her house, he found her weeping, and she said: "My God! I can't stand this life any longer She was taken to the Home. She ordered her house to be cleaned out and prepared for a house of God. The bar was taken out, the bottles broken, the furniture destroyed, and on Sunday last the house was dedicated as a chapel. The revival thus begun under these remarkable and gratifying circumstances, though not heralded with the excite-

THE PASSOVER IN JERUSALEM.—A recent travel er being in Jerusalem, gained admission to the houses of several Hebrew families on the night of the Passover, and thus describes what he saw:

The same general order of things was observed n them all. A long table was arranged for the ecording to the wealth and taste of the occupier. In the centre of the table was a basket containing unleavened bread. Dishes containing hard-boiled was plentifully supplied. At sunset the entire comes too poor to procure decent clothes to ap- family, old and young, gathered round the frugal a cutlet from the loin. Before the repast comwomen contented themselves with eggs and salad. At the conclusion of the repast, the ancient Psalms of David were sung in their peculiar nasal fashion, and pressed upon us their unleavened bread and very excellent wine, and when in parting from the

Two Scotch lawyers have just arrived in Boston, Trochu, which was sent from Paris in a balloon, and with a view of clearing up the mystery that enafterward forwarded by courier. In this epistle he General expresses his sympathy for the Holy ather in the misfortunes which have fallen upon him, and laments that the present condition of France prevents her from coming to his assistance, schooner Hero, bound to Melbourne and China, on but he is persuaded that this disability will soon which he nominally assumed the duties of mate. cease. As for himself, he had determined to seek retirement as soon as he accomplished his mission by the Italian annexation has led him to abandon gentlemen are visiting Boston; and they have althis resolution, and he will make it his next duty The "Holy Father" will have to "possess his ion to the immense estates of the late Earl and his seat in the House of Lords depends on the matter. PUTTING THE CURB ON MISSIONS.—Whenever

onducted with a freedom from accident that is almost without exception.

The mineral statistics of England show a large increase in the quantity of coal produced last year: There was a total of 107,000,000 tons, the produc-000 tons of pig iron.

the following:

Alabama question: First—That England shall pay commercial intercourse with the interior of the the owners for the the ships and property destroyed consequence of the Alabama and other cruisers.

that should go before the people with this as a part | will not demand constructive damages in any event. of its foreign policy-that a subject of the Crown living in China as a merchant, in pursuit of gain, taught the people to covet show, display, and leave been ordered for the Russian army, of six men in the heart perfidious, the conscience stultified. Now every thousand throughout the Empire.-The silver Russia has 667 cotton factories, employing 180,she is humbled, her glory is departed, her prestige mines near Salt Lake City are drawing great num-000 operatives. Before the war American cotton and valleys are all bare; though manufacture had scarcely commenced in Russia. gone forever, and the nations should rejoice. We bers of people there. It is claimed that there will s the snow has fallen to the depth | During that period, however, the Russians began | pity her, but she is only reaping what she has | be 10,000 people in the city and mines next seasor.

ace, having a population of style and completeness even the English establish- horde have, it appears, been trying to secretly get retirement at Wilhelmshohe, and grows genial, fat his number increases during ments. The product amounts to \$50,000,000 and ready for more of their murderous work. U.S. and hearty, as if the loss of his imperial power Theodore Tilton has ceased to be editor of the 15th inst. made a seizure of 150 Springfield rifles, rest.-W. K. Dudmam, Esq., has been appointed and eight boxes of Fenian uniform.

PERIODICALS.

Harper's Magazine for January is one of the best we have ever seen of this always excellent periodical. The Old Christmas Carol; Folk-Life in Sweden; The Passion Play in Oberammergau in 1870; The voice of Christmas Past; Frederick the Great; benevolent purposes than did Mr. Peabody by his The Seventh Decade of the Nineteenth Century; and the Editor's Scientific and Historical Records The Roman Catholic Bishop of Quincy, Ill., has are all good.

The New Dominion Monthly contains a great variety of reading; among the articles are: Early Scenes in Canadian Life, Canadian History, Our Herring Fisheries, Influence of Young Ladies, &c. The illustrations in the January number are likenesses of the Princess Louise and Marquis of Lorne, who are so soon to be married. We are glad to know that the subscription list of this publication is increasing. The enterprising publishers, John Dougal & Son, Montreal, deserve support.

Vick's Illustrated Catalogue and Floral Guide for 1871 is very finely got up, the best of its kind published anywhere. It contains cuts of almost every variety of flower and vegetable known, and is full of valuable suggestions concerning their cultivation. The Catalogue is sent to any address for ten cents. One hundred and forty thousand were circulated last year, and the proprietor has arranged for two hundred thousand of the present number. Address James Vick, Rochester, New York.

Peters' Musical Monthly for January has come to hand. We often wonder how it can be published so cheaply, only \$3.00 a year. The number before us contains thirty-five pages of music. J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York.

To Correspondents.—G. W. H.: Directions have been given which we hope will secure regularity in future. If not, please inform us.

W. F. S.: Neither letter nor money has reached us. The paper is ordered to your address, and you have been credited the same as though the cash had been received.

Rev. G. W. M.: The letter was not received. We cannot account for its non-appearance only by supposing that it was "appropriated" on the way.

The News and the Press.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 30, 1870.

Brevities.—Alderman Richards handles Mayor Gregory and his government of Fredericton, very severely, in a lengthy communication in the Reporter.-A cheese factory is to be built in Sackville early in the spring.—Several Albert County farmers went to the trouble and expense of removing their hay from the marshes in anticipation of the tidal wave.-Sir John A. Macdonald thinks the British ment which John Allen occasioned, promises to be troops will be back within five years.—It is rua great blessing to the miserable inhabitants of mored that Sir John Rose is to be sent out by the British Government to look into the fishery difficulties .- The St. Croix Courier says the district comprising the whole of St. Stephen, St. David, and St. James, was long ago granted to the Admiralty as a timber reserve, and that the claim may any time be asserted. There is not much danger .- A young man in Halifax named Sweet attempted last sacred meal in the centre of the chief room of the week to shoot a girl whom he had seduced. The suse, and both chamber and table were adorned pistol missed fire, and she escaped .- A report comes from Grand Lake that in a quarrel between a father and son, the boy, 18 years old, was struck by his eggs and salads were scattered about, the salads father with a pitch-fork, and killed .- The Sentinel representing the bitter herbs of old; and wine from says that recently in one train on the St. Andrews the vineyards of Bethlehem, sweetened with raisins, Railroad there were eight car loads of sheep.—Mr. Murchie, of St. Stephen, purposes building a mill pear in the house of God, then he forgets when the | board, the men at one end and the women at the | at Houlton .- Telegrams say the Queen is likely to other, while the children occupied places between. pardon some more Fenians soon .- The former Gov-In front of the male members of the family was set ernor of this Province, Hon. A. H. Gordon, has platter containing a piece of roast lamb, usually been appointed Governor of the island of Mauritius menced, the narrative of the exodus was read in and dependencies .- Dr. Mary Walker has been lec-Hebrew by one of the younger sons, and the patri- turing in Ottawa on Social Reform (Woman's arch of the group occasionally interrupted the Rights).-Bismarck is to be made a duke. The reader by throwing in some explanation of the text, King wants him to be Duke of Strasbourg; he or answering questions which were proposed. The himself wants to retain his own name.—Report devotions of the evening by reading some liturgical says Bismarck affirms that the only way the war prayers. Then the feast commenced, at which only can end is by the restoration of Napoleon .- The the males partook of the paschal lamb, while the man (David Nason) who was injured in the woods near McAdam Junction last week, has since died .-St. Martins proposes to have Railway connection which occupation often advances far into the night. with the E. & N. A. R. R. Alfred Whitehead, To us these Jews displayed courteous hospitality, Esq., C. E., has been engaged to conduct the survey .- At St. Croix a few days ago John Durish nteresting scene we asked an ancient patriarch stole \$950 belonging to Jeremiah Lee. Mr. Lee whether he still anticipated the advent of the Mes- discovered the thief, secured the money, and let siah, a ray of gladness lit up his furrowed face as him go.—There are at present in Germany upwards feeling better for giving, and Bro. S. most assuredly So, at least, say the Roman correspondent of the he replied, "I am expecting His appearance every of 25,000 widows and 120,000 fatherless children, owing to the losses in the Landwehr corps.-The population of Salt Lake City is over five thousand shrouds the disappearing of the Earl of Aberdeen. greater than in 1860 .- The owner of a diamond re-About two years ago, it will be remembered, he cently found in South Africa expects to get \$150,000 came to America, and in January last, shipped un- for it in England .- The Westmorland election, der the name of George Osborne, on board the which took place on Monday, resulted in the return of Mr. Hanington, by nearly a thousand majority On the sixth day out, he fell overboard and was over his highest opponent, Mr. Gilbert, who only lost. It is to identify the George Osborne who was polled about 300 votes .- A blind man, aged 20 at Paris, but the dethronement of the Holy Father drowned, as the Earl of Aberdeen, that the legal years, living in Stephentown, New York, murdered ready obtained photographs of the signature of his father and mother, aged respectively 72 and 58 George Osborne" to the ship's papers, which they | years.—The inmates of the Alms Honse had their have transmitted to Scotland. Great precaution is | Christmas dinner on Monday .- The little ones of ecessary in working out the case, for the success- the Protestant Orphan Asylum also fared sumptuously.-The Quebec Legislature was prorogued on Christmas eve.-Mr. and Mrs. Carvill gave a Some idea of the railway travel into and out of Christmas dinner to the orphans of the Catholic London may be had from the fact that the total number of trains entering and leaving the city in Orphan Asylum.—The Local Government proposes one day is fifty-four per hour, or very nearly one to re-build the Bridge over the Petiteodiac River inute during the whole of the twenty-four at Moncton .- Sixteen Chinamen have been put to ours of the day; and this immense business is death on account of the Chinese massacre of christian missionaries .- Mr. Wm. Brundage was found dead in his house in Elliott Row on Sunday last. He had lived alone for some time.-Geo. Thomas was also found dead in his house the same day. tion of the blast furnaces was represented by 5,500,- The face and other parts of his body had been knawed by cats or rats .-- Ricotti, a son of Garibaldi, THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.—The Boston Journal has has been made a member of the Legion of Honor by the Government of France.-Garibaldi has re-It is stated that Gen. Shenck will be instucted signed his French command, and returned home. to demand the following as a basis for settling the The Emancipation movement is reported to be rapidly gaining strength in Brazil, and with its by the Alabama, with interest on the value of the success the last market of the slave trade will be same from the date of destruction. Second-That destroyed .- The Egyptian Government has ordered England shall reimburse the United States Govern. 130 Gatling guns from the American makers. Of We should like to see how the British, or any ment for all losses incurred by the United States in these, twenty have been already shipped, and twenty Third-That England shall make public recogni- more are ready .- It is said that Gen. Chauzy, now tion of the principles of neutrality on the basis of in command of the French army of the Loire, is their settlement. It is thought that the United States | really an Englishman by the name of Shaw .- The exchange of newspapers of one of the cutposts at CHANGE.—For 400 years France has dictated, Paris has been carried on in a very friendly manmade war upon, robbed and burdened Europe with ner. According to mutual agreement the papers shall be protected, but that a man who is there to untold miseries. She has slain her millions, cor- are tied to a stone and thrown to and fro, no shot preach the gospel shall not be. There is no dan- rupted public morals, filled the earth with shams, being fired at the time.—An additional levy has

hes. Quite an excitement pre- to manufacture Bokhtra, Persian, Indian and other sown. A more sober, real, truthful, pacific element Three smelting furnaces are about being erected.— Late letter-writers unite in testifying that the ex-FENIANS AGAIN.—The members of this deluded | Emperor of the French thrives well in his enforced officials in Detroit became suspicious, and on the brought with it some compensation in relief and

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