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THE THREATENED WAR WITH RUSSIA.

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The Franco-Prussian question is almost lost sight of in view of the greater trouble that for some time has been seriously threatening the peace of Europe. Last week's despatches conveyed the information that Russia is no longer willing to be governed by the treaty made in 1856 at the close of the Crimean war. Subsequent despatches were interpreted as more favorable, and the hope was indulged that the war cloud would blow over, for it was supposed that Russia would submit her grievances to a Congress of the Great Powers. Later, however, word came that she was not willing so to do, but remained firm in the decision first expressed, viz., that she no longer considered herself bound by the articles of the treaty which have reference to the Black Sea, and which provide that the Black Sea shall be neutral, and that neither Turkey nor Russia shall maintain a fleet of war-vessels in its waters, nor build fortresses on its shores. The attitude of Russia in this matter has created a profound sensation in all the Courts of Europe, as well it might. With France terribly crippled the Czar evidently thinks his opportunity has come, since England and France were the chief instruments in bringing him to terms before. His demands are so unreasonable, however, that unless he chooses to submit to a Conference, war is inevitable. Being only one of several contracting parties, he has no right to declare the contract no longer binding, even though the conditions of the contract bear hardly upon him. It is but common sense to suppose that in altering or annulling any treaty, all the parties to it should at least be consulted, and the arrogance of Russia in declaring the treaty null and void, so far as she is concerned, is an insult, direct and unqualified, to all the other nations concerned. It simply means that they shall submit to her dictation or fight. To do the former would be to subject themselves deservedly to the contempt of the world, while the very thought of the alternativewar-almost makes the heart sick. On Great Britain rests the chief responsibility of arranging the difficulty if possible. Earl Granville, in his despatch, very plainly pointed out to the Czar that he had no right whatever to set aside the provisions of the treaty, and that Great Britain does not, and cannot, consent that he shall do so. He expresses, however, the willingness of the British Government to give, in connection with the other Powers, the most careful consideration to any claims Russia may make with a view to adjusting anything that may be unfair to that country. Austria and Turkey are of the same mind; and should the worst come these Powers will form an alliance with England to oppose the unreasonable assumption of Russia. France is in a position to do nothing. Prussia, it is said, is in sympathy with Russia, though in point of material aid she would, we think, be in a position to do but little. Indeed, the reports about King William and the Czar being of one mind have been somewhat conflicting. The people of England have been greatly aroused, and the feeling throughout the British Dominions is persist in her demands. The latest telegram we have seen up to the time of writing is more assuring, and it is probable that, for the present at least, war will be avoided. It would be a fearful thing, indeed, to see another war commenced while that which has spread devastation and ruin throughout two of the greatest nations of the world is yet in progress. May He by whom kings reign and princes decree judgment avert so sad a calamity.

turies ago, Cicero taught that this was virtue. Since the days of his teaching, while the many years have been passing away, great and good men have lived, and these have endorsed his opinion; and today we think we cannot err in making the assertion, that a friendship, the foundation of which is other than virtuous, cannot be of long duration. In fact, that is not deserving of the name friend-POSTAGE .- To prevent any misunderstanding or ship, which is formed in other and less worthy

> If virtue is made the foundation of truth, and sincerity the basis, such a friendship is of inestimable worth. That this is, in reality, the case, is not difficult to be readily understood. When we engage in unions of friendship, which are virtuous and true and holy, we cannot but receive an impetus which urges us onward to the more entire cultivation of every true and honest principle of the soul, and which impels us to persevere in the

elevation of these principles to perfection. Yes, we say the benefit derived from such friendship is incalculable. It is a mutual, a reciprocal one. Two minds of this stamp will encourage and strengthen each other, will incite each other to praiseworthy deeds, and every virtue will become increased, because it is natural with us to imitate---it may be insensibly-those whom we esteem, and with whom we are familiar. Friendship, founded on virtue and truth, will impart to our lives, often dull and lonely, its highest, its sweetest delight; will afford to the cultivation of all the virtues which constitute perfection, a stimulus, a support, an encouragement. Thus, between minds and hearts, true and constant, will exist a reservoir of pleasures, constant and of value, and ever filled with enjoyments the most refreshing, and which, if The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are not based on Christian virtue and love, will cause the heart to look beyond the narrow channel of Death. and exult in the joyous hope of a friendship glorious and of eternal duration.

For the Religious Inteligencer. SABBATH-SCHOOLS. NO. II.

DEAR EDITOR-Not only is it necessary that a sabbath-School should be properly organized; but that the officers should be capable of performing the duties they undertake. Heartily agreeing with the writer of the former article on this subject in man to wait upon the movements of his neighbor ; placing the success of a school in a great measure on the teachers, permit me to make a few remarks on the duties of these officers. It is generally supposed that the office of a Sabbath-School teacher is not by any means a difficult place to fill, and that any person that has been instructed in the art of reading, whether he or she be a professor of religion or not, can perform the duties satisfactorily; but this is a great mistake. Is it not generally admitted that the religious instruction of the adult population in order to be respectable and efficient requires that the ministers of the Gospel be not the blame. Nor need there be any special outonly men of piety but of talent and intelligence, and found qualified by their superiors for the duties they undertake? This being granted then, can we suppose that the religious instruction of the young can be intelligently or efficiently conducted by persons who have done nothing in preparing themselves for such an office, and who scarcely give their duties a serious thought? On the contrary we have no hesitation in saying that the teachers should be persons of piety and intelligence, capable of addressing the understanding and affections of their pupils so that they may be enabled to enter into the spirit and meaning of the truths inculcated. Each school should contain a teacher's library in which the best books on Sacred History. Theology and general information should be found. The teachers should familiarize themselves with the opinions of those writers on every portion of sacred writ obscure to their minds, so that they may be enabled to impart to the youthful mind clear ideas of God and things divine; of man-his nature and fall, his ruin, helplessness and misery; of Jesus Christ, the way of life eternal, of Gospel duties, privileges and blessings. They should endeavour by pleasing stories and simple illustrations to bring down things of sublimest kinds to suit the capacities of their pupils, and do this lovingly so that they may become endeared to their scholars as friends and benefactors; then will the child hasten with delight to join his class and listen to the words of gentle wisdom. They should also be prompt, diligent, punctual, serious; yet with cheerstrongly in favor of resisting Russia should she ful gravity, kind, and exercising long suffering to their charge. They should be exact, letting no word escape, or action be observed, which can impair their influence; and above all they should be prayerful, daily pleading with him who cares for all, that their care may grow in knowledge, and that their young hearts may become so purified that the Holy Spirit will delight to dwell therein. Every church has members that could fill these requirements if they would only recognize their duty and set their Christian principle in lively exercise. Could we see such earnest effort being put forth in our Sabbath-Schools at present, how many thousands of the rising generation would have to bless Of all the pleasures which we are privileged to the day they came under the influence of this mighty agency. How many parents would have alted or so comforting as Friendship. There is to thank God for the reformation wrought in their none so calculated to throw cheering rays across children who entered the Sabbath-School rude and disobedient, but returned well behaved and morally improved. How many churches now pining for is very desirable that the preachers should be good want of spiritual strength would, from these instructive nurseries, increase the number of their pathway of the sorrowful, and which partakes not active members who, in return, would labour much Gifts, Knowledge and Skill. There are many men, to bless the sphere in which they moved. Then By friendship, we mean that peculiar relation would we have Ministers and Missionaries, not a for the glory of their Master, who so much lack which is produced by a willingness and unity of few, who could trace the seed of holy knowledge in skill in presenting the truth, that their efforts are two minds, by an interchange of respect and re- their heart to the Sabbath-School. Dear Christian in a great measure abortive. Dr. Broadus' work How heart-saddening the thought that so little School movement? are you labouring to make it a of the question throughout is most thorough. No dren of men. How true, nevertheless, that the nestly, it is high time you were about it. God efitted. professions of friendship are many and warm; yet, expects usury from every one of his stewards, and alas! how false and empty are these found to be if you have but one talent and use that well you when adversity comes, when perplexity approaches, will receive as great a reward as he that has ten when sorrows draw near, and when the day of talents: but if you carelessly neglect to use that talent, then you must expect to be rewarded ac-

THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

THE FIELD IS READY. Ready to be entered by faithful labourers. Are

the labourers ready? Do they see how much there is to invite and demand their efforts? Says an exchange:-

The promise of a season of vigorous and profitable work among the churches appears to us so with, and so many to do it, that it is with a feeling be well supported. of almost exultant encouragement, as we look

athwart the field of labor, we would ask of each individual member of any church. "What are you doing ?" It is such a thorough blessing to any Christian to have the privilege of living in this day and generation, where he has full liberty to work just as hard as he pleases, without let or hindrance from human authority, and where a man need not stir a step beyond his daily walk in life to find his part of the harvest, it may be, ready to his hand, that we really fail to comprehend the soul of that man whose view of Christ's love for him will per-

mit him to remain a day in any kind of idleness. We know that here and there individual ministers who need waking up, and individual churches that are spiritually frostbitten, are made to serve as lame excuses for private inactivity, but there is an essential unsoundness in all such apology, both as regards this world and the world to come

God's call is to the heart and for the energy of every man, just where he stands, and the summons must be hearkened to and obeyed. No man-not oneis doing all he might, and every soul will surely find that with his hunger for the work will come not only his power but his opportunity. There is witness to be given for the Redeemer in all daily growth to be gained in the closet; there is mutual giving and receiving in the prayer-meeting; there "recruiting" to be done for the pulpit services and the Sunday school; there is the Bible to be praverfully studied, and as prayerfully lived and so few as they were, and they are better able than ever before to arm themselves with the "sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God." Surely garner of the Lord would not be full if all should be brought in.

Mere exhortation is said to be lost breath, but at churches, but that is only a false and sentimental mourning" which does not lead the individual

if ordered in clubs of five. This magazine numbers among its contributors several of the best writers in the Dominion, and its selected matter is from the best writers of the world. The price, when ordered singly, is \$1.50; but a club of five will be addressed separately for five dollars, and in all cases the postage is paid by the publishers. It is the

PETERS' MUSICAL MONTHLY for December contains fifteen pieces of new music. The wonder is how so much can be furnished at so low a price. Any single piece would cost at least 30 cts. Price \$3 per year, or 30 cts. a number. Address J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York.

BELCHER'S FARMER'S ALMANACK for 1871 published in Halifax, by McAlpine & Barnes, and is full of information for Nova Scotians.

> \$2.00 is a moderate charge for the amount of sound family reading contained in Fifty two numbers of the INTELLIGENCER.

CONDITION OF PARIS.

Little or no fighting of importance is being done. The French have several times of late claimed advantage in engagements, but the position of the contending parties is apparently unchanged. The Prussians are complete masters of the situation. walk and conversation; there is untold help and The French are quite powerless, and to terms they must come sooner or later, for it seems morally imossible that they can hold out much longer. It is certainly gratifying that Paris has not been bombarded long ere this, for no one wants its splendors taught. What is there not to be done, indeed? to be laid waste. Yet the starving process is horrible to contemplate. If the leaders of the resistance movement were to be the chief sufferers there would soon be an end of the matter; but they will there ought to be no lack of sheaves, and the be comparatively well cared for-they will look after their own interests-while the masses will have to suffer all the want, not only of the comforts

this present time such ought not to be the case. but of the common necessaries of life. Government We sympathize sincerely with those who see much despatches from the city would make us believe to mourn over in the spiritual condition of the that provisions are yet abundant, and that on the score of scarcity there is no danger of suffering for sorrower to buckle on his armor, and go forward a long time yet. Their statements, however, are with a disposition to do at least every whit of his known to be without foundation in fact. From reown duty, if he cannot make good the short- liable sources facts are gathered which go to show comings of other men. There is no time for any beyond doubt that even now hunger haunts many if Gideon had tarried to arouse tardy Ephraim, he thousands of homes; and of course this deplorable night have been too late for his lamps and pitchers | state of things is every day increasing. The auto avail him, and although they chode with him thorities have control of all the provision in the sharply for it afterwards he had then the heads of the Midianitish Kings to establish the wisdom of his unhesitating obedience of the divine command are every day becoming less. Fresh meat is out of

THE "CITY OF BOSTON."-A bottle has been cast exacted at drills and parades; but except when on pon the shores of the west of England which military duty his time is at his own disposal. The rows some light upon the mystery enveloping the military enthusiasm of 1813 has so far survived oss of the missing steamer "City of Boston." Ob- that it has long been regarded as part of the eduviously, however, the relic must be received with cation of the son of every manufacturer, proprietor, caution, especially as we are without any collateral | professional man, even every prosperous shopkeeper, evidence of its authenticity. On Saturday a bottle to spend one of the years between his seventeenth ppears to have come in and been picked up on and twentieth birthday in passing through this onstock Sands, two miles west of New Quay. On volunteer course. Such of these cadets as do not good, there is so much to be done, so much to do it only literary Monthly in the Dominion, and should being opened it was found to contain four or five aspire above the average level return to their homes, pieces of envelope, upon which the following names with the prospect of taking their place in the ranks and words were written in pencil :-- "O Jones, E. of the conscription in their turn; but any cadet Williams." "Seth,-A collision; 402 Greenwich who desires it may, by special aptitude, obtain a Street, New York." "Evan Evans, Cadinst, Lan- certificate of qualification, entitling him to the first dulle." "We are lost." " City of Boston. We are vacancy as sergeant, and in due course to a comsinking, good bye. I should like my." Written in mission, in the Landwehr battalion of his particuink-"Michael Jones, Cariboo house, 212 Fulton | lar district.-"" The French and German Armies and street, N. Y." There is some other writing in the Campaign in France," in the Quarterly Review.

pencil, which our correspondent thinks is Welsh. Upon the envelope there are two post marks also. One is as follows: "Ebenezer, A., Jy. 4, 70;" the een many months in the water.

SUMNER ON GRANT .- The Massachusetts Senator | We have had matters quite thoroughly investiays: "I have no doubt that Grant is an honest man, and administers the Government the best he knows how. He had the best chance conceivable to do great things and distinguish himself as an We shall esteem it a favour to be acquainted with Executive. Grant is honest, but he don't know irregularity at any time. everything, and, unfortunately, he don't know that ne don't know."

Chinese converts to Christianity have engaged in | which it enters. street preaching" among their countrymen in San

Late despatches from China affirm that further outrages have been perpetrated on foreigners at Canton

The war having caused a scarcity of hands for eld work in Germany, the French prisoners have volunteered to work, for which they receive pay and lodging. Their labor gives satisfaction.

Caleb Harris, an emancipated slave, came to Philadelphia, united with a Baptist church, and was ordained as a minister of the Gospel. Three ears ago he went to Virginia, organized three imself a two-story frame house, and also a small nouse in which his wife teaches school.

Extensive and powerful revivals of religion are prevalent in Georgia, especially in the Baptist Churches. Thousands will be converted there this

step in the North by expelling the American missionaries from Tung-chow-foo, a place situated on the north coast of the Shantung province, and one of the places open to foreign residents and trade by an express article of the treaty. This American mission has been established for the last ten years, and has got on well with the people, says this correspondent, till the anti-foreign note was struck

----We think our subscribers who have been so other ringed mark reads: "London, A. C., Jy. 5, reasonably annoyed because of irregularity in re-70." The derelict bottle bears evidence of having ceiving their papers will not have so much cause of complaint in future, at least we hope they will not.

gated, and the chief clerk in the Inspector's office has very promptly given his attention to the matter.

The INTELLIGENCER will do good to every Family

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The French papers begin to cry out for peace. Rev. Dr. Donald, of this city, had a stroke

of paralysis on Sunday last.

All the latest telegrams, containing the most important and reliable news from Europe, will be found on the next page.

MR. DAVID WILSON, a colored barber of Fredericton, commonly called "Doctor" Wilson, died last hurches among the Freedmen, to which he week very suddenly, aged about 75 years. He was preaches; he has baptized 600 converts, built for formerly a slave, but escaped a good many years ago, since which time he has been living in Fredericton. He was extensively known and deservedly respected.

FIRE.—We are sorry to hear that the house of Mr. Walter Patterson, Patterson Settlement, South The Shanghai correspondent of the London Branch Oromocto, was totally destroyed by fire on Times reports that the Chinese have gained another Monday, the 21st ult. Mr. P. lost all his winter provisions with the house. The fire originated in some ashes in a barrel in the woodshed.

> To CORRESPONDEETS .- W. H., Brighton : Thanks for subscriber. You are credited on the book in this office to No. 864, i. e., to Aug. 12, 1870.

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enjoy in this world, none, in our opinion, is so exthe pathway of life, otherwise dull and lonely, as is friendship. By friendship, we mean that holy principle which, based on truth and sincerity, will, if cherished, make light and sunny the darkened in the slightest degree of a spirit of selfishness. to go up to battle. Above all things, let us avoid the too common error of "waiting for a revival." No revival ever

came by waiting for it. Work for a revival, or you have no right to expect the privilege of working in one. Any sluggish or idle Christian, to whose French Government longer to think of bettering church no outpouring is vouchsafed, may take upon their condition by resistance. Help is impossible : his own shoulders and conscience his full share of pouring of the Spirit to indicate the set time for working in Christ's vineyard. Let every man and reference to the true state of affairs. It would be woman who has named the name of Christ ask better to yield to the inevitable now. Delay only earnestly, "What am I doing to entitle me to pray increases the difficulty. without mockery, Thy Kingdom come."

Every Free Baptist in the Province ought to

have the INTELLIGENCER.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The following programme has been issued by the week of prayer :---

ty for religious faith and practice.

Monday, Jan. 2 .- Prayer: Grateful review of the past, calling for renewed confidence and for increased devotedness; humilitation for the wordliness of the Church, and for national sins provoking Divine judgments

Tuesday, Jan. 3.-Prayer: For nations; for kings and all others in authority; for soldiers and sailors; for all who have suffered in recent wars; for the blessings of peace, and that God would graciously oring good out of recent calamities.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 .- Prayer : For the children of Christian Parents; for a blessing on home influence and on all teachers; for early dedication to God and for more laborers in Christ's service. Thursday, Jan. 5 .- Prayer : For the baptism of the Holy Spirit on all who profess and call themselves Christians; for the increase of charity, and of affectionate communion and co-operation, among all in every land who love the Lord Jesus Christ in

sincerit Friday, Jan. 6 .- Prayer: For the circulation of the Word of God; for the increase of faithful ambassadors for Christ; for an end of religious perse- | ment now. cution; and for the removal of all hindrances to

he spread of the Gospel Saturday, Jan. 7 .- Prayer : For Christian missions : for the conversion of the Jews; for the observance of the Lord's Day; for a blessing on Chris-

our Lord Jesus Christ." Sunday, Jan. 8 .- Sermon-Subject : Faith, Hope and Love-essential witness for the truth.--Christian Advocate.

NEW BOOKS, &c.

From Smith, English & Co., No. 23 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, we have received a work by John A. Broadus, D. D., LL.D., entitled-A TREA-TISE ON THE PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF SERMONS. The subject is one of importance to the ministerial fraternity. It having pleased God to ordain that by preaching many should be saved, it ones. The requisites to effective preaching are thus classified in the work before us: Piety, Natural good and earnest, full of faith, and aiming only

the question, except it be in the shape of horses, asses, dogs, rats, mice, &c. A thousand or more horses are slaughtered per day; but this cannot long continue. It looks like madness for the the army is disheartened by continued defeat; and the populace cannot be much longer deceived with

AN EXAMPLE.

Says the Star:

A ministerial correspondent of one of our exchanges reports the fact, that he obtained sixty new subscribers for the paper in his parish as the result of two days' effort. How was it done ? Simply and naturally enough, He took occasion, the English branch of the Evangelical Alliance for at the close of his Sabbath sermon, to speak of the high value of a good religious paper in a family, Sunday, Jan. 1.-Sermons-Subject : inspiration as next in saving influence to the Bible and the of Holy Scripture; its sufficiency and sole author- preacher. He spoke out of an carnest conviction and a real, vital interest; and then he followed up his Sunday words with calls, on Monday and Tuesday, upon his unsupplied parishioners, with an invitation to subscribe and let him send on the list at once. The sixty names went promptly to stimuate the editor, and the sixty papers hastened on their way to find and fill so many domestic pulpits from which to preach the gospel and enforce the pastor's sermon

> It was a fitting thing. It can be done elsewhere. Our pastors can do the same thing; and though many of them may be obliged to take up with less than sixty fresh names, some of them may carry the number even higher than this. Will not our pastors try it, and at once? We believe many of them would be surprised at their own success, and would attach their people to them and to the great cause with new and stronger ties.

INTELLIGENCER? It is far easier done than most people imagine. Do not wait till what may seem a better, more convenient time, but try the experi-

SYMPATHY

turns towards Paris. Its condition is most pitiable Who could help commiserate it? Those who took tian Literature; and for "the glorious appearing of strong ground against France in the beginning of the unseemly war, and who yet believe her to have commenced hostilities without just cause, forget their intense indignation in view of her present William is carrying matters with too high a hand. It may be, but we have failed thus far to see it so. That peace may soon be restored, we most earnestly pray; but that Germany should have a strong guarantee against a similar attempt on the part of the French in the future seems but just and reasonable; and if the cession of certain territory is necessary to such security, it ought to be allowed.

Pen and Scissors.

** The Young Men's Christian Association of New York have inaugurated a practical plan of reaching the masses, which is exciting a good deal of interest among those who know it. Small com-

ut China. The missionaries beco aware that an attack was intended, and apparently nevitable, succeeded in getting on board two British ships sent to their relief, abandoning the mission premises to the mercy of the Mandarin, who had declined to answer for their safety. It is feared that this retreat will encourage the antiforeign party to instigate similar movements else-

where. A late report says that the foreign residents both at Tien-tsin and Pekin are undecided whether to remain during the coming winter. The Foreign Office have published a communication to the effect that certain of the authors of the Tientsin massacre, twenty in number, are to be executed, Friday last .- Dr. Dow is a candidate for the Mayand two magistrates exiled. There is not much orally of Fredericton.-From the Sentinel we learn reason to hope, however, that this punishment will that G. W. Vanwart & Co., of Woodstock, are have the effect of staying the persecution in other

WHERE HELL IS .- "I wish to ask you a ques tien," said Mr. Sharp to our young minister as he met him in the street. "I am anxious to know engaged in making a survey for the location of a where hell is. The Bible I have read, geographies, water pipe, it being proposed to supply Woodstock histories, and other books, and I can't find out with water from "Cold Water Brook."-A soldier where it is exactly."

The young minister, placing his hand on his shoulder, and looking earnestly into his eyes, replied encouragingly, "My dear sir, don't be dis- as he intended. - Mr. George Burchill, Manager uraged, I am sure you will find out after a while. of the International Coal and Railway Company, As for myself, I have made no inquiries, and really don't wish to know 'where hell is.' About heaven I have thought and read and studied a great deal. I wish to make that my home, and by the killed at the North Sydney Mines .- About 200,000 help of the Lord I will. Ask me about heaven and bushels of oats were recently shipped at Summer-I can talk,-I don't know where hell is, and you had better not find out."- Observer and Common-

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF DECEMBER 22, 1870, EARTH-QUAKE AND TIDAL WAVE .- This will be one of the greatest of modern total eclipses of the sun that has the State of Maine has only increased 119 in ten taken place; for not only does it occur when the moon is particularly near to the earth, but at a period when the earth is nearest the sun, and also at the time of the winter solstice, the moon likewise occulting the planet Saturn, the planet Venus on land Bridge. No reason is assigned .- The agita-Who will undertake a like good work for the the same day being in configuration with the moon, tion for the removal of the capital of the United 1 deg.6 min. south, the moon at the time approaching States to some central point in the Mississippi Valper conjunction with the planet Mercury, which atter body will be only 1 deg. 19 min., south of the

In the opposite part of the heavens, both the Weymouth, N. S., committed suicide by hanging. planet Jupiter (1 deg. 7 min. north) and the planet The cause was disappointment in a love affair .--Uranus (only 56 min. south) of the moon, at a period when the planet Jupiter is approaching in opposion to the sun, which will take place on the 13th of December, exercising a most powerful reciprocal came a total wreck, one day last week. Crew attractive influence on each other, by the combined influences thus exercised by the Sun, the Moon, ercury, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, and the Earth, all eing nearly in a right line, a configuration that is supposed, as she has not been heard of since the has not taken place for centuries, and which seldom 11th ultimo. Charles and Albert Durkee and one humiliation. Some begin to think that King occurs; consequently, the effects on the earth will other man were on board .- There has been a great be considerable, creating earthquakes, tidal waves, storms, hurricanes and cyclones. Similar configuraions were present at the time of the total eclipse of during the past year. Within three months over the 16th August, 1868, when Quito and Callao were five hundred desertions have been reported from destroyed by earthquakes and tidal wave; but even parts of fifteen regiments.-Large quantities of arms then, the influences were somewhat less than they will be on the 22nd December next. The eclipse will begin in the North Atlantic

Ocean, the central line moving in a south easterly soon afterwards attains its southern limits. The shadow of the moon now moves in a north easterly the Sea of Azof, disappears.

leaves the earth with the setting sun in Arabia.

The News and the Press.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 2, 1870.

BREVITIES .- Jas. Muir, sen., a prominent shipbuilder in Shelburne, N. S., died a few days ago of tumor in the neck .- Edward Poole was found dead on the Railway track above Hampton Station on doing quite an extensive business in pork packing. -Mr. H. A. Connell has erected in Woodstock a

large Foundry .- Alfred Whitehead, Esq., is now in Halifax attempted to commit suicide, but only shot a hole through his hand, instead of his head, was nearly killed at Sydney by a revolving crank. - A few days ago a man named Brannock was side, P. E. I., for England .- Subscriptions are being raised for another race between the St. John and Type crews, to come off in the vicinity of this city. -Late census returns show that the population of years .-- Mrs. T. M. Avery, a Chicago lady of high social position, committed suicide at Niagara, by throwing herself into the Falls, from the Goat Isley, has been resumed .- On the 20th ult., a young man named Mullin, residing in New Tusket, near The bark Return, of Yarmouth, bound for St. John, went ashore just after leaving that harbour, and besaved .- A small vessel, called the Perseverance, on the trip from Annapolis to Yarmouth, was lost, it deal of desertion from the United States army and ammunition are being constantly shipped from New York for the French .- A child four years of age, named Todd, was burned to death in Fredericdirection. Crossing one part of Spain and the ton on Monday last. His clothes caught fire at the Mediterranean Sea, it enters Africa near Oran, and cooking stove .- The Quebec and Montreal Boards of Trade favour the Railroad from the St. Lawdirection and leaves Africa, and crossing the Island rence to the St. John .- Messrs. Lewis Carvell and of Sicily, the south of Turkey, the Black Sea, and E. R. Burpee have offered to lease the Carleton

Ferry .- An Ottawa telegram to the Halifax Chro-The penumbra of the moon decreasing rapidly, nicle states that the Dominion Parliament is sum-MEM cook an The sun will be centrally and totally eclipsed at moned to meet for the despatch of business on the Mr. D. 2,000,0Jones' Teackl large q about water BRIDGE ACROSS THE FLATS .--- We are glad to bably 1 be ann An (contain The the first It is Killam, who has had large experience in bridge 21 of t building, and is thoroughly competent to carry out The celebration of the seventy fifth anniversary the undertaking if entrusted to his hands. A Charl will be АЛ foot path can be substantially built for from \$20,the husband is 98 years old, and still earns his living. paper As The si Sple hood city. AG Now that the boats on the river have ceased The running and communication with Fredericton is cut acres off by water, it would be well if the Railway people The of Western Extension and Fredericton Branch would five ye consider the propriety of running a train from Fre-dericton Junction to Fredericton on the arrival of The acres the morning train from Fairville daily, which fit for would be equal to two trains a day from this city. At The distance is only about twenty miles, and the ex " T tra accommodations thus afforded would be atten ded with very little additional expense. -- Necos. [A to the and H good idea.] land Railw Gove comn " T Raily New

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Friendship, true and sincere, is rarely met with, and when we have found a true friend, a true heart. we have found that which is invaluable, we have become the happy recipient of a blessing seldom vouchsafed.

Man is so constituted, and the nature of his heart such, unless it has become chilled by feelings of selfishness, that we seek to find those to whom ready to bestow.

joyment and happiness, and to the impluses of the clined in all christian work. A long time he had from among those with whom we are surrounded, profession only, but, "in deed and in truth." In hearts in which we can confide. How valuable a the House of the Lord he was found regularly, true friend? How valuable to have a friend, on giving earnest heed to the word of truth; and in the fidelity of whom we can rely, and who we know his life he endeavored to exemplify its principles. been given to man, during his sojourn here, of more him to his house for several months, he trusted in value than a true friend. But the question may, Christ's promises, and was sustained. Having

Yours in Gospel bonds,

JOHN PERRY.

OBITUARY.

MR. GEORGE BROOKS.

On the 31st of October, the subject of this sketch we may communicate, at times, our-feelings and | died at his residence in Southampton, York County. thoughts, and on whom we can rely, who can share Some members of his family had been previously our joys and participate in our sorrows, thus aug- carried off by the same disease-consumption. menting the one and lessening the other, and who | Surviving him are a widow and several children. can reciprocate the feelings of friendship, we are May the grace of the great Comforter sustain them now. For several years the writer was acquainted

We were designed by our Creator for social en- with Bro. Brooks, and ever found him zealously inheart was added that which incites us to discover, been a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ-not in is ever ready to assist us if circumstances demand? His testimony to the truth of Jesus was frequent Nothing, of all the many gifts of Providence, has and hearty. During his sickness, which confined

with propriety, arise-What is to be the foundation | lived to Christ, and died in Christ, he doubtless is of this friendship which is true and lasting? Cen- 'now with Christ, "which is far better." Com.

reader, are you taking an interest in the Sabbath- bears particularly on this point, and his treatment or fifteen minutes, passing from room to room, and success? If not, let me tell you kindly, yet ear- preacher can read the work without being bene-

To those outside the sacred profession the ques- gathering others from adjacent rooms, so as to tion under discussion is also of interest, if we may judge by the lively criticisms which both the matter and delivery of sermons very often receive. With the author we believe good listeners are, in proporcordingly. May the Lord help you all to do right. | tion, quite as rare as good preachers; so that while

> a view to improvement, similar reading on the part of the laity would tend to make them more sympathizing and appreciative hearers.

the MINUTES OF THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF THE a legacy of \$20,000, left it by Mr. Tracy Harris in FREE BAPTISTS OF NOVA SCOTIA, held at Port a codicil to his will, which codicil was refused Medway, Queen's County, in September last. As a synopsis of the proceedings appeared in these coumns, immediately after the Conference, from the pen of Bro. P., we need not now refer to the con- they would form a row of buildings 850 miles ents of the published records. We find from the long. statistics that during the year there were addedby baptism 169, by letter 26, and that the total membership is now 3,127.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY for December is able variety. Up the Nile, Legends of the Micmacs, and the Red River Expedition, are among the leading articles. Portraits of the ex-Empress number.

or 768 pages in the year, will only cost one dollar | militia held in reserve. She has 466 ships.

panies of five or six young men go out into the tenement houses and hold prayer-meetings of ten thus visiting a large number of families in the course of an evening. Two of the band usually precede the others, and prepare the way by getting the consent of the occupants of the room, and

secure a good-sized audience. Scarcely ever do they meet with opposition, but generally they are heartily welcomed and asked to "come again."

GROWTH OF CATHOLICISM.-Bishop McFarland says that fifty years ago there were but three Catholic families in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Now preachers read practical works on sermonizing with there are one hundred churches and 200,000 Catholics. The Catholics in Rhode Island have onethird of the population, and last year half of the children born in the State.

VALUABLE LEGACY. - The American Baptist We are indebted to Rev. J. I. Porter for copies of Home Mission Society has just recovered, by law, probate on the ground that it was not properly executed

> England and Wales contain 150,000 public houses and beer shops. Allowing ten yards to each house,

-According to the latest issue of the European to hand. In its sixty-four pages there is consider- Turkey 16,500,000 people; in Asia 16,000,000, and example for our imitation that they merit

noon in lat. 36° 38' north, long. 5° 1' west, a little 5th of January .- Mr. Matthew Coleman, who has to the north-east of Gibraltar, and near the Lisbon for many years held the positior. of Janitor of the coast, creating tidal waves and earthquakes there Mechanics' Institute, died suddenly at his apartof great severity, agitating the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the Bay of Fundy, and the Gulf of St. ments in the building on Tuesday. Lawrence.-Montreal Witness.

CAUGHT.-Captain Stanwood, of Yarmouth, who learn that the idea of building a bridge across Courit will be remembered, was detained here a few | tenay Bay is again revived, and hope that those months ago by Capt. Ewen, formerly of the Water who have taken the matter in hand will not give Lily, on suspicion of being concerned in smuggling vp until the object is accomplished. We have seen operations, has been arrested on a similar charge in a plan for a girder bridge, with three spans and a

Boston, and, with his associates, has been required draw, that looks as though it might be just the to give bail in the sum of \$250,000, in default of kind of structure wanted. It was prepared by Mr. which he is still a prisoner.

of a wedding took place in Gustrow, Mecklenburg, bridge with a good double carriage way and broad the other day. The wife is over 100 years old, and has been confined to her bed for about a year, while 000 to \$30,000, and if our merchants and others,

MILITARY EDUCATION OF THE PRUSSIANS .- All its extension and the building up of the eastern officers of the Prussian line have to pass six months side of Courtenay Bay, will take hold of the matter in the ranks. For two-thirds of them this is a pro- in earnest, there is no reason why the Bridge bation, at the end of which they have to satisfy a should not be under way next spring .- News.

standing committee of the corps to which they seek admission not only to professional attainments, but also as to parentage and means. The remaining third have received their appointments direct from

WAR FORCES OF RUSSIA, TURKEY AND ENGLAND. the different cadet schools, and may be considered. therefore, to be nominated by the King. For the War Register, Russia has 77,000,000 people, a stand- Landwher, or reserved forces, a body of instructed ing army of 1,466,000 men of all arms, and 44 ships officers has been provided by regulations so pregof war with 2778 guns. Turkey has in European nant with wisdom and affording such an 9,000,000 in Africa. This includes the Khedive in some detail. Conscription is universal, but all Egypt, who has a good army of 50,000, mostly young men of the educated classes who are fficered by Americans. She has a force in Euro- able to provide the means of their own equipment

pean Turkey of 222,192 regulars; 100,000 regulars and maintenance, and to produce certificates of The Globe gives an account of two narrow es-Eugenie and General Trochu are in the present in the provinces, and 90,000 regulars in reserve. | conduct and attainments from school or college, | capes from drowning; one a little boy named Leahy Great Britain has 30,300,000 people in England, are allowed to serve for one year in the different who fell into the Carleton Mill Pond on Sunday, The Monthly for 1871, illustrated, which will Scotland and Ireland. Her army numbers 138,961 light infantry or rifle corps. When the young and was taken out in a helpless condition, and the regulars, 128,589 regular organized militia, 14,000 cadet, or einjahriger, as he is called, joins the corps other a little boy in Portland, who tumbled into a comprise two volumes of 384 double column pages, organized cavalry volunteers, and 163,000 volunteer to which he has chosen to be attached, he is posted hogshead of water, but was rescued in time to save to a company, after which his attendance is rigidly ' his life.