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the junior partner is Mr. Holmes Chapman, of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.... The Supreme Court of Halifax adjourned over three days, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Judge McCully.... Three prisoners escaped from Kentville jail on Saturday week.... The receipts in the Police and Civil Court of Halifax, during 1876 amounted to \$7,745.30—a decrease of \$1,742.45 from 1875.... The Nova Scotia Judgeship, rendered vacant by the death of Judge Campbell, was filled by the appointment of Alexander James, Q. C., of Halifax—a barrister of some years standing. He was admitted to the bar in 1845, and is known as the editor of a volume of the Nova Scotia Law Reports.... At Great Village, N. S., Messrs. McLean & Blackie are laying the keel of a large ship, to be launched in the coming season; and Mr. Fraser will also put one on the stocks in a short time.... The gas in the new Academy of Arts building is lighted by electricity, the effort of the Presbyterians to raise \$400,000 for their proposed new Theological Hall at Halifax is having a very fair start. One gentleman in Halifax has put down his name for \$2,000, and several others in city and country have given \$1,000.... Perhaps property holders in the town of Windsor, says the *Mail* of that place, are not aware that a claimant has appeared on the scene, and pretends to claim the town in 1660. Some months ago an aged lady named Mrs. Doyle, who is now supposed to be her son, was seen in Windsor "searching the records" and seeking such other information as would lead to the establishment of her claim. We understand she pretends to be the heiress of a grant of one hundred acres of land upon which the town is built. After some considerable searching she could not find exactly the right papers she wanted, and she went away mad, insinuating that her husband and her son had conspired to keep her from the truth. She then went to Halifax for orders, and if she can scrape up enough funds we may hear from this mysterious female again through her legal advisers. In the meantime we shall not buy any property in Windsor.... Halifax wants a dry dock and thinks the Dominion Government should help to get it.... Diphtheria has increased in Halifax.... The *Berwick Star* states that on Saturday night last a fire broke out in the house of Capt. W. Nicholson's store at that place, and the post office as well as R. J. McNeill's store broken into. Only a dollar and some little were missed from the office.... It is understood that an agency for the bank of Nova Scotia is about to be opened in Digby, under the management of George Henderson Esq.... The will of the late Judge McCully has been proved. With the exception of \$500 to the Acadia College Endowment Fund, and \$500 to the St. John's Hospital, the balance of the estate of a private natural, the bulk of his estate, between \$100,000 and \$120,000, being left to his family. Messrs. N. H. Meager and D. M. Storey are appointed executors, and the two daughters of the deceased executrix.

GENERALS.—The value of insured property in London, is put down at \$540,000,000. Of that burned during the last five years four-fifths was uninsured.... Capt. Boyton has successfully accomplished his greatest voyage in his life-saving device by swimming down the River Po from Gastel Duovo to Ferrara, 350 miles, in 100 hours, without a break.... The *London Standard* writes, "The Government are about the ownership of a Cincinnati dock.... A lady has been awarded a scholarship in the law department of University College, London.... A drought prevails in California, and unless rain comes soon the next season's crops will be seriously diminished. The prospect is so unpromising that business generally is affected by it.... In New York, the other day, Daniel Schurmf, for adulterating milk, was fined \$250 and imprisoned six days. This conviction has created intense excitement among the milk dealers, against some hundred of whom indictments for the same offence are pending.... A bill to abolish bull fighting has been introduced into the Spanish legislature. It is not likely to pass.... Sir Edward Thornton, British Minister to the United States, receives \$30,000 in gold annually and his rent free.... A New York dispatch states that the Government of Pennsylvania has given out within two years.... By reason of the strike on the Grand Truck some passengers were detained over two days at one of the way stations. There will probably be several actions for damages.... A New York has thirteen miles of gorges—about least a *Tribune* correspondent said so.... Business failures in New York during December aggregate nearly two millions of dollars in liabilities.... The bridge on the Lake Shore Road, near the city of Chicago, which was arrested a gang of thieves, was erected by Mr. Washburn, who erected the bridge over the Grand Falls of the St. John River, and which bridge fell soon after it was opened for traffic. Mr. T. is now, we believe, in the employ of the Canadian Government.... The ravages of grasshoppers have brought the settlers on the northwestern frontier to the verge of starvation. The Governor of Minnesota has issued an appeal to the churches of that State in behalf of the starving.... The New York police have arrested a gang of mail thieves, and are in the habit of stealing the mails, from places south and west of New York, whilst being transferred from the Jersey City ferry to the New York post office. The work was carried on with the connivance of the driver of the express wagon having the mails in charge, and who would leave the thieves to take off the pouches. Over five thousand letters have been recovered, but many more have been destroyed; and the thieves got several large sums of money, and one of them got a watch and diamonds to a check, in favor of a Boston firm, they got \$2,000. Several of the thieves have been arrested.

THE METROPOLITAN PULPIT.—The following sermons, preached by leading divines in New York and Brooklyn, are reported in condensed form in the January number of *THE METROPOLITAN PULPIT*:

Christianity Submits Itself to the Proof of Experience, by Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., President Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Christ, the Son of God, by J. M. Ludlow, D. D.; Jesus our Captain, by Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.; Christ our Peace, by Stephen H. Tyng, Sir, D. D.; Restoring the Kingdom of God on Earth, by Rev. W. Leadbeater, to Christ an Element of our Final Reward, by Joseph T. Duryea, D. D.; The Brooklyn Theatre Disaster, its Lessons, and the Assurance of our Reward, by J. Hyatt Smith; The Brooklyn Sorrow, by John W. Searles; The Song of the Angels at the Birth of Christ, by Matthew Smith, D. D.; The Kingdom of God is Within Us (Cushman Sermon); No More Sea, by H. M. Gallagher; An Honorable Servitude, by Geo. E. Reed; Winter Voyages, by Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., D. D.; The Golden Rule, by J. Hyatt Smith.

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ENGLISH AND FOREIGN.

LONDON, JAN. 3.—A Berlin despatch to the *Times* says that notwithstanding the serious turn of affairs at Constantinople, no immediate rupture is to be expected. It is quite certain that Russia is ready to fight if he must.

LONDON, JAN. 4.—A Peru despatch to the *Daily Telegraph*, says that the Peruvian Minister, Don Valentin Baker sent to inspect the Gulf of Corozco, which would form a second line of defence, should Russians force the Balcones. The Peruvian Government has instructed its representatives at the conference are instructed to leave Constantinople, if the Porte does not accept the proposals of Powers.

The Peruvian Government has ordered the preparation of 150 railway carriages for the transportation of the sick and wounded.

LONDON, JAN. 5.—The *Standard's* special tele-

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