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SAINT JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 7, 1879.

- THE PARLIAMENT of Canada meets next Thursday. The opening ceremonies are likely to be brilliant. There is danger that there will be too much show. We shall endeavor to keep our readers informed of the doings of Parliament, especially of whatever affects the Maritime Provinces.

Baptist pastor and people the use of his Synagogue. be seen. The offer was accepted. It is not often that a congregation of believers in Jesus meet in a Jewish place to worship. The world moves-moves in the

President of France. The resignation of McMahon rest. One of the most powerful agencies contribution. And now, as though these were not with all that is faulty in the secular press, it speaks and the election of his successor took place without ing to this result is the increasing facilities for enough, a terrible plague has broken out, which in the main on the side of honesty in business the excitement that might have been expected in a travel, commerce, and other forms of communication, threatens to depopulate whole regions of the faithfulness and economy in official administration, country so given to excitements. The whole pro- tion. The recent remarkable journey of a postal country. The disease is described as extremely and freedom and advancement for the masses; and

- TALMAGE: - Some of the papers say that the Brooklyn Presbytery, of which Mr. Talmage is a who has just gone round the world in sixty-eight Russian officials have been very reticent about it, hauling for his style of preaching &c. If they can dria to San Francisco by Brindisi, Paris, Liverpool conceal the facts from the people. But its spread for righteousness, and the great percentage of them bring no charge against him other than that he is and New York; twenty days also to go from San has been so rapid, and the deaths so numerous, While some of his modes might be improved by Hong Kong; in ten days he set foot on shore at greatest alarm prevails, not only in Russia, but in himself, the Presbytery might do well to take a Ceylon, and twelve days later he found himself other parts of Europe, and active measures have of undertaking to punish him for arousing the reference to the work of missions, "There are now its introduction into their territory. "An Inter-

- THE CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE has done good thing. It has resolved that no liquors, wines, or lager beer, may be sold in any part of the new Connecticut State House. The resolution passed the Assembly with decided enthusiasm. There is an English paper writes of a man there who believes something for the Commons and Senate to do in himself to be the Christ—the very Christ who was this same direction when Parliament meets. It is born more than 1800 years ago-and that his a gross outrage that liquor selling should be allow- presence in the world is the second advent about ed in the legislative buildings of any Christian which the Scriptures speak, and to which so many

BEGIN EARLY. - Perhaps there is for some Christian parents a needed lesson in this, related by the S. S. Times: A little fellow asked his parents to take him to church with them. They said he must wait until he was older. "Well," was his shrewd suggestion, in response; "you'd better want to go." The child's logic is not to be sneered at. The child mind is keen enough to see the folly of much of the reasoning of his seniors. The danger is not that too early the needed training will be begun, but that it will be delayed too long.

- BIENNIAL SESSIONS. - The Globe suggests that the smaller Provinces of the Dominion, perhaps all of them, might do a good thing by agreeing to have a session of the Legislature every other year instead of annually as now. In support of the feasibility of the suggestion Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and other large States where biennial sessions are had. are referred to. It is urged that there would be an avoidance of unnecessary legislation. The matter is worth consideration. Some wide-awake politician taking hold of the idea may make some thing of it -- popularity and position for himself, and profit for the people—perhaps.

- Not Ordained. - Some of the papers have been having a little debate over Joseph Cook whether he ought to be called Rev.; some contend ing that he had been ordained, others that he had not. Ine title does not amount to any thing any way. Mr. Cook sets the matter at rest in the following answer to an inquiry by a New York editor DEAR Sis :- I am not a reverend, and hope I am not an irreverend. You are quite right in giving me no title, and I wish others would follow the example of your noble paper in this respect. In my small effort to be of a little service in the discussion of the relations of religion and science, there seems to be more advantages than disadvantages in my being a layman. With great respect, yours truly Joseph Cook.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Dominion Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic will be held in the Temperance Hall, Ottawa, and closing about noon.

The business of the meeting will be the reception of Reports, Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, and the Election of Officers. There will also be introduced a series of resolutions bearing upon the position and prospects of the prohibitory movement in Canada. It is hoped there will be a full attendance.

- Which is Worse?-The Ottawa authorities the other day, fined a woman \$20.00 for telling fortunes. This is probably right enough, for this The whole country is looking to St. John, which is woman was, presumably, getting money from silly the stronghold of the rum trade of New Brunswick. people without giving an equivalent. But does If St. John decides to delegalize the traffic it will not it seem strange that a country whose laws so be a grand victory, in which every good man and on the 28th ult., and this place on the 4th inst. a matter should authorize the rum trade to take the money of the people, and give in return the prime promoter of poverty, debauchery, and crime ? to us that the temperance men of St. John should a hearty welcome. They were glad to see us, but

are sure, be greatly pleased to read the letter from the rum trade. Within a week we have noticed Bengali. All this was very pleasant, but nothing Dr. Phillips, in another column. For ten years he two such letters, the writer of one of them, while went right to my heart so much as the hearty words columns to the people of these Provinces. Now that he has returned to his home and the work he The temperance cause has everything to gain by a return, and the coming of new helpers with us. if possible, than ever. We hope all who read may catch something of the missionary spirit that breathes in every word he utters, by voice or pen. We like his suggestion to the Aid Societies of the avowed purpose of driving out from that city of to-morrow. Owing to the remarkable prevalence Woman's Mission. The secretaries will do well to churches, and the rest of the United States too, the of fever of a severe type, the attendance is unusuact promptly on his suggestion. Miss Hooper will "devil of open communion," has not succeeded ally small this year, reveral prominent brethree be greatly helped and cheered by receiving their letters, and the Societies will, in return, be the open communion "devil" is too much for the am sorry to say that the present year has been a encouraged by her communications.

dent of a New York paper regards the plan of work | ian communion. He had better give up that fight, pursued by Mr. Moody in that city this winter, as lest he some day discover that he has been fighting decidedly preferable to the great Tabernacle plan. for rather than against his Satanic majesty. But He goes to one church as the centre of a district, though unsuccessful in his loudly heralded crusade, and thus gradually reaches all parts of the city. the Dr. does succeed in some directions—succeeds He is to remain till spring, and there is every as perhaps he had rather not. He succeeds in reason to hope that his labors will be a great and making the Ministers of his own denomination dislasting blessing to Baltimore. He preaches the like and distrust him for his rashness and harshness. truth with great fulness, earnestness, interest, and He is continually in hot water. At a recent meetpower, and God's people, as well as the uncon- ing of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of New verted, are much benefitted. All classes attend, York, speaking of the views of one of the most the cultivated and prominent, as well as the highly honored ministers of the Conference, he used humblest. On Sanday morning he preaches to the such offensive language towards him that the Conconvicts in the Penitentiary, and the latter have ference demanded a withdrawal of the offensive exindicated in a touching way their appreciation of pression. This he refused to do, and at a subsequent his kindness, presenting him, as they did last Sun- meeting, he was, by an almost unanimous vote of day, with a beautiful and very convenient English his brother ministers, suspended from the Confer-

- Queen's Counsel. - A number of gentlemen

Government and some by the Local Governments, are not Q. C.'s at all. Of course legal gentlemen decision may be sought soon. But it does not make much difference, anyway. Like all other titles, becoming too common, it loses its value.

- CIVIC ECONOMY. -- Times have to be very 'hard' before Corporations begin to exercise economy. Business men may cut down expenses, and great economy be practized in the homes of our citizens, and there be no change in the management of public affairs. Salaries remain as in flush times, and the same army of officials, necessary and unnecessary, draws subsistence from the public treasury as when there seemed money enough and to spare. When the cutting down process in civic managemen is proposed it is a sure sign that the financial depression is very keenly felt. It has come to this in this City. A Committee of the Common Council has had the matter under consideration, and have determined to propose reduction of salaries &c., that - Christian-Like. - When a Baptist church, in it is thought will effect a saving of \$6000 or \$7000 a St. Louis, was destroyed by fire, a few days ago, | year. What fate the Committee's recommendations the Rabbi of the Hebrew Tabernacle offered the will meet at the hands of the Council remains to

- A "SIGN OF THE TIMES. -The Christian States man records as a noteworthy "sign of the times" the gradual consolidation of the human family into ceeding is highly credible to the French Republic. | card around the world in a hundred and twenty | virulent, the deaths are fully ninety per cent. of all | its work in this direction is beyond all estimate. and instead of it we have a world of heathendom lying at our doors.

> - A STRANGE CASE. - A Paris correspondent people look forward. The account goes on to nention as the particularly remarkable feature of the case is that the man is no vulgar imposor, as are the men generally who make similar aims. He "belongs to a family very much respected among the Protestants of France." His brothers were Adolphe Monod and Frederick preachers. His own name is Guillaume Monod. Says the correspondent: "If a person visiting Paris a short time since had been desirous of making the acquaintance of one of the most amiable and most godly among all the pastors of Paris, he certainly would have been introduced to M. Guillaume Monod." "For more than forty years," it is said, "he has secretly held the strange notion which now he publishes. Such hallucinations have been not uncommon among the ignorant and designing but in the case of such a man as M. Monod is said to be, they have been rare." The case is both

sustained by the U. S. highest Court, would work great wrong to thousands of the wives and children of Mormons, casting the wives adrift and declarng their children illegitimate. Even though it ufficted that, hardship, it were better to do it new han to permit the multiplication of plural "Marriages," and by and by inflict the same hardship, on a greater number | Rot a Lill just introduced on Thursday and Friday, the 13th and 14th of United States, if born before the first day of No- means to prevent its spread. It makes short work

- THE ST. JOHN TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE is noving forward with its work. A first rate meeting was held on Thursday evening. The President of the Alliance, Sheriff Harding, reported what was being done. The work of canvassing the city and county for signatures to the petition has been arranged for, and it is intended that the canvass will be begun at once, and be prosecuted vigorously. woman in the country will rejoice. And we have How good it seems to be here! My heart has been no doubt that a victory will be won, if the campaign here all the time we have been away. The dear is carried through as it has been begun. It seems missionaries and the native Christians gave us such watch carefully the communications from opponents I hazard nothing in saying that we were gladder A Good Suggestion. — Our readers will, we fallacy of the position taken by the supporters of Addresses of welcome were made in English and claiming to be a friend of the Law, revealing a spoken quietly here and there by the natives, both lamentable ignorance of some of its provisions. Christian and Hindoo, expressive of real joy at our

- In TROUBLE AGAIN.-Rev. Dr. Fulton, the very well in his self-imposed Mission. Somehow from the south having been unable to attend. fair to presume that the doctor made a mistake in THE BETTER PLAN. - A Baltimore correspon- supposing the devil had anything to do with Christence until he shall make a suitable apology.

-PULPIT FOLLY. - Very weak, not to say foolish, of the long robe who have been wont to have Q. C. men sometimes occupy the pulpit; and they are earnest prayers of all who love our Lord, and who 45 miles from the city. Nothing is said indicating written after their names are likely to lose the title. sure to bring ridicule upon themselves and the sa- desire to see His kingdom established among the that there is any knowledge of the thief. There is The Supreme Court, in giving judgment in a recent | cred office they fill. A Rev. Richard Butler, near | heathen. case, has rather intimated that the powers to create Manchester, England, is evidently one of the weak It seems to me it would be very nice for Miss BARON EKSTRONER, a Swedish nobleman, report dents; A. S. Hood, Secy. Queen's Counsel does not belong to Lieutenant ones, judging from his utterances on a recent Sabbath. Hooper to correspond with all the Auxiliary says, is arranging with the Dominion Government

What shall be done unto the man whom the king | would be of interest to the members. delighteth to honour?" He drew a parallel between The women of New Brunswick have taken an Railway. His last official visit to Moncton termi-Benjamin Disraeli, in whose career there was not should have enjoyed being there. J. L. P. one dishonouring blot." Whoever heard before of Mordecai being a statesman? Haman, perhaps, aimed at being one. Some curious people who sug gest strange historical parallels, often give birth to stranger suggestions than they intended at first.

THE PLAGUE.

one great community, in which the condition, the having a full share. Added to it is the revolution- men." The press has become a power second to no opinions, or the action of one part affects all the ary feeling created, kept alive, and spread by the other among the instrumentalities of this age; and days has been far surpassed by the feat of Mr. who are attacked, and "so epidemic that one case Add to this the circulation of nearly 5,000,000 Desert of Sahara has more than once been sug Hars, the American Consul at Alexandria, Egypt, in a village is a sure precursor of many others." days. It took him twenty days to go from Alexan- indeed there has been an evident attempt to 000,000, and then consider that their issues all plead Francisco to Yokohama; six days after, he reached that attempts at concealment are now useless. The again in Egypt. Joseph Cook may well say in been taken by some of the Governments to prevent no foreign countries." The unknown world into national Sanitary Commission has been in session which Carey and Judson sailed has passed away, in Vienna to consider what precautionary measures are necessary for the protection of Europe; and the extent of the alarm is indicated by the report that the German delegate to this conference says that if essary Germany will put a quarantine cordon round her border of 80,000 men.'

While there is some difference of opinion as to the nature of the disease, it is by the majority believed to be the "Black Death," so called, which in 1665 carried off so many thousands in London As in the case of small-pox, cold weather is n check to its ravages, perhaps aggravates it. It is hoped, however, that the prompt and stringen means adopted may prevent its spread into Austria and other parts of Europe. In this connection a sketch of the history of the

ague may be interesting. Its first juty into modern Europe was by means of the Crusaders; and since then it has appeared in various places, and by many different causes, but always imported from some part or other of the Turkish Empire. Turkey. It has frequently appeared in London, where in 1665, already referred to, it destroyed, on the smallest calculation, 68,600 people. Various estimates have been given of the frequency of plague epidemics to the principal towns of Egypt, Syria and Turkey; but the general opinion appears varying from seven to ten years; and that while it Wise Provisions. -- It was felt in some quarters is both epidemic and contagious in Lower Egypt, that the Anti-Polygamy Law, which was recently from the marshy lands of which it springs, it is merely contagious in Upper Egypt, as well as in Syria, and all the more distant countries to which it may be conveyed. Some of the most remarkable visitations of the plague have been that which occurred in Britain, A. D. 430, and which carried off such multitudes that the living were scarcely sufficient to bury the dead; and that which destroyed 200,000 of the inhabitants of Constantim the Senate effectually closes the mouths of those nople, A. D. 716. In Germany, 90,000 died of it who would cry out against what they are pleased to in 1348; in Ireland, great numbers died of it in call "cruelty to wives and children." The pro- 1436 and 1470; in 1524, Milan lost 50,000 of it posed bill retains the essential provisions of the pre- inhabitants, at which time the disease extended its sent anti-polygamy law, with the following additions ravages to Germany, Norway, Denmark and thereto: 1. That the President shall have power France. In London, 30,578 persons perished of to grant amnesty to such classes of past offenders plague alone in 1603-4, and 35,417 in 1625. I against the law, and on such conditions and under | 1656 it made sad ravages in Naples, being carried such limitations as he shall think proper; but that there from Sardinia, and carried off 400,000 of the no such amnesty shall have effect as against penal people in six months. In 1792, in Egypt, 800,000 hability unless the conditions thereof are fully com- died of it; and again in 1834 it committed great plied with. 2. That the issue of plural marriages ravages there. In view of these facts it is not known as Mornion marriages—in cases in which surprising that the greatest alarm prevails, and such marriages have been solemnized according to that the countries adjacent to the present location the rites of the Mormon sect in any territory of the of the scourge should be anxious to employ any vember, 1879, shall be legitimatized and entitled to of its victims. It varies in duration from three to all the rights of heirs and next of kin of their seven days; but the patient often dies within a few hours of the attack. The name, "Black Death," arises from the black spots, symptomatic of putrid decomposition, that show themselves or the skin of the sufferer.

> The latest news concerning the plague will be ound among the despatches on the next page.

OUR INDIA LETTER.

MIDNAPORE, Dec. 14, 1878. DEAR INTELLIGENCER, -Thank the Lord, we are at Midnapore again! Truly wonderful have been of the Permissive Law that occasionally appear in to see them. A very pleasant reception was given the daily papers, and replying to them show the us all at the house of one of the native Christians

The new comers rajoice with us in this welcome. The Bengal and Orissa Yearly Meeting began its Baptist divine, who went to Brooklyn with the session here last Sabbath morning, and will close ougilistic D. D. From the result of the fight, it is very unfortunate one for our native workers. Many of them have been seriously ill, and so the work has suffered loss. The fever cited above has cost of legislation is \$1,016,000. The administration been many fatal cases among the heathen. So far | \$1,332,000. Femilian and Measures, \$111,000. Post Office, as I have heard, our native Christian community \$1,705,000. Gov't Railways, and Canals, &c., \$2, has not suffered so much as their pagan neighbors, 352,000. Fisheries and Lighthouse Services, \$567, and I am not aware that there have been any deaths in the Mission. The Lord has been very good to us. But these forty months have made some sad changes. More than one whom I knew and cherished has passed away to his account. Who knows how near done our work may be?

I wish, in this my first letter from Midnapore, to call attention to the woman's work. Miss Hooper will, I hope, report herself frequently, and her

Confederation, some of them by the Dominion A report says, the reverend gentleman's text was, letter, and send along much information that

take different views of the matter, and a definite Mordecai, Joseph, and Lord Beaconsfield. The advance step, and may they never go back. I hope nated on Monday. Just before his departure he reverend gentleman enumerated the great services, the weekly dues may be promptly paid and sent in was presented with an address by a number of the United States are improving. Last week's operaand corresponding honours, of the noble lord; re- regular justalments to the treasurer, so that there citizens. ferring to him as having been "raised to the may be no deficits when the quarterly remittances lignity of a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the come due. I hope, moreover, that the work may there is as yet no authoritative announcement. As Garter, and to the position of Premier; and all so grow that ere long Miss Hooper will have intimated in the despatch published last week, as large in any other week. The railway returns as God blessed Joseph, Premier of Egypt, so He among these poor women. I have just read Dr. probably dispense with the services of some others than has been known since 1873; and in all other had blessed this extraordinary man, who was the Musgrove's excellent letter in the INTELLIGENCER. highest of all, higher than Mordecai and higher It has the right ring to it, and so has Mrs. Wey- saving. Various reports are affoat, but none of than Joseph." This clergyman "hoped that, in man's report, printed in the Helper for last month. them have official confirmation. The Sun notices ment in the trade of Britain. In the principal addition to the honours that Lord Beaconsfield had May the tide rise higher and higher, and may received, and in addition to the heart of England every woman and child in our churches have a part that loved him and beat for him, a splendid golden | in this glorious work of sending blessing and joy to wreath might be got up for Benjamin Disraeli by their benighted sisters in this dark, pagan land. the millions of England, by each giving a penny to We are looking with eagerness for the account of pay for this wreath of gold to encircle the head of the woman's meeting at the Conference. How we Coleman to be Division Superintendent from St.

"Is it any use to pray for the press?" was the

PRAYERS FOR NEWSPAPER MEN

inquiry of a good brother during the Week of Prayer. We thought there were at least some grounds for encouragement, even to weak faith. And even if the press was so far gone as the brother the truth. Up to date they are merely rumors. Russia's troubles increase. Financial trouble may have imagined, editors and publishers are men. alone is bad enough, and of it Russia has been and his Bible enjoined upon him prayer "for all a constituency of readers numbering perhaps 25,- rounds of the papers: for faith in and obedience to the Lord Jesus, and we have an instrumentality at work of unmeasured power in reforming and redeeming men from ways of vice and sin. If, then, any class of men need to be prayed for, it is the editors and publishers of these papers. More and more each year the voice of the people is felt and obeyed in the government of the world. The press is steadily moulding the opinions of these people, and if behind and under neath the press the prayer of God's people can be felt, can we have a more important object for our petitions? If the church on its knees can permeate the press with the leaven of purity and righteons ness, she must not fail in her great opportunity

> LIKES CANADA. - The Princess Louise has sen word home that she likes Canada very much.

REVIVAL .- An exchange reports a remarkable re rival which has taken place in Edinboro, Penn. the seat of one of the State normal schools, unde the labors of the Rev. E. P. Hammond. In the The meetings were held in Normal Hall, and, not withstanding the snow and the extreme severity of the weather, the hall was crowded every day. Mr Hammond addressed the students by themselves for In the present instance it is supposed it was brought half an hour every day. All the 190 studenss ex into Russia by some Cossacks returning from cept ten, either profess conversion or have risen publicly to express their desire to be converted. All the churches and ministers have united heartily in

o be that it recurs in those places at intervals has now reached the alarming death rate of fifty-one dealers and drinkers. in every 1000 per week.

ninisters, and be as kindly remembered each year

MORTALITY. - The Halifax Witness says it is rethe victims. The same papers says: "We have sponsible, and liable to the same punishment. before us a New York paper which gives an account of the ravages of diphtheria in Brooklyn, and in which it is stated that every case for the last year or so has been traced to bad drainage. We do not know how far this could be said of the regions so sadly afflicted in Nova Scotia; but it is as certain as any thing in regard to heafth can be, that diseases re produced and aggravated by bad ventilation in louses, by the use of impure water, and by the use of unsound or ill-prepared food. In country districts frost-proof cellars are often not sufficiently elean. Bedrooms are often too close and small. The well is often too near the house or bara.

FOR MANITOBA.—It is reported that a company of 200 farmers will go from the Ottawa Valley to Mani-

RICHMOND, VA., is the scene just now of a re-

DROUGHT AND SMALL-POX, —Latest advices from 20,000,000 pages of carefully prepared temperance creasing in the north-east provinces. There were lectures. 473 deaths from small-pox in the capital of the Province of Ceara, during the twenty days ending

Good Advice. That is good advice which the Witness gives, viz: Pay the wages of workmen and workwomen promptly. People of means forget that a dollar may be greatly needed by a person who earns what is needed for daily wants. Pay everybody, but especially pay the poor what you owe. RICHARD HENRY DANA, well known as a literary

nan, died in Boston, on Sunday, aged 95. Mr. Spurgeon is away in France for a three

REV. W. P. EVERETT (Baptist) and his church, known as the "Temple Baptist Church," which has good as a narcotic in cases of exhaustion. But the Hall, in this city, have moved to the chapel known able to do as much and even more in all these steps of the plague, as there is no estimating s "Zion Church." We wish Bro. Everett succ

"MUCH GOVERNED."-In the Dominion we have according to the Mail, 9 Governors, 65 Executive Councillors, and 600 representatives. The annual prevailed fearfully this past year, and there have of Justice costs \$1,320,000. Public Education costs 000. Making the total cost of "running machine" \$10,756,000,—upwards of \$2.50 per head of the population. - Witness.

FENIAN " HEAD CENTRE."-Stephens is in New York again, having returned from France. "Looking for Ireland's opportunity" is what he says he is doing. Looking for the money for the poor dupes and it is admitted by all parties that he was of the Fenian folly is nearer the truth. RECOVERED. - The Messrs. Turnbull of this city,

impressions of Indian life and work will not fail to who had over \$100,000 worth of bonds &c., stolen nterest her many friends in the churches of New about the middle of December, have recovered Brunswick and Nova Scotia. She has begun the them. Negotiations have been going on in study of the Bengali language with real earnestness, mysterious way for some time. A "private deand I trust ere many months she will be able to tective" name not given, is said to have been begin work among the poor women and children of instrumental in recovering them. And the state this heathen city. I would be speak for her the ment is made that they were concealed somewhere,

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. -- Mr. Brydges has ceased to be Superintendent of the Intercolonial

Of the new management of the Intercolonial besides Mr. Bridges, and effect a considerable one of the reports thus

Mr. Schrieber to be Engineer in Chief of the Government Railways in the Maritime Provinces, The result is a state of very general destitution (a position which he holds at present); Mr. Pot- and distress. Yet the municipal authorities of tinger to be Traffic Superintendent; Mr. James John to Halifax, including the Pictou Branch; Mr. Luther Archibald or Mr. Busby to be Division Superintendent from Moncton to Riviere du Loup: Mr. George Taylor to be General Freight and Passenger Agent, etc. These, with many other names, are freely handled by Dame Rumor, without been held for some years past without attracting at present, any authority from headquarters. It any purchasers. This activity is attributed to remains to be seen how near these guesses are to

A CLUB. - Preliminary steps have been taken to wards the organization of a club in this city. Of what it may come to be, we of course, have no right to venture a supposition. But if it should turn out to be like the clubs in some other places, Saint John is better off without a club. Time will

SAHARA. - The idea of turning the sea into the copies of religious papers yearly in America, with gested. The following paragraph is going the

M. de Lesseps has just returned from a trip to Tunis, whither he went to investigate the feasibilit and the a lyisability of letting the waters of the Mediterranean into the desert of Sahara, so as to convert a great portion of that desolate expanse into an inland sea. M. de Lesseps says that the Arab chieftains of the south of the Aures keep up the tradition of there having existed in former times a sea in that neighborhood from five to six hundred leagues in circumference. He also has been enabled to disprove the idea that the formation of a new lake would do away with the oases, for he has disovered that these are all from lifteen to forty meters above the level of the sea, whereas the de sert itself is below that level. Traces of Roman civilization have been found in the desert, and among them the remains of an amphitheatre like

ANNIE PARKER. -The preliminary examination | It is now generally known that the lamented of Annie Parker, on the charge of perjury preferred | death of the late Princess Alice was caused by the by the Osbornes, is dragging along very slowly in disease she had inhaled in nursing her suffering Moncton. The public hope something throwing disease in the royal mansion, the utmost precaution light on the McCarthy murder may be developed, was taken against infection; and it was only in a but as yet there is nothing new.

reports of the work of the Society were presented teresting letters were read from Miss Hammond, that the Society is in a flourishing condition.

TEMPERANCE NOTES

The Catholic clergymen of Salem, Mass., are

INTELLIGENCER, is being blessed in Littleton, N. H. the creature," that they cannot get. The other The Star says, he and his family have been made | day, in Yarmouth, a stranger tried hard to get a | t quite happy of late by many tangible expressions of glass, but couldn't. Although a vessel from St. regard by their parishioners, especially when on John brought some packed in barrels, with straw which might be cited, and all tending to enforce the for Christian workers and families. Abbott's Notes Christmas eve the little boys of the Sunday-school, hanging out of the heads, to deceive the wary; but same lesson. That lesson cannot be too seriously a sled with the other, brought him a barrel of flour. off guard. Any rum entering Yarmouth must come the lesson is that every precaution should be taken house of A. S. Barnes & Co., New York.

following order: Any employee of this Company freely used in the rooms and about the persons of ported that 40 deaths have occurred in Middle known to drink intoxicating liquors, either on or those who have been prostrated by fever or diphth-Stewiacke, N. S., this winter from diphtheria. A off duty, or seen going into or coming out of any eria. No duty of friendship should be neglected similar rate of mortality was reported some time ago place where intoxicating drinks are sold, shall be from Mahone Bay, and from various other parts of discharged; and any employee knowing another arrangement should be permitted which might about 450 members. Hard times affected the As-Nova Scotia. What adds to the melancholy charac- guilty of either of these offences, and neglecting to endanger the life and health of any other person. ter of the visitation, is that the young are generally | report it to the Superintendent, shall be equally re-

- The report of the Scottish Temperance League just published, is an encouraging document. It was feared that the commercial depression would injuriously affect both the membership and income of the League. The fear has happily been disappointed, and the present report shows a marked increase over its predecessors. The lists comprise juveniles, and 402 societies last year. Of the ists, 23 are Established Churchmen, 4 are Reformed Presbyterians, 13 are Baptists, and 19 are connected with other denominations. The membership of the League also includes 24 ministers not in markable revival in connection with the labours of The object of the League is the entire abolition of the drinking system, It annually circulates about

> the temperance cause. The most notable circumstance in connection with this movement is the attention bestowed upon it by some in high places. Canon Farrar in the church has made the land ring with his fervid and manly utterances against the giant evil. And now many physicians of eminence are giving their influence on the side of the right. Sir William Gull, the royal physician, is out in the Contemporary Review, dealing some fine, earnest blows at king alcohol. He holds that the value of alcohol is subordinate, being due to its prescribed for patients suffering from acute diseases not to cure, but to quiet the nerves. It is also instances. He urges that in his own experience he has found eating raisins more useful in restoring the power of an over-wrought body than winedrinking. Sir William's main point is, that for intellectual labor alcohol is valueless. It may quicken, but does not improve the movements of the brain, and imparts no strength. We hail such testimony with joy, and it augurs well for Britain's weal in the future that men like these are so zealously fighting the good fight.

POLITICAL NOTES.

- Hon. B. R. Stevenson has resigned his seat in the Executive of this Province. Mr. Stevenson was Surveyor-General for more than seven years; pains-taking and excellent head of Department. It is now stated that he will be a candidate for the Speakership of the Assembly.

- A delegation of the N. B. Government, consisting of Hon. Robert Young and Hon. D. L. Hanington, has gone to Ottawa. It is said their mission is connected with the Fishery Award.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The following extracts concerning the business prospect are more hopeful than otherwise: The latest reports show that the markets of the both at the banks and in the stock market. The fering of bautifully embroidered moccasins, exchanges amounted to \$507,000,000. Since the end of May, 1875, the exchanges have never been respects the indications are very marked of an up-

ward and improving tendency. There is no apparent indication of an improvemanufacturing districts other mills have been stopped or put upon short time, and still further reduc tions have been made in the wages of the employes. several of the towns have reported to the Government that they are able to cope with the difficulty by purely local effort.

Chicago reports a genuine business revival especially in the demand for real estate, and the sales founded solely on circumstantial evidence. made during the month of December were larger than for six months previously. A large part of realized were the same at which the property has was receiving \$50,000 per annum as treasurer of the general feeling that the bottom has been reached, and to a favorable showing of the business of 1878. The volume of mercantile and commercial transact tions at Chacago for 1878 was very large, and the provision packers and grain distributors were surprised at the footing of their books at the close of the Scriptures among the 35,000,000 Roman Cathothe year. The volume of business done and the lics, besides what it has given away. economy and care with which it was done during 1878 were not at all peculiar to Chicago, and both in the business record of the past year and in the

CURRENT TOPICS.

SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. (S. A. Journal.)

At a time when so many evidences exist of the revalence of fever, diphtheria, and other infections diseases, it is very important that the public er slaves daily wages for labor.... Of the seven reshould be on their guard against spreading the infection. The testimony of medical experts, and the facts of almost daily observation, abundantly five to the inordinate use of intoxicating liquor.... demonstrate the fact that disease may be caught A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Asmost unconsciously by contact with persons already affected, and also that the same disease may municated to other persons in distant places by eans of clothing, and even letters. Several cases popular mind is often more deeply impressed y a well authenticated fact than by any process of reasoning without it, it may not be amiss to mention a few of the most recent cases which have his seventieth birthday by a dinner with five thous-

children and husband. In the progress of the noment of intense and supreme sympathy that her-Royal Highness forgot the caution which was THE BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY of necessary, and by coming into too close a proximity the Maritime Provinces held its annual meeting in with the afflicted members of her household, inthe Maritime Provinces held its annual meeting in this city on Thursday. Very full and interesting death. In the town of St. Albans, Vt., several The Society has been in existence nine years, and which carry their own warning with them. A few has now in New Brunswick 72 aid Societies. In- weeks since a little girl who had just recovered who recently went to the mission field under the children in that family, and shortly afterward three auspices of this society. We are glad to know or four of them were taken with the male by, and some have since died. During the progress of the disease, a number of relatives and friends visited the family, and the result was that a number of cases have since occurred in the town. The physician not being powerfully impressed with the SMALL Pox has become epidemic in Dublin, and denouncing the use of beer and whisky as a waste necessary precautions for the protection of the is causing considerable alarm. Every precaution is when so many are suffering for need of the neces- neighborhood or of his own family, and the result being taken to stop the spread of the disease, which saries of life, and threaten public exposure of the is that one of his own children has died, and another is dangerously ill. A lady who attended at one of the houses of death to robe the victims - A Nova Scotia paper says, - Loud are the for the grave, called at houses in the vicinity where REV. B. MINARD, known to many readers of the complaints of a very few who still want "a drop of there are children, without any change of her garmens or any attempt at disinfection, and thereby became an instrument for spreading the con-

These are but a few out of a number of cases He prays that they may all become Free Baptist very carefully hidden, not to be found and noticed. against spreading any contagious disease, either by The New Brunswick Railway have issued the personal contact with the suffering, or by the use of articles of clothing or furniture which have been no want of sympathy should be shown; and equally In most cases the exercise of a little common sense will act as a very effectual safeguard.

THE PLAGUE-IN RUSSIA. (Montreal Witness.)

A general plague appears to threaten Europe resent. Astrakhan, in which the disease first ap forming the south-eastern corner of Russia in Europe, and occupying the north shore of the Caspian Sea. Astrakhan, the capital city of the province, is situated upon one of the islands form- ton, and for thirty years accountant in the Crown 8,759 adult members, 2,410 juvenile members, and ed by the delta of the Volga River. The province Land Office, died on Thursday. 416 societies, as compared with 8,199 adults, 2,370 is, when compared with some other provinces of Russia and more favored countries of Europe, an ministers connected with the League, 114 are of the Volga is fertile, and the tilling of this and arid, barren waste for the most part, but the valley next, in Berlin. Canada will probably be well re-United Presbyterians, 83 are Free Churchmen, 48 the sturgeon fisheries of the river, and also the are Congregationalists, 27 are Evangelical Union- working of the salt mines, give occupation to a considerable but far from wealthy population. plague appearing among such a people is, of course doubly dangerous, as it is difficult to enforce the necessary sanitary measures. If the central govern ment at St. Petersburg, however, determined upon immediate and strong measures for its thorough purging as a paternal and despotic government, would find the task easier than among a people less of her mother, has forwarded three pounds to a accustomed to being controlled. Such measures Rio Janeiro, say that drought and small-pox are in- literature, whilst its agents deliver at least 2,000 at least not to have proved efficacious, as the latest birth to triplets. despatches contain alarming news as to the extent of country in which the plague has already appear Britain has been nobly bestirring herself in Nijni Novorgod, where the plague has next appeared, is almost in the centre of European Russis, and lies about three hundred miles east by north by starvation and disease, on account of the scarcity of Moscow, and about half that distance in the same direction from Vladimir. Russian officials appear to be hiding the truth in order to prevent a panie but it will prove an impossible task and will deceiv few. Bismarck seems to view the matter as more serious than public advices would seem to denote and has acted with his usual promptness by sending a privy councillor to Vienna to arrange against the spread of the disease in Western Europe. There is much need for sanitary reform throughout, and such would probably be the result of such a visitamonths rest. He has just completed twenty-five sedative influence on the nervous system. It is than ever before. The filthiness of the habits of the tion at the present time to a much larger extent Russians is beyond all description, and although the further west we go the better the condition of the people seems to be, there is still an almost revoluworshipped since its organization in the Y. M. C. A. good Dr. goes strongly for certain kinds of food as be hoped, will prove successful in staying the footevil should it pass the hounds of Russia and a panic ensue in Central Europe, and commerce, already suffering so seriously, be brought to a standstill. DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

(Ch. Union.)

The deceased wife's sister, in whose behalf our sympathies have been from time to time delicately nvoked by Mrs. Mulock-Craik and others has wen a substantial victory in Edinburg. There are, as it seems in, Great Britain many wives who bear | Montreal the other day. this relationship to their husbands whom, however, the law does not recognize, and whom hitherto the church has not received to its communion. Now the Edinburgh Town Council has determined by a vote of two to one that she ought to be recognized as wife by law, while the U. P. Presbytery has declared that "such marriages shall no longer be a bar to membership" in that Church. Thus the church, by giving them the sacrament no longer discriminates between them and legally married people, and can scarcely, when so desired, refuse to celebrate such marriages, even at the risk of thereby incurhaving taken so decided a step toward upsetting an was reduced from \$200 to \$100; the Inspector of ancient and absurd prejudice.

- A Liberal Conservative Club was organized in Yarmouth a few days ago. The following gentleone 20 months old, which weighed 677 lbs. This down from \$600 to \$500; and the Chairman of the Water Commissioners to \$1,600; the Janitor (Mr. men are the officers: W. H. Moody, President; shows that, if our farmers will but try we can raise Stockford) was reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.25 a day. J. W. H. Rowley and Robert Brown, Vice Presi- our own meat. Mr. Freeze makes an annual of- The proposal to abolish the salary of the Recorder Governors, nor even to the Governor-General; that the honor can only be conferred by the Sovereign. If this be so, the Q. C.'s created since Sovereign are the Dominion Government Missionary Societies. I am very successful the Dominion Government Sovereign and the Dominion Government Societies. I am very successful the Societies of the settlement of a large number of Swedes in Missionary Societies. I am very successful the Societies of the Section of

THINGS IN SHORT METRE

BY PEN AND SCISSORS. | Pope Leo XIII. has awarded a medal with his blessing to the Catholic Indians of Maine, who on ions are said to have been on a very large scale his accession to the papal throne, sent him an of-

In many of the larger towns of England it has been decided not to extend charity to any one who this, no doubt, through a blessing from above; for funds for carrying on quite an extensive work there is likely to be a re-organization which will for the last year show a better condition of things keeps a dog. This course has been found necessary because the animals were fed from the table of the

> introduction of a bill in the legislature of New York state, providing a much severer penalty for the offence of body-stealing. The crime ought to be dealt with very sharply. By a new law in Georgia murder is to be punished by death, unless the jury shall recommend imprison-

The robbery of Mr. Stewart's grave has led to the

ment for life, or the Judge shall, in his discretion, extend that elemency where the conviction has been The highest salary ever paid in Boston was that those sales were of lots for residences, and the prices of J. Wiley Edmonds, who, at the time of his death,

Pacific Mills. The highest salary paid to a bank president in Boston at present is \$10,000. The Evangelical Society of France thinks the outlook a very promising one for Protestantism in that ountry. The society has sold 4,000,000 copies of

By resolution of the Common Council, all liquordealers of Racine, Wis, have been prohibited from outlook for the present year there are genuine and giving, selling or permitting to be given or sold substantial indications of real prosperity. liquor to James Freeman, once a leading lawyer of

the State, but for some years hopelessly addicted to SUNDRIES.

Peter Cooper will be eighty-eight next month... A number of Cubans have begun paying their formcent deaths of congressmen, good anthority traces

sembly to abolish capital punishment....There is a serious famine in upper Egypt. Relief has been sent....The next pedestrian excitement is to be a we latterly occurred which illustrate in a very race between two men with wooden legs. A Portainful manner these oft-repeated facts; and since land (Me.) man challenges the world.... Utah re-

ports twenty evangelical ministers in that territory. . Mr. Gladstone's admirers propose to celebrate and covers and the foundation of a Gladstone Hospital, to cost £20,000.

LITERARY NOTES.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON for February opens with a tory by James T. McKay; it has two others, Paper Roses by Sarah O. Jewett, author of Deepaven, and one relating to the Japanese custom of blood revenge by Prof. Wm. Elliot Griffis. Calvin the Sinner has a second instalment. The essays include A Conventional Conscience by Pres. Conscience ?; and Minister's Hobbies by W. M. F. Round. Caroline H. Dall writes of Anna Jameson, from diphtheria was taken by her parents to visit a Gardner, best known by his popular books on the architecture of homes, gives in the form of a sketch the reasons why the familiar "Mr. and Mrs. John" did not, or did go to church; and J. B. T. Marsh takes ground against the Sunday Dailies as an influence strongly conducive to the "Confinental Sunday. The Littleton Reformers suggests practical means. of relief for women from domestic cares. Moreabout Jerry McAuly is given; also a Moody and Sankey sketch; and accounts of Sir Michael Faratay, and of Dr. E. K. Kanes "Hans," the Greennder, familiar to us from his connection with various Arctic expeditions; and there are poems y Lucrece and others.

The Editor's table has Where are the Churches; in article on theatres; Notes, and there are book reviews. \$3.00 a year

REV. LYMAN ABBOTT is writing Notes on the ospel of John, which will form the fourth volume of his Popular Commentary on the New Testament, carrying lighted lanterns in one hand and drawing even the deceptions practised did not put vigilance and to the friends of the afflicted; and in each case whole of which is in process of publication by the on Matthew, Mark and Luke, and the Acts, form

> There are two Congregational churches in St. Petersburg and vicinity, of which English Con-

gregational ministers are pastors. The Annual Report of the Halifax Y. M. C. sociation last year, the receipts of 1878 being only \$1055, and the society was in debt on the 1st of January to its Treasurer in the sum of \$142.58. There is a good library and a handsome building on which, however, there is a debt of \$13,884.37.

For We are indebted to Mr. A. G. Ingraham and peared, is the most important of the Volga provinces, Mr. E. McLeod, for late Chicago and Wisconsin

Zer Robert Gowan, an old resident of Frederic-

Zer A Fisheries Exhibition is to be held in April 28 Dr. J. J. McKenzie, Professor of Physics in A Dalhousie College, died in Halifax, on Sunday, after

a short illness. He was a young man, a native of Nova Scotia, and gave promise of a brilliant future. 73 The strikes in Great Britain are extending. The Princess Louise, following the custom

Mrs. McNulty, of Montreal, who recently gave The A despatch says, that fears are entertained before next year half of the inhabitants of the Southern Provinces of Morocco will have perished!

caused by last year's drought. The rumours that Shere Ali of Afghanistan, is dead, are reported, though they may turn out untrue. One report says he was poisoned.

The Montreal friends of Mr. Costigan, M. P. for Victoria, are going to give him a complimentary dinner when he passes through that City on his way to Ottawa, next week.

33 Something of justice was meted out to the President and Directors of the Glasgow Bank. They were convicted of fraud, theft and embezzlement, and sentenced to imprisonment.

The "Canada School Journal," to the num ber of 1000 copies, has been subscribed for by Chief Superintendent Allison, for the teachers of Nova Scotia.

Rev. J. E. Reud, delivered a temperance address in Centreville, C. Co., one evening last week. He lectured on "Boston" and its surroundings, in Fredericton, on Tuesday evening last.

Test Sixteen deaths from small-pox occurred in

THE COUNCIL'S ECONOMY. - Last night the Common Council decided to abolish the salary of the Inspector of Buildings (\$1200) and that of his clerk, (\$500), and to require the City Engineer to perform the Inspector's duties for the same salary as the Engineer receives at present (\$1,700). They voted to cut down the Police Magistrate's salary from \$2,-000 to \$1,600, and his clerk from \$1200 to \$800. The Chief's salary was allowed to stand at \$1,000, the amount he receives at present. The sergeants ring a legal penalty. It may be expected that the U. P. Church will not suffer in popular esteem for per ct. on \$1.75 per day, and the men 10 per ct. on \$1.50 per day, and Clerk of Committees Streets from \$800 to \$700; the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was reduced from \$1500 to Some Pork.—Mr. Anson Freeze of Havelock, from \$600 to \$400; the teamsters losing 10 per ct. \$1000; the Store keeper of the Fire Department King's Co,, sent to the St. John market, of his own on \$40 and \$35 a month, and the firemen 10 per ct.