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THE C. T. A.

Interest in the C. T. Act is evidently increasing. Some newspapers, long silent, are beginning, by their correspondents as well as editorially to dis cuss it. It is not surprising, nor even to be greatly regretted, that there is an attempt to question law, not even if there is a subsequent promise to naturally give it strong opposition; and the money | decided. power and political influence of the traffic is so great that it is not surprising that some otherwise good journals fancy it the wise thing to oppose the adoption of the Law. It would be far better, at least more creditable to the opponents, did they make a fair and square fight against the Law instead of insinuating possible difficulties or making unfair the inauguration of President-elect Garfield. The and disparaging comparisons. There is too much "Republican simplicity," so much prated about, is latter course. However, let the opposition be of whatever character it may, and come from whatever quarter it may, the cause of temperance legislation need have no fear. The history of the tem- have the promise from Rev. B. Minard of some and district exhibitions for the last year have been perance movement and of temperance Laws will articles, the result of his observations during his excellent. Evidently agricultural societies and bear examination, and the examination must con- tour among the churches. They will be forthcom- fruit growers' associations are completely revoluvince every candid, unprejudiced mind that the ing as soon as he gets a little leisure. movement is just and wise.

reply to a question asked by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Legislatures, or even of the Dominior of Carleton County he said : "Fines should be paid | Parliament. It has no meaning, does no good, is a to the Receiver General of Canada." That he waste of money, and the less of it there is the blundered in his answer there is no doubt. The better. Police Magistrate of Fredericton, who has, probably, had more to do with the enforcement of the Law than any other magistrate in the Dominion, gives his opinion of the Law thus : "Sec. 107, Canada Temperance Act, 1878, pro-

vides, that all offences against the 2nd part of the whom the same are hereby authorized to be brought | doing, and of the condition of the churches. in the same manner as if they were incorporated in

pealing of Acts of the Legislature of New Brunswick. Provides that

The said Section 22, of the old New Brunswick Summary Conviction Act, reads as follows: All sums received by any Officer under any of the

foregoing proceedings shall be paid by him to the County-Treasurer, for County Contingencies, except such part thereof as any person may be legally en-

County Contingencies, and not to the Receiver-

This opinion is concurred in by leading members of the Bar and also by members of the Judiciary of the Province. Not a single legal gentleman to whom we have spoken about, nor any one of the many whose opinions we have heard, agrees with the Minister of Justice. They suppose he answered at once correct the error-for his own sake.

Rev. Dr. Macrae, to whose opposition to the Law he had taken such position, made an explanation of his statement, and justified it, in a temperance meeting in Portland last Sunday. He is reported

naturalists which flourished all the more by having its branches lopped off. This he said, was his idea it will meet all cases. I am fully satisfied and made a speech of thanks. Mr. G. McLeod and all the converts are growing stronger each day.

November meteors enter the earth's atmosphere, it will be evident that the danger is by no means lieved that the importation of liquors into the While a religious paper of some other denominations of the liquors into the l

restriction afforded by license increases the amount can have in his work. of drinking. With the free sale, as of groceries and other necessaries, there would be much more drinking than under the present license system. But the C. T. Act abolishes the license system, and makes the sale illegal, providing penalties for violation. Will such restriction give "an increased impetus" to the traffic ? If Dr. M.'s view is correct, crimes, little and large, but give an impetus to give an impetus to these sins. The men of the law? The very fact that the rumsellers are fight- times" and "good times."

cause of some difficulties that have arisen concerning petitions, and is intended to secure correctness and avoid such disputes and uncertainties as have occurred. The regulation will, however, bear some explanation. On its face it looks like a very complicated affair. If, as one despatch says, any number of signatures may be passed by one declaration much of the apparent difficulty is removed, and the new form of petition is an improvement. We will seek information and advise our readers.

In Sackville, W. Co., a couple of hotel keepers complied with at the poils. O, would to God it have undertaken a sort of " boycotting " in a small | would soon be the case in Halifax ! If the electors way. They have closed their houses and refuse to of Digby stick to their decision, they cannot help has never been such activity among the churches Great blessing has been bestowed upon the church The recitations and exercises were all very touchentertain man or beast. Why? Just because the having good times-sobriety and industry are impeople of Westmorland were so cruel as to adopt portant factors in that righteousness which exalteth have extra services on the Sabbath day as well as

the C. T. Act! Having to cease the rumselling a nation. part of their business, they are indignant enough | The County of Yarmouth, especially the shire to shut their hospitable doors against the cruel peo- town that bears the same name, has not only a ple. Why will the people treat such beneficent national, but world-wide reputation for vim and citizens so badly. To prevent rumsellers plying sush. Her sails are seen upon every sea, and her their vocation is very like preventing philanthropy keels touch every port. But in the opinion of some -they think. Of course they expect their course the golden age of the shipping interests of this will compel the repeal of the outrageous Law. County is in the past. I hope not. The future Perhaps it will. We hope they will keep their prospects of the County seem to lie largely in the houses shut till the repeal takes place.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. - Suicides are becoming more numerous both

in Europe and America.

- Money lent on Sunday cannot be collected by the wisdom of the Law. The liquor traffic people pay it. So the Wisconsin Supreme Court has just between the trader and consumer the former.

> - Balls and their like occupy no small share of attention in Ottawa. They consume a good deal of cheaper tish for his table. What is true of the time, waste a good deal of money, and have a de- shipping and fishing and farming interests of Yarmoralizing effect generally. - ELABORATE preparations are being made for

of the "good Lord, good devil" policy about the quite forgotten when there is an opportunity to yard, the coast and bank fisheries, and deep-water

- IT IS SAID that the Governor of British Columbia Some commotion has been caused in temperance requested that there be no military escort and no circles, and some joy (of the sort that rumsellers booming of cannon at the opening of the Legislafeel) has been caused amongst the friends of the ture. This is to the credit of the Governor, indidrink traffic, by a despatch from the Minister of cating a good degree of common sense. What is Justice concerning fines under the C. T. Act. In the use of all the display and noise at the opening

said Act, shall be prosecuted in the manner directed look first to see what news there is of ministers and Our national temperance legislation is head and by the Act respecting the duties of Justices of the churches, and are disappointed if there is none, or neck ahead of any nation's in the race for prohi-Peace out of Session in relation to Summary Convic- but little. The brethren will be helping forward bition. Our railroad will soon connect us with the tions and Orders; and all the provisions contained the work of the denomination by keeping the people great North-West and the Pacific Ocean. All concutions and to the Judicial and other Officers before | informed through these columns of what they are | tribute to make the future of our Province bright

repealing the Criminal Law, and repealing certain that paper for a number of worthy persons unable

The whole of Chap. 138, of Summary Conviction for several years sent a number of copies of the faster, and more of them live to a good old age." before Justices is repealed, except Section 22, which Wesleyan to poor families; this year he paid for Young men, stay at home! The royal road to foreighty-one copies. Who can estimate the good his tune is surveyed by the door of your boyhood. Summary Conviction Acts, and which, the Repeal- generous act will do? Though, perhaps, few can ing Law says, shall apply to the New Dominion do so much, there are many who could each do something of the same kind.

- PARNELL and his followers in Parliament, being allowed their own way up to a certain point, have most effectually damaged their own cause. It will thus be seen that the said fines are paid The British Government, while disposed to make in New Brunswick to the County-Treasurer for large allowance for the agitators, has shown a determination not to be terrorized, and the whole English people are with the Government. If Parnell and his fellows had taken a more moderate course they would have had considerable sympathy; now they stand almost alone.

The Government is evidently disposed to deal with Irish affairs in a fair and liberal spirit, and will without examination or consideration. He should probably concede a good deal in order to allay, if possible, the excitement. The people, for the most part deserve sympathy, but Parnell and his we referred to last week expressing our regret that co-agitators deserve such treatment as they are now receiving, and more of it if they do not mend their

- THE DENOMINATIONAL paper ought to have a permanent place in every family of its denomina-"There was a certain kind of tree known to tion. Pastors who have given attention to the

vice that the organ of one's own church would. With the sentiment that the importation ought | The Rev. B. B. Collins, missionary of the Lutheran to be stopped we heartily agree. It is to that end | Church in India, while collecting funds in this his other position is wholly indefensible, as must little or nothing for mission purposes. And every be seen at a glance. Even the history of License own congregation. A church paper will liberalize pastor will have observed the same thing in his last remedies to remove such trials ; gives it an increased impetus in others." True, and how they do it; what is expected of church members, and a host of things which the minister a limited number, and also gives to the traffic a church paper is a great power, and any minister who kind of respectability it would not otherwise have. sails to use it among his people is neglecting one of

IMPRESSIONS OF MY TOUR.

the snowy counterpane is lifted from the cold, grey public testimonies for more than a year was only traffic are anxious to continue in it and to have it interlined with flowers; the brooks and lakes burst Christs as reliable as the evidence about Jesus flourish. If the law will give an impetus to the their icy coffins and again ripple and dance in the Christ," etc. "How was he a damage to our social G. McKenzie and Bro. O'Donnell being present—

every step is proof enough, if there were no other, feel the shock of commercial disasters and financial old story-book," and yet persisted in worshipping his report I summarize the following: supheavals that had been paralyzing the business with us in the the most devout manner. Again he at Bald Hill, Shannon and Henderson Settlements.

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With us in the the most devout manner. Again he declared that he would "as soon worship a dog as Big Cove, Bellisle, Tenant's Cove, Narrows, and Perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was then fourth, becomes sixth; while Boston, and the perry's Point, most of them were found in a low was the last Province to feel the stroke. An Ottawa despatch in the Monday papers says It is not strange that it should be the last to feel ings by declaring, just before entering the Lord's condition; but all were pleased with the action of then the seventh city, outstrips St. Louis and Balthat some new regulations respecting the C. T. Act the genial rays of returning prosperity. Early in house, that he had "received a communication from the District Mission Board. The missionary was timore, and takes the fifth place. Baltimore drops were approved by the Governor-General in Council on the 31st ult.

November last, I left the dust and bustle of the city for a few months' cruise in the western Counties, and Cincinnati holds her old joyed much freedom in his labours. He states

November last, I left the dust and bustle of the city for a few months' cruise in the western Counties, and Cincinnati holds her old moles, that ne had received a communication from house, that ne had received, and the church is father's spirit" (his father's "A specific form of petition is laid down. It and as my mission was of a financial character, I &c., &c. When this man went into our meetings that he did not see a minister in all that and New Orleans tenth. In 1870 their order was "A specific form of petition is laid down. It and as my mission was of a manufacture, I and see a minister in all that contains six separate columns, under the following watched quite closely the signs of progress and the boys followed him, and both he and they had field; but the ministers who have laboured there reversed. Cleveland becomes the eleventh city, do we care about the origin of the human family headings: 1st, the number; 2nd genuine signature of elector; 3rd, name distinctly written; 4th, desdistribution of elector; 5th rolling Hants and Kings and Annapolis Counties, I was ing the solemnity of our meetings, and it would at the Narrows one week, much to the encouragecription or identification of elector; 5th, polling district or division of voters' list, where name may be found; 6th, to witness signature. There are be found; 6th, to witness signature. There are be found; 6th, to witness signature. There are ling the solemnity of our meetings, and it would sensibly impressed with the neatness, cleanliness, and it would sensible impressed with the neatness, cleanliness, and it would sensible impressed with the neatness of the loss of souls. It would sensible impressed with the neatness of the loss of souls. It would sensible impressed with the neatness of the loss of souls. It would sensible impressed with the neatness of the loss of souls. It would sensibl also prescribed declarations as to witnessing siguatures and as to qualification of persons signing petitures and as to qualification of persons signing petitures. Literally, as but all to no avail. Twelve years ago the church but all to no avail. Twelve years ago the church but all to no avail. Twelve years ago the church but all to no avail. Twelve years ago the church but all to no avail. Twelve years ago the church but all to no avail. Twelve years ago the church but all to no avail. Twelve years ago the church but all to no avail.

County go to the polls and cast his ballot for or never been considered soundly orthodox on the higher tribunal where technicalities of law can be should? Or has the seed in many cases been cast the latitude of St. Petersburg of at least two miltemperance question, is the banner county in tem- settled and justice given. The argument in the "by the wayside," upon "stony places," or "among In Shelburne County, N. S., the vote will be perance legislation. An old Frenchman said the preliminary examination by Mr. Bates (the State's thorns?"—There seems to be too little development Great Britain. taken on the 17th March; and in Hamilton, Ont., day following the election that adopted the Scott Attorney), was an able and manly vindication of of the lay talent in the chareness. Have the talents Act, "We didn't vote so much on our own account, the purity and potency of our holy Christianity. been put in exercise? Surely the dispenser of the S. S. Concert.—The Free Baptist and Methodist

direction of its fisheries and the development of its farming districts. The fishing of the past year has been unusually good, and consequently money has a generous circulation along the shores. The appliances for catching cod and mackerel are of the most perfect order, and much larger quantities and better goods are taken than by the old-fashioned hook and line method, and hence, a mutual benefit while his price per quintrl and barrel is smaller than in other days, yet the aggregate sum of his profits are larger; and the latter has better and mouth is largely true of Shelburne and Queens.

Hitherto agricultural pursuits in these Counties have been greatly neglected, as the points of enterprise seem to centre in the lumber woods, the shipnavigation. But of late greater attention is being paid to the cultivation of the soil, the improvement - WE are glad to be able to announce that we of stock, and the growing of fruits. The County tionizing the old pod-auger style-of getting along.

Such is the force of habit, that many keep up a hue and cry of "hard times," and do not stop to consider the evidences of thrift and progress in our Province. Our rock-bound coasts were never better fitted up with light-ships, lighthouses, and fogwhistles than now. Our shipping enterprises keep pace with those of other new countries. Our fisheries bring home a glad return. Our rural districts are assuming new life and vigor under the touch of improved systems of agriculture, and the steady demand of the English markets for our produce and -WEWANT-our readers ask for-denominational beef and game. Our streams are beginning to hum news. The ministers and other brethren in both with the rousic of new industries. Our gold fields Provinces should keep the INTELLIGENCER well sup. and coal mines are yielding rich harvests. Our plied with news of the churches, their work and school law needs only compulsory legislation to also their wants. Most of the readers of the paper make it one of the best upon any statute book. and hopeful. It is sad to see our young men as they look upon Nova Scotia as only fit to be born - A GENTLEMAN in New York recently sent the in and not to live and die in. Said an American Chap. 36, Dominion Act, 1869, entitled an Act publisher of the Nashville Advocate \$100 to pay for tourist after travelling through our fat valleys and over our gold fields: "If the young men of Nova! Scotia would stay at home and work three-fourths as A Halifax gentleman has done better. He has hard as they do in the States, they would grow rich

> B. MINARD. Halifax, Feb. 1, 1881.

> > CHURCH TRIALS.

Yours truly,

These are small and great, and the number almost endless. By many these trials are regarded a pest and calamity; by few are they considered a means of grace. To ask why such things are permitted to exist in the Christian church is as futile as to ask, why people have the teethache, or why mosquitoes are created. The practical question is not why do church trials or individual trials exist, but how

shall we dispose of such when they do exist. It is quite evident to those who look into the facts, that a large percentage of church diseases, internal and external, are hereditary, and no physician, orthodox or heterodox, can get them out of true that we shall fail to purify the church, but Baptist Church of Penobsquis with a handsome says, "the revival interest in the Pine Street Church,

heart. But a great many churches, pure in heart, is engraved on the Service : meet with obstacles of large proportion and percountry should be stopped, and that this was the tion may be good, it will not render half the ser- nicious effects. Leaving the matter of church discipline in general to the wisdom of the aged, it may not be a:niss to speak of a case in which the to be stopped we heartly agree. It is to that end temperance men are laboring, and every onward temperance men are laboring, and every onward he found it almost universally true that those fammovement, whether it be by moral sussion or legis- liles which read the church papers were better in- laying the following before our churches is to show, lative enactment, is a step towards the total supthe incorrigibly wicked, and secondly, one of the

Laws, defective as they are at best, disproves the the minds of its readers in many ways; helping forty years old. He was once a member of our church, but proved himself unworthy and was disearth, and in its place we see a carpet of green this: "We have evidence of sixteen crucified

much as figuratively, these Counties flow with milk consulted able lawyers upon the matter, and if the meetings for some days, and it was soon apparent counsel given had been carried out, further diffi- that the Lord was moving the hearts of the people. The County of Digby, however much it may be culty would have been obviated; but the church be- Rev. Thes. Van Wart was with Bro. M., and gave benefited by the Western Counties' Railway, does came divided upon the propriety of the course, and noble worker in God's cause.' As a result of the Picture yourselves a domain nearly as large not present a very attractive prospect from the through a counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have been considered to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have returned to the Lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have been considered to the lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have been considered to the lord, and counsel of ministers the rule made by work backsliders have been considered not pretend to say, the cars run back of civilization thought that the law failed, and this troublesome converts were baptized. Difficulties of long-stand- latitude as to the south of France, and its northern through regions where the rabbits burrough and man could never be suppressed. But a few weeks man could never be suppressed. But a few weeks extensive revival. O for more faith in God coupartridges drum, and squirrels dance, and the since, as the last resort, this case was turned over pled with persevering labour. The amount colheavy-antiered moose in autumn calls his mate. to the State's Attorney, an indictment, was brought, lected in the 2nd month is \$8.34." But no doubt in the future the axe of the woodman and after thirteen hours of an honourable and able, The object of the mission is to assist the weak distribution of lakes and rivers, enriched with all will lay these forests low, and smiling farms alope examination, this man was condemned by the and destitute churches. They need help; and the varieties of minerals, and now known to possess an lesson at school on the fateful day, occasionally Sunbury County votes on the Act next Thursday down the hillsides, and villages with busy hum of Court as being guilty of a crime of no ordinary of obligation to supply it rests somewhere. Have the (17th inst). That it will be adopted there is no industry nestle in the river bends along the course fence, and was "bound up" under bonds of \$450 to sowers of the seed done all they might? Have the doubt; but it is desirable that every voter in the of this railroad. The County of Digby that has keep the peace, and to appear next June before a cultivators of the soil laboured as faithfully as they ocean, four thousand miles, with an area south of

NOTES OF CHRISTIAN WORK. - THE Glasgow Christian News says, "There

of Scotland as at this moment. All denominations extra services through the week." -THERE is no section of the world in which Presbyterianism has made more rapid advance dur-

ing the last twelve years than in the State of Kansas. Within that time the 43 churches have grown to 290, and the 34 ministers have increased in number to 185. - Special evangelistic services are being held in

several towns in Germany. These not infrequently awake the hostility of the irreligious class. At Elberfeld, where a mission was conducted during the earlier part of January, the Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Glasgow, after addressing a meeting of fourteen hundred persons, received two letters threatening his life if he did not quit the town immediately. Dr. Somerville proceeded, however, to fulfill his gagements, and no attempt was made at further - Judging by church-membership, Richmond,

Va., is the most Christian city in the country. It has a population of 63,000, of whom about 26,000 belong to some church. Of these, between 19,000 and 20,000 are Baptists-over 14,000 being colored Baptists. The leading colored church is the largest n the country, having a membership of between hree and four thousand. A city which has two hurch members to about every three inhabitants. ought to be in a pretty good moral condition.

- DURING the year which has just closed. Father Connor, of the Independent Catholic Church has received into his church in New York little over three hundred persons who professed conver sion from the Roman Catholic Church. Among those received were eighty ex-priests of Rome and ten young men who had been monks or students in Roman Catholic colleges or monaster ies. The Independent Catholic Church established not long since in Newark, N. J., has also taken firm root, and is doing a good work.

- A NEW extension of the Salvation Army move nent was inaugurated at a special meeting held at the Army's "headquarters" in London, January 5, when the "Invasion of Australia" was formally announced, - that is, two officers of the army were about to sail for Australia, for the purpose of organizing and conducing evangelistic work there. Mrs Booth presented the emigrants with the "colors of the First Australian Corps," amid the cheers of the assembly. In the course of a short speech, General Booth stated that the cost of the "expedition" would be only £70.

DENOMINATIONAL.

'NEW BRUNSWICK. REV. W. E. PENNINGTON has, we are informed taken the pastoral care of the church at Eel River and that at Lower Canterbury, York Co.

REV. G B. TRAFTON is not in good health, and winter, not engaging in pulpit labour.

LICENTIATE A. TRAFTON gave us a call late last week. He had been home for a few days, and was interests of the church. returing to his pastorate. He is preaching in Hampstead, where his services are much appreciated.

Home Mission Engagements. - The Home Mission Society has engaged Rev. W. Downey, late of Nova Scotia, to visit some of the unsupplied churches in the Seventh District. He expects to be at Beaver Harbour next Sabbath. Arrangements are about completed, by which it is expected that Rev. John Henderson will spend the remain. ing months of the year, until General Conference, with some of the churches in the First District.] is also in contemplation to put another missionary on this District as soon as the spring opens.

themselves what may be in their power to do. G. A. HARTLEY,

Cor. Sec. H. M. S.

PENOBSQUIS, K. Co .- We learn that the Young the blood. So far as human iniquity goes it is Ladies' Sewing Society have presented the Free there is a remedy old and tried that will do the Silver Communion Service. The presentation Lewiston, with which they have been so graciously work, viz., the grace of God, and the law in ex- took place on Saturday evening at the residence of blessed for several months, is deepening and grow-But, "how shall we apply the means?" This is McLeod, President of the Circle. The pastor of there are some seeking and finding the Lord. A velocity at the time of their final absorption, could the grave question, and I shall hardly venture a the church, Rev. C. T. Phillips, received the gift, good number of young men are being gathered in of the sale of liquor. Restricting it in some places helps them more in their work than the religious that no church can see God except it is pure in also made some remarks. The following inscription The influence of the Holy Spirit is evident both in fanciful.

Presented to F. C. B. Church Y. L. S. C., Penobsquis, Feb. 5th, 1881.

THE FIFTH DISTRICT. - Dear Bro. McLeod: At the last Annual Session of the Fifth District Meeting, a Committee, consisting of two resident ordained ninisters and five laymen, was appointed for the The case at issue is that of a man now more than purpose of organizing a District Missionary Board. The Committee convened at Woodville to carry into effect the idea of the District Meeting. There license gives a sort of monopoly of a bad thing to could not mention without giving offence. A good Universalist belief; and lastly became a professed S. Vanwart and E. W. Slipp and the writer. Rev. Spiritualist. As might be expected, he has avail. J. G. McKenzie and Brethren T. O'Donnell and But it can scarcely be claimed that even the poor restriction afforded by license increases the amount restriction afforded by license inc years. During this period of twelve years, this electing E. W. Slipp, Chairman; A. Palmer, Secman has been to the social meetings, and es. retary; and L. S. Vanwart, Treasurer. Such byepecially during revival efforts, a great annoy- laws as are necessary for the government of the MR. EDITOR,—The contest between winter and ance. To some in the church he has been in the Board in its deliberations, the disbursement of spring is always severe. Having been enthroned social public meetings what a cinder is in the eye. money, &c., were adopted; all to be reported at the for months upon snow-banks and ice-cakes, with Not that he was accustomed, as a rule, to say any. next Annual Meeting of the District and to the sceptre of icicle and breath of frost, old Boreas is thing out of order. In fact, he studiously guarded | Corresponding Secretary of Conference. (1 may unwilling to relinquish his position. In the himself for the most part in this respect. Occasion. say here that of the amounts expected from the lengthening days of March, spring smiles again and ally he would overstep the bounds—and "who churches according to the apportionment made, but again upon the dreary wastes, but is frequently doesn't?" his sympathizers might say. As disorderly very little has been received, and the Board has them; and the laws of God against false-witness, beaten back by fierce northern blasts. At length a thing as I remember of hearing him say in all his not been able to make as full arrangements as are desirable. It is hoped the contributions will be forwarded to the Treasurer at once.)

sale, why are these men so bitterly opposed to the sunlight. Such is the conflict between "hard meetings then?" Because he was an untruthful an arrangement was made with Bro McKenzie to man. He denied the divinity of Christ, and de spend two months in mission labour, to visit the changed in their relative rank since 1870. ing the movement for the adoption of the Law at The Dominion of Canada was the last nation to clared the Bible "no more truthful than any other big report I support the following.

ranks-gone up higher; others are stepping out. manner. The singing by the school was delightful. through their devoted labours. But their departure ing. A report read by the Secretary on what had of English travellers. from earth makes vacancies which in many cases been done during the year, was very encouraging. consideration. If man has a free agency, and it is P. M. Brown, Superintendent, and others. The neglect and the consequent weakness and loss in for the benefit of the school. many parts of this District.

Referring to the collections of the missionary does it not seem strange that contributions to re ligious purposes are so meagre. For selfish gratifi cations we are ready to spend, but when God's cause is appealed for, how poor we are. We are too slow to understand that "the earth is Lord's," and that we are but stewards.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Board held few days ago it was decided to continue the er agement with Bro. McKenzie another month, and onger of the churches in general and the communitie where he labours will contribute to the funds with sufficient liberality to warrant such action. Mor Yours, &c.,

ALBERT PALMER, Sec.

NOVA SCOTIA. HALIFAX .- Bev. B. Minard writes that last Sun day one united with the Halifax Church.

CAPE ISLAND. - Rev. P. M. Brown writes (Jan. 31st): "I have been with Bro. Colpitts on Cape Island the last two weeks. The Lord has blessed probably more were baptized yesterday. Bro. DeWitt is holding special meetings at Clark's Harbour, and I learn the interest is good. We are

HALIFAX. - Rev. B. Minard, pastor of the Halifax Church, has completed his tour through the Province. We congratulate him and the church to agriculturalists were discussed, The interchange on the success he has had in securing cash and pledges. The church gave Bro. M. a warm welcome to the farmers alone but to the whole country. the 3rd inst. says :

the Lord gives the increase."

According to announcement a large number of he friends of Rev. B Minard assembled on Tuesday evening last, in the vestry of his church, corner Starr Street and Hurd's Lane, to welcome that gentlemen home from his self-imposed mission of collecting funds to pay off the debt of \$4,000 on the

After an appropriate address by Deacon W. Rob rtson, accompanied by the presentation of a beautiful bouquet by Miss E. Wilson, in behalf of the congregation, to which the pastor responded in his usual warm hearted and happy style, all sat down to a feast of good things prepared by the ladies, to which ample justice was done. The occasion was enlivened at intervals by ex-

uartette, "Those Charming Bells," by the choir, and the Dutch song, "Johnny Schmoker," by Mr. A. J. Cox, which were heartily applauded. It was indeed a happy reunion. Words fail to are due Mr. Minard for the devotion, self-sacrifice and persevering energy he has displayed in giving his time gratuitously for the past three nonths, while canvassing the Province in the

oledges and cash, and only \$600 more are required lift the debt in full. amount before March 1st, so that his generous and of 1843, and also suspected to be identical with that noble efforts will not be in vain.

UNITED STATES.

Augusta. - The church in Augusta, Maine, is enjoying a good revival interest. The pastor, Rev. C. F. Penney, is one of the most successful workers | be destroyed off the surface of the earth.

REV. Dr. Bower of the Main Street Free Baptist Church, Lewiston, sometime ago tendered his The Executive are anxious to do all they can for resignation of the pastorate. The people were unthis District, and hope the churches will do for willing to let him go, and Sabbath before last he announced that he had decided to withdraw his resignation and remain with the church. The church and congregation were greatly pleased by the an-

Mr. Gideon McLeod, and was made by Miss Lillie ing better and better. At nearly every meeting much larger the individual meteors, and that the the meetings and in the homes of the city. They are expecting still more of the divine power."

> THE FOURTH LECTURE of the course being given under the auspices of the Free Christian Baptist Church, Carleton, was delivered on Tuesday evening by Silas Alward Esq. Subject: "Retrospect and Prospect." There was a fine audience and the lecture a most admirable one. The subject was reated from a national stand-point. He retrospected the growth and prosperity of our country, showing the healthy condition of the infant in the and vegetable life family of nations. He spoke of the constitution. and laws of the Dominion of Canada as being the best in the world, having the best features of the laws of England and of the United States combined, unless his conscience is troubling his present. while the objectionable in both were rejected. He showed wherein we might expect a prosperous future. Our forests, the best in the world ; our fisheries good; our coal mines and other minerals valuable, our lands productive and our great North West Territories almost invaluable. He thought one of four national courses lies before us, either to remain as we are, or become a part of a great Pan-Brittanic nation, or be annexed to the United States, or else become independent. The first he thought would be a safe and happy course for us, but not a very probable stranger, and ye took me in. one; the second he thought impractizable; the third a most undesirable and unnatural one, while the fourth, though not to him, personally, so desirable, was, in his opinion, judging from the history of If it was intended for a novel it lacked plot, and if nations, to be our future position.

CHANGES. - The United States Census just taken shows that the cities of the Union have considerably

New York, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn still hold and Butfalo, which was then the eleventh, becomes changes in rank when the returns for 1890 are

CANADA. - In the paper on Canada read before the Colonial Institute in London by Sir A. T. Galt, spread coal-fields, most extensive and productive enormous area of fertile prairie-lands destined to erying out, "Take the snake away." become the future granary of England ; this vast

From Colchester County, N. S., petitions have but as a benefit to our children." Was this ctate- "A prudent man forseeth the evil and hideth "diversity of gifts" has not failed in any respect. Union Sabbath School, of Bear Point, N. S., held been forwarded to Ottawa. They bear 582 signament an echo from the nursery? For once, I behimself; but the simple pass on and are punished."

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seem not to be filled. This is a matter for deep Short addresses were given by Revs. W. C. Weston,

abused, who is to make good the loss? Great is church was filled with an interested audience. All the loss to lives of such, to the life of the church | were pleased and the school encouraged in its pleaand to the spread of the gospel. There seems such sant and important work. A collection was taken ONE PRESENT. THE POPULATION OF UTAH. - The Philadelphia

Public Ledger points out that the census returns of are natives of the United States. There has been night, they wouldn't tell him at all. an increase of nearly seventy per cent. in the popu. lation of the territory since 1870, when the sexes unprecedented rate. A German couple has arrived were nearly equally divided. The females have in- with fourteen children, the mother being about creased at the rate of sixty per cent. and the males at about seventy per cent. This is probably the married life was blessed with twin girls. Less than result of opening up mines of precious metals, which two years later the woman, who was there eigh-

LIBEL - Rev. S. G. Lawson, editor of the Presbyterian of Charlottetown, P. E. I., has been found the arrival of another cluster of four, this time two guilty of criminal libel of W. D. Stewart, ex-Com- boys and two girls, was an event which created missioner of Public Works of P. E. I. The trial some consternation, and two years ago two more occupied three days. The defence did not submit little flaxen-haired girls came to the fortunate his labours. Twenty-two have been baptized, and any evidence. The jury, after being out twentysix hours, returned a verdict of guilty. The traverser, who is a minister of the Presbyterian Church. has been cited to appear before the Church Courts sale of railway passenger tickets. Its object was encouraged to go forth with the precious seed, for for libel.

THE "FARMERS' PARLIAMENT"-as the papers have the habit of calling it-had its annual session in Sackville last week. Several subjects of interest of thought and experience must do much good not had taken place but parties in St. John were not on his return. A communication in the Chronicle of The meeting next year will be in Hopewell, A. Co.

> CURRENT TOPICS. CREMATION.

(Montreal Witness).

Cremation is surely, if slowly, gathering friends n many parts of the United States, and a bill in roduced in the New York State Legislature the other day authorizes three or more persons to form River, Manitoba, in virtue of which the Hudson an association to burn dead bodies. The "march Bay Company now claim to be proprietors of lots. of civilization" has disturbed so many cemeteries n America, and the feelings of living relatives have so often been lacerated by the utilitarian spirit of civic and other law-makers in ruthlessly exposing the remains of departed loved ones, in many instances totally obliterating the monuments and ellent music, among the best of which were the tombstones where many an honored one's dust re- | Carried posed, that it seems possible that many may, as soon as custom makes the process less revolting, in reference to removal of excise duty on malt, etc., prefer to commit dust to dust in this manner, thus etc. He thought the duty on malt should be reensuring them against disrespect hereafter.

THE BALEFUL COMET. (Lewiston Journal.)

Prof. R. A. Proctor, the well-known astronomer says the menacing comet is the one visible in 1880, He has succeeded in securing about \$3,400 in in the Australian heavens. Mathematicians eminence suggest the possibility, and even a degree It is to be hoped he will succeed in raising this the solar system. This comet is identical with that of probability, that this comet may bring danger to of 1668, the period being reduced from 178 years to 37 years, the velocity being reduced by a resistng medium, the period is reduced. Its period iminishing rapidly, at an earlier date it may fall nto the sun, with this alarming immediate result, -that all the higher forms of life, at least, will

If this theory of identity and diminishing periods be correct the effect must, of necesity, be increase at each return, and after only a few (possibly one or two) circuits, the comet will be absorbed by the sun. The danger lies in the cenversion of the momentum of the swiftly rushing mass of the comet

The comparatively insignificant comet of 1866, called Temple's, which required a telescope to make it visible, is followed by millions of millions of meteoric masses, and when our earth passes through this system of meteors, though they enter her atmosphere with a velocity of only about 39 miles per second, they are converted into glowing vapor, n their passage through it. If we consider how far more densely aggregated

the meteoric masses must be which form the nu-

Prof. Proctor believes if a comet of the larger sort fell into or were absorbed by the sun, danger would lie in the sun's own might, not in the comet r its attendant train. The bodies forming the with mighty momentum on the sun's fiery surface. It might well be that the effects thus produced would be but transient. In a few weeks, possibly while to intense heat and splendor, would resume its usual temperature, his usual lustre, but this sudden access of heat and light, in its brief existence, might have destroyed the higher forms of animal The above views of Prof. Proctor are sharply criticised, and his alarms are pronounced without

good foundation. At all events, there is no occasion for anybody being nervous about the future,

THINGS IN SHORT METRE. BY PEN AND SCISSORS.]

Queen Victoria has caused a brass tablet to be cent. erected in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, in memory of the son of the King of Abyssinia, upon up for concurrence. which is inscribed the following words: "I was a

Some philanthropist sent a Bible to a Milwaukee thought it was a new publication and wrote a review for a history it was full of improbable incidents. Mr. Kimball, the great "church-debt raiser,"

at a meeting of ministers in Chicago recently, stated that he had visited about one hundred and fifty and the bill founded upon it was introduced. churches, and had raised about five millions of dolthe places they then held and in the order just lars for the payment of church debts. He has Court Act and the Acts amending the same, which A preacher in Rook County, Kansas, had been for Sir John explained that the bill could be taken weeks conducting a wonderfully successful revival. | up by any hon. member, but for the present he "Dear brethren and sisters," he said one day, would ask that it stand over. He gave notice that this is the last meeting I shall hold. It is im- unless it was taken up when next called, he would

In his last Sunday sermon Beecher said: "What lions of years, geologically speaking, and it don't and turning back to God ?" "Within half a century," says Dr. Dio Lewis, no young man addicted to the use of tobacco has

graduated at the head of his class in Harvard College, though five out of six of the students have used it. The chances, you see, were five in six that Four years ago a school boy in Monroe County, Ind., threw a dead rattlesnake around the neck of a little girl, and it has made her permanently in-

Says the Catholic Visitor: "The Catholic Church Britain.) or infidelity are now the two alternatives." This is "Bills relating to the Administration of Justice lion of square miles capable of cultivation, and of which fully one-half produces every crop grown in

Many of the old veterans have stepped out of the Lottie Wickens presided at the organ in an excellent Here, whether of Greek or Latin, Moslam or Jewish parentage, they are all taught to love the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent. They have a beautiful home, built by the generosity

The coal product of the world is about 300,000,-000 tons annually. Great Britain has nearly 4,000 officeries, and mines 132,000,000 tons. The United states has 340 collieries, which produces 20,000,000 ons per annum. The North American continent could supply all the coal needed by the world at the present rate of consumption for 200 years. At present rate of mining in this country, the coal will last 2,000 years.

Robert Collyer, in his remarks lately at the instalation of a pastor in Chicago, advised the congregation not to find fault, if they had fault to find, with Utah show what is superficially at least an unex- blue; nor on Tuesday, for then he was pulling out; their new minister on Monday, for then he was pected result. Notwithstanding the polygamy prac- nor on Wednesday, for then he was getting ready tised there, which allows any male Mormon several for his sermon; nor on Thursday, for then he was wives, there are more males than females in the writing it; nor on Friday, for he was finishing it; territory. More than two-thirds of the inhabitants of the inhabitants day. And if they didn't tell him before Saturday

The settlement of Lower Oregon is going on at an twenty-five years of age. They were married in the fall of 1870, and the following summer their first attracted an almost exclusively male popula- teen years old, gave birth to four children, three girls and a boy, the latter living only a few days. In the summer of '74, three more girls registered at that humble hearth, and in 1875 a boy arrived solitary and alone. Seven years after the marriage

PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Kirkpatrick introduced a bill respecting the to prevent the unauthorized sale of Railway passen-

Mr. Domville asked if it was the intention of the Government to introduce a bill this session of Parliament to place the harbor of St. John. N. B., Hon, J. C. Pope stated that some correspondence

Mr. Blake asked what was the present estimated cost of the first one hundred miles of the Canadian Pacific Railway, west of Selkirk, now under construction and to be taken over by the Syndicate.

Sir Charles Tupper said that the estimated cost

of the first one hundred miles west of Red River was \$1,350,000, equal to \$13,500 per mile. He presented a detailed statement showing how this ount was arrived at. Mr. Rymal moved for orders in Council, etc., in relation to certain drawing of lots for lands on Red

improved, cultivated and built upon by private in-Mr. Rymal moved for copies of all papers touching the mission of Mr. Lang, of the Department of the Interior, last summer, to Manitoba in connection with the unpatented lands of the Province.

Mr. Orton moved for papers and correspondence ved and placed on malt liquor Hon. M. Mousseau stated that there was no orrespondence, and the motion was withdrawn.

The Pacific Railway Bill was introduced in the Senate. It is thought the discussion will last about one week. Mr McDonald, of Pictou, gives notice of a motion for a committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :--

1st. That the following be the salaries of the Chief Justice and puisne Judges of the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island instead of the present salaries, viz :--Chief Justice, per year, \$4,000. Two puisne Judges, each \$3,200.

2nd. That the following be the salaries of the ollowing County Court Judges :-Judges of County Court of the County of York, Ontario, of District No. 1, Nova Scotia, and of the County of St. John, New Brunswick, each \$3,000. Judges of the County Court of each County in the Union of Counties in Ontario, of which the population exceeds fifty thousand, \$2,000 per year for the first three years and \$2,400 per year for the second three years and \$3,000 per year thereafter. The period of service of a judge now in office to count, but the increase of salary not to take effect

To each junior judge of the County Court \$2,000 per year for the first three years, and \$2,400 per year thereafter, the period of service of the junior judge now in office to be counted, but the increase of salary not to take effect retrospectively.

3rd. That an additional sum not exceeding \$100 per year be allowed to such judges and junior idges of the County Courts in Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island as may be fixed by the Governor in Council, reference being had to the time occupied in travelling and the diatance travelled. Debate was resumed on White's resolution for an

order of the House for statement of number of persons who have passed from Canada into the United States by way of Sarnia and Windsor since 12th January, 1881, and persons who have within the same period come into Canada from the United head, nucleus and train of the comet, would fall in and Sir John Macdonald were in an amendment States. The motions of Sir Richard Cartwright immense numbers with enormous velocity, and each thereto. A long discussion followed in which the National Policy was the main feature touched upon. The Opposition speakers looked upon the exodus in a few days or even hours, the sun, excited for a The Ministerialists discredit these figures, holding that these were not reliable; that they were furnished by Yankee officials, and that there was no machinery in operation by which estimates could be arrived at.

At two o'clock, after a tedious debate, Mr. White's motion for papers in connection with alleged exodus was carried The House went into Committee to consider the

following resolution: That the Act passed in the forty-third year of Her Majesty's reign intituled 'an Act to amend the general Inspection Act of 1874 and Act amending it," be amended by repealing the tariff of fees to be collected for the Inspec tion of smoked herrings contained in the third section and substituting the following: (A.) for The latest scheme for a railroad tunnel is one to each box smoked herrings, one cent; (B.) for each connect Canada with the United States under the half box smoked herrings, one-half cent; (C.) for each quarter box smoked herrings, one-quarter

The Bill was passed through Committee and came Mr. Longley expressed his satisfaction with the resolution, the meaning of which was that the inspection fee would be reduced materially. Personditor in hopes of doing him some good, and he ally, he thought it might be better if the matter of inspection could be left optional, but he did not feel disposed to object to the resolution on that account. Mr. Gillmor protested against the inspection fee altogether. The class of herring caught along Charlotte County, N. 3., was very small and not much value. They sold for about ten cents per box and hence a tax of a cent a box was too high, The resolution was passed through Committee An act to repeal the Supreme and Excheque constantly engagements out for twenty weeks ahead, had been introduced by the late Mr. Keeler, came

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of this Province assembled at provided we are not monkeys? We have had a Frederiction on Tuesday. At 3 o'clock the Goverwell-established, authentic human family for mil- nor opened the Session with the following speech "I have convened you at this time for the conmake much difference what is back of that. The sideration of the affairs of the Province, with full question is where are we going. Are we of God confidence that your labors will be resumed with a spirit devoted to the public welfare

"You will join me in the expression of gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed on the people of this Province during the past year. The Harvest of the season has been abundant; and, although our Trade and Manufactures have exhireason to believe that they have received no permanent check, and that the progress of the Province in general prosperity has again commenced, and will now be relieved from those retarding influences which have been for some time so seriously sane. During all this time she has recognized no

(Then followed a reference to the Board of Agriculture, the visit of the English Agricultural Delegates, the Exhibition of 1880, and the export trade of cattle and sheep to the markets of Great

not quite as bad as the doctrine of the colored in the Trial of Causes in the Supreme Court, to preacher, who, in the course of his sermon, said : County Valuations for the purposes of Assessment, Brederen, dere are two roads : one of dem leads | -and in further amendment of the Law relating to to perdition, de oder to damnation." "If dat be the issue of Provincial Debentures, and other Meade case," said one of the alarmed hearers, "dis sures of importance, will be submitted for your

B. A. S. | sad the consequences of his failure to improve it. | was very enjoyable and a decided success. Miss are in it now 36 girls, of ages varying from 4 to 15. | Payments of the current year up to the opening