Farewell, Old Year. 23:24.)Farewell, Old Year we walk no more together I catch the sweetness of thy latest sigh, And, crowned with yellow brake and Here in the dim light of a gray December. We part in smiles, and yet we met in tears; Watching thy chilly dawn, I well remember I thought thee sadest born of all the years. I knew not then what precious gifts were hidden Under the mist that veiled thy path from the empire.

sight ; I knew not then that joy would come unbidden,

To make thy closing hours divinely bright.

I only saw the dreary clouds unbroken, I only heard the splash of icy rain, And in that winter gloom I found no token To tell me that the sun would shine

again.

O dear Old Year, I wronged a Father's kindness,

I would not trust him with my load o care ; I stumbled on in weariness and blindness,

And lo ! he blessed me with an answered prayer!

Good by kind Year, we walk no more together, But here in quiet happiness we part ; And from thy wreath of faded fern and heather

I take some sprays, and wear them on my heart.

The Gateway of the Year.

of the new year, and to most of us circles, and equipages containing to chill even once a child's enthusi- commune with them.

and Themistocies kept New-Year's- likely he was too busy to inquire fort of adversity." under the Montezumas. A peculiar tendrils.

the extinguishing of all the lights the kind of training which results reading :-and fires on the night preceding in forgetful sons and daughters. A New-Year's day, and the building child leans against the father's knee of a new sacred fire in the great and looks up wistfully, longingly temple, as an augury of the renewal He is pushed aside, while the father of the year, at midnight, from which goes on with his talk or his reading couriers carried the flame anew over or his work. The mature mind is absorbed with thoughts of business,

In England, December 25th was of gain or loss, with far-reading New-Year's day until William the plans, it may be with grudges or Norman's time- His coronation wirts. The approach of the little happened to occur on January 1st, intelligence asking to be permitted osophy, religion Variety gives one for these troubles. and as it was considered an import- to mingle itself with the fatherant event, the year was ordered to mind is felt to be an intrusion, a commence on that day; but it soon hindrance. This unintentional hard- few books well than many books grew out of fashion, and for four ness to children is shown perhaps hundred years the English began the as often by mothers as by fathers. year with the 25th of March. In The mother is intent upon making swim in deep water. 1752, King George 1I. and parlia- the little garment, or cooking the

ment adopted the Gregorian calen- dainty dish, or she is making the dar and declared that henceforth house spick and span for company. talk them over to yourself and with the gateway of the year should be The little one follows her about others, try to remember them. The Russians alone, of all the isolation, of sadness, that the mother ours."

European nations, still reckon by will perhaps experience by and by the Julian calendar, and consequent- when the same child, a woman grown, book hour each day if possible. ly the new year in Russia is twelve is unwilling to give up time and self Especially however, utilise frag days later than ours. Although the for cherishing and pleasing the aged ments of time for a few pages of thermometer may point to thirty child-woman.

degrees below zero, the Muscovites keep it as a gala day. Like good the cars a little group of bright, members of the Greek Church, they eager, curious children anxious to do by looking up all allusion to his celebrate mass early and devote the be told about this or that on the tory, poetry, art, mythology, per-

rest of the day to making and re- way. The mother, deep in a love sons, places, etc. ceiving congratulatory visits,-the story, scowls, scolds, commands stillgentlemen calling and the ladies ness, instead of lovingly giving her- if possible, every book you read; Among most civilized peoples of receiving. Ceremonious visits are self up to the little folks as inter- mark choice passages in them; to-day, January 1st, opens the portal also paid in military and official preter and guide. It is dangerous make comparisons of them; often

their great law-giver.-(See Lev. pity in the sketch referred to, was knowledge of good books "Is the probably absorbed in affairs when food of youth, the delight of age, The Greeks of the time of Solon his son was a little child. Most the ornament of prosperity, the com-

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

day at the winter solstice; after 432 into his baby needs, to sympathize It is an open door to the best B. C., the summer solstice marked with his baby wishes, to get ac- society, a stepping stone to the highthe gateway of the year, the change quainted with the little mind and est fame, a crown of honor that out-I see thee stand beneath this cloudy sky. being made under Pericles. The satisfy its bent, to win the innocent, shines the sun. These being true, Aztec new year also began at the confiding heart and make for him- it is one of life's societies that the For Coughs & Colds. same time af the summer solstice, self a support for its outputting young should read good books and

ceremony with the latter people was A lover of children often observes suggestions will help to profit in

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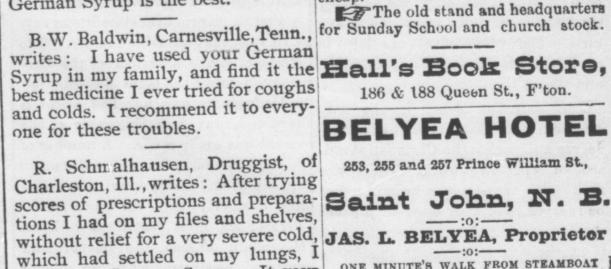
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there comes a sober thought as we pass through. There is something solemn in the pealing of the churchbells that rings out the old year and rings in the new. Charles Lamb said that he never heard it without a gathering up of his mind to a concentration of all the images that had been diffused over the past twelvemonth, all that he had done or suffered, performed or neglected, in that regretted time. Nor was it a poetical flight in a contemporary when he exclaimed, "I saw the skirts of the departing year.

It is a season for both retrospection and prospection. And it was with a certain appropriateness that the old Romans dedicated New-Year's-day, to that God of their pantheon who had two faces and ex. perienced no difficulty in looking two ways at once, Janus Bidrons. The deity could at the same time look backward into the past and forward into the future, and at his temple the old Latin God was represented with two faces. He was a peaceful and beneficent old deity, and from presiding over the opening of the new year, he gave an element of congratulation and good will to the day. Hence came the fashion of congratulatory salutions, friendly visits, and the mutal exchange of gifts, or strenae, as they of Cæsar's mellifluous language termed them.

other with kindly salutations. Pres. ents of figs, dates, honey-cakes, and to house. Stately processions, in white attire, marched to the temples, and the altars smoked with sacrifices. Even the slaves had a vacation that day, and joyousness reign-Roman empire, New-Year's day was

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Russian provinces the paying of answers itself. - Congregationalist. exercises of your life. visits in masks is popular on New-

January 1st.

Year's night. The Japanese first day falls on the 29th of January, by which date

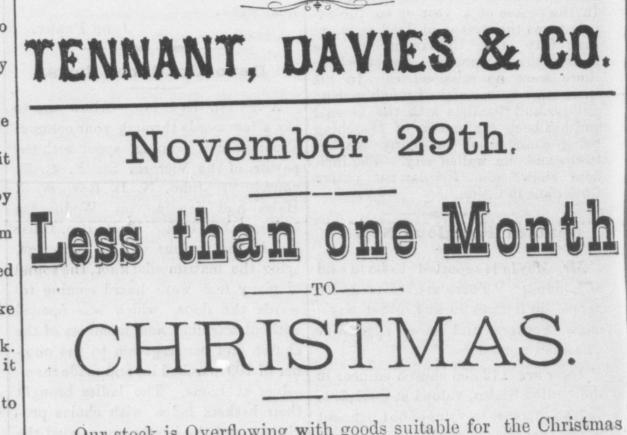
their friends and relatives in the it ! I don't feel it ! Have I lost it vicinity, and send letters of con- Must I die a pauper after all? gratulation to those in distant His son and only heir, after consultplaces. They have grand proces- ing with the physician, went to his sions and brilliant displays of fire- father's vault in the safe deposit works on this fete, and in the high- and brought a bundle of bonds. er circles the ladies deport them- These he handed to the dying man, selves with a peculiar diversion call- whose eyes brightened at once. ed the "butterfly dancy." Presents Taking the package in his skinny are offered of cooked rice, roasted hands, he opened his bosom and peas, oranges, figs, and confections. placed it against his heart. He On the fourth day, the New-Year's muttered : "Yes, I feel it; Yes, 1 decorations, representing lobsters am rich ! I am going to die a milthe emblem of production), oranges lionaire !" No doubt the touch of trees and flowers, of which the Jap- delirium of avarice, the insanity of before the doors to signify the ad- the bonds gave such alleviation as vent of spring.

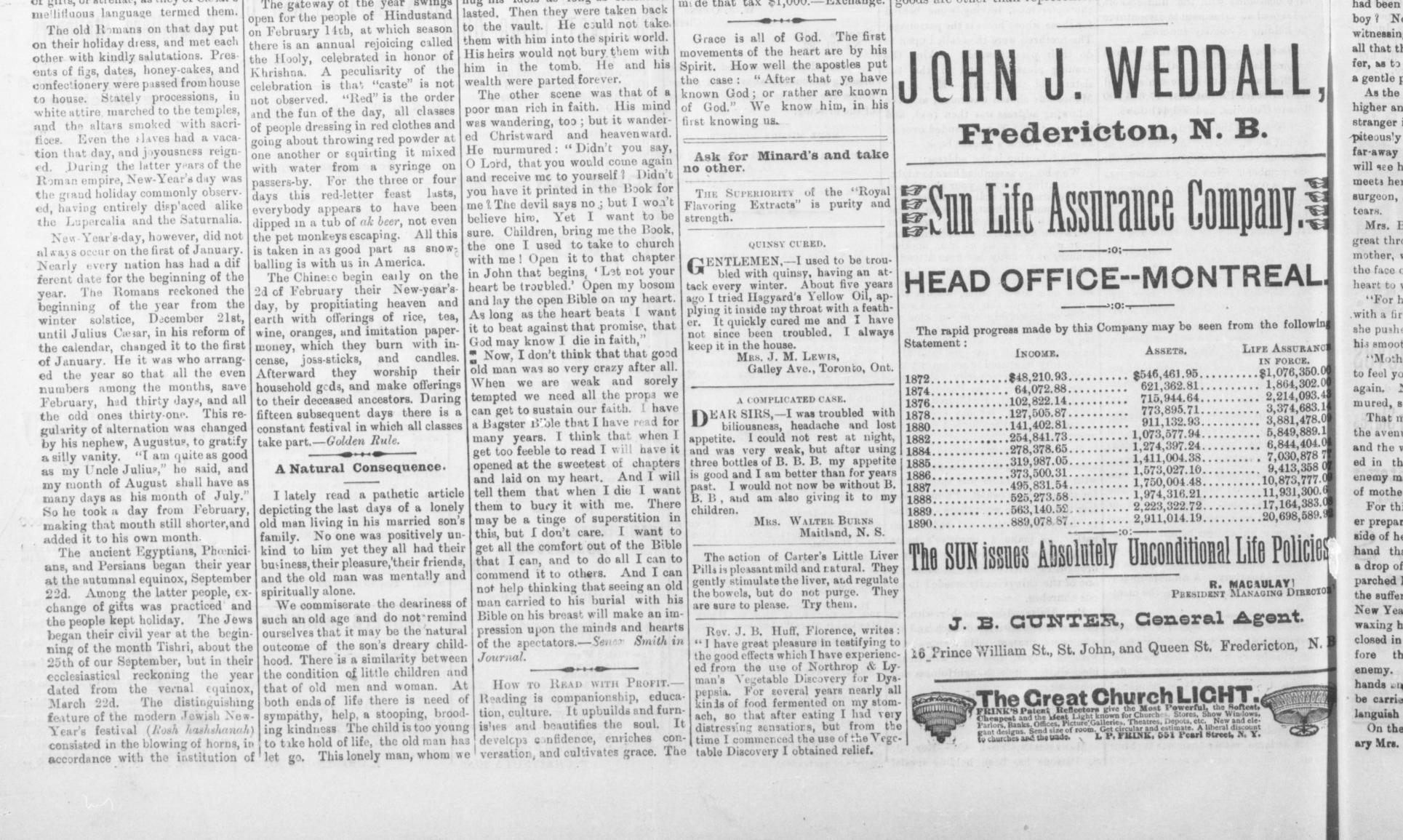
minable streets with the droskies of constantly unwound from their na enrich, and preserve your reading well to-do civilians- In some of the tural clinging place? The question will be one of the most profitable

Two Death Scenes.

A rich man was dying. He was all accounts have been adjusted and one of those cautious millionaires disputes settled. The first thing in who would have only the best sethe morning, the people from the curities that he could get. So he highest to the lowest put on a sort had all that he was worth in U.S. of regulation dress of light-blue Government bonds. As he grew 3100.cotton, and throughout that day weak and delirious, he kept saying : and the two that follow, they visit "Where is my money? I don't see (good fortune), cabbage (riches), are those promises to pay soothed his taken down, and boughs of fruit- anguish. He was suffering from the anese are passionately fond, are set selfishness. It was incurable, but

they could. He was permitted to The gateway of the year swings hug his idols as long as sensation





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