present some are enquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, while others appear to be waiting for the moving of the waters.

Our trust is in the Lord of Hosts, that soon we shall see, "The set time to favor Zion is come "

We have our regular prayer meetings, our Conference, and communion seasons, and we feel that God is with us. We bless the Lord that the Domestic Missionary Board has sent us such a mfs ionary. May the great Head of the Church abundantly bless those noble souls who have assisted us, especially those. of Saint John, whose praise is in all the churches.

touching

Isaiah 56th, 27th, "Mine house shall be called a

house of prayer for all people." In the evening

These administrations of the Sabbath were all

FOR SALE.

will be sold in a few days, and the liabilities of

The other religious denominations in the place

showed their good will by coming in and pur

chasing pews, and several who had not been ac-

customed to attend any place of worship, were

also among the purchasers. This shows the ad-

vantage of building an attractive place of wor-

THE CONCERT.

the committee still further reduced.

by the good people of Moncton.

an elequent sermon by Rev. B. DeMill, from O my dear Brethren, a cup of cold water Isaiah 53, 10th and 11th, "Yet it pleased the will not be forgotten, how much then when we receive from you the means to support a Lord to bruise him," &c. good soldier of Christ who is not ashamed to declare the whole council of God. We trust that before long this region will not only be able to support a Baptist missionary, but also to contribute their mite in order that others may have the word of life. Our dcar brother leaves here to morrow with his dear companion, Mrs S., we pray that they may have vi. 13th. "Even he shall build the temple of journeying mercies and soon return to their mission field. We believe, my dear Brother, we have your prayers and we know God

will answer the prayer of faith. Yours in best of bonds,

WM. GREMLEY.

P. S.-Brother J. H. Harding has presented us with a set of lamps which with his excellent oil gives a brilliant light. May he never want oil in his earthen vessel.

W. G.

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CHRISTIAN VISITOR SAINT JOHN, N. B., OCT. 28, 1857.

Opening of the New Baptist Chapel at Moncton.

Some of our readers may feel an interest in having a minute description of the house. Here it is :---

SIZE.

76 by 45 feet ground floor, and posts 26 feet The building rests upon a foundation free stone from the Dorchester quarry, elevated three feet and a half above the surface of the ground. It is finished with tower, belfry, and steeple, making the entire height from the foundation to the top of the steeple, 134 feet. Heavy buttresses, seven in number, adorn each side of the house, with four in front. These are orna. mented with carved pinnacles ascending several feet above the eves of the roof. There are five gothic windows on each side, and three in front, one of which is a large circular. The window in the west end is a double gothic, of spacious dimensions. Excepting those in front, all these windows are filled with stained glass, producing an excellent effect.

The Christian Visitor.

gress of truth in the land. It was affecting to proportions, and so chaste in its whole structure, think that two entire generations have been swept from the face of the earth since Joseph Crandal in the morning of this minister had first Crandal in the morning of his ministry had first Long may you live to enjoy the blessings result-

lifted up his voice in that region as a m ssenger of mercy and that, though in the 87 year of his age, he was still living to proclaim the same age, he was still living to proclaim the same age, he was still living to proclaim the same prosperity within this temple now dedicated to message. His discourse was appropriate and the worship and service of the Lord of Hosts.-Here may the pure Gospel of our common Lord be faithfully and successfully preached, and here may multitudes arise to testify to its regenerat-The venerable and Rev. Mr. Temple, kindly

gave up his morning service in his own chapel, ing, sanctifying and redeeming power, In behalf of all the ministers of the Gospel preand was present to offer the concluding prayer. In the afternoon Rev. I. E. Bill preached from sent at the dedication,

We are, Gentlemen, Most sinc'ly and affect'ly yours, JOSENH CRANDALL

I. E. BILL,

M. S. Harris, Esq., Chairman of the Committee.

ADDRESS.

numerously attended, and the impression exceed-DEAR SIR :-- I have been requested by the ingly favourable. The choir contributed their full Committee of management of the New Baptist Ghurch, as well on their own behalf as on that share to the enjoyment of the several services. of the congregation generally, to convey to you, On Monday morning Rev. William Hall deand through you to the Ladies and Gentlemen of livered an excellent discourse from Zachariah the Germain Street Choir our sincere and hearty vi. 13th. "Even he shall build the temple of Lord and he shall bear the glory." At the close of the service the pews were offered And I have been further requested to say that the very valuable services which your Choir has

rendered upon the occasion are such as call for There are in the house, above and below, 120 our highest admiration and esteem, and will long pews; an upset price was put upon them sufbe remembered with the liveliest satisfaction by ficient to cover the expenses of the building, those who had the pleasure of being present durand purchasers were called upon to bid for ing your performances.

We feel also that the value of those services choice. The first choice was purchased by O. is doubly enhanced when we take into conside-Jones, Esc., for £40 above the upset price, makration that at this season of the year you did not. ing the entire cost £80. About one half of the hesitate to leave the comforts of your own domipews were sold, the price varying on the lower ciles and submit to the inconvenience and un. pleasantness of travelling by steambost at this flat, with the exception of the first, from £66 to particular time. With best wishes for your safe £40. The whole sale amounting to £1750. It eturn and future prosperity. is confidently expected that several more pews

M. S. HARRIS,

Chair. of Com. Fo Mr. John Chaloner, Conductor of the Germain Street Choir, Saint John.

MONCTON, Oct. 20th, 1857.

DEAR SIR :-- Your address breathes a spirit of trast to the woes and ills of every day life.

I may truly say that nothing but 'true devothe organ. The weather proved unpleasant, but tion to our favorite science, combined with a denotwithstanding the attendance was good, and sire to do good, could have prompted us to enter the choir acquitted themselves in a manner that upon such an engagement as the present, and it excited the admiration of all who heard them. efforts are highly appreciated.

We have often listened to them with delight, but on this occasion they really surpassed them. selves. The best judges of music present were perfectly enraptured. Where all performed their part so well comparison would be invidious. be present.

The several parts were well sustained, and their In conclusion, we desire to express our best wishes voices, aided by the sweet tones of the organ, blended in strains of the most exquisite harmony. Long will this musical treat be remembered The friends seemed to vie with each other in well!

The "Weekly Examiner" is the name of a ever cost of life. Should we not therefore new paper published in Bridgetown, N. S. The be united, as the heart of one man, in the first number has just made its debut. Its type- prosecution of our great undertakings-pregraphical appearance is highly creditable, and its pared, if need be, to make sacrifices for our columns filled with reading matter. The "Ex- principles and for their diffusion ? If we love this cause, we should be ready to labor aminer advocates the liberal side of politics, the for it ; and by laboring for it, we will learn federal union of the colonies, the election of the to love it. Governor of each colony by the people, voting By persuasion, by entreaty, by affectionate by ballot, and education upon Protestant princiappeal, we must win the drunkard from his cups, and keep back our rising youth from

ples, recognising the Bible as the foundation of constitutional liberty, &c., trafficker in strong drink, we can have no

By the request of Gurney Division we give publicity to the following admirable address, and we do so with heartfelt pleasure, and with earnest prayer that it may produce is desired results. THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF THE SONS OF and before all things, we must adorn our

TEMPERANCE OF NORTH AMERICA, IN FOUR. profession, and so commend our faith to the TEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, TO THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE DIVISIONS OF THE ORDER,

GREETING :- By the kindness of our Hea. coly Father, we have been permitted to assemble once more in Annual Sessiononce more to meet some, at least, of the old familiar faces-once more to welcome new accessions to our numbers, and to exchange with one another the heartfelt gratulations of warm and genuine affection. Our meeting for what we do, for what we neglect to do, has been a pleasant and propitious one. In most perfect harmony our appropriate busipess has been transacted, and as iron sharpeneth iron, so hath each man's countenance cheered and encouraged that of his brother : good tidings from many quarters have fallen pleasanily upon our ears, stimulating to re- Oider, doing all we may to make our Divinewed consecration and effort; and whilst we linger to say farewell, we would convey to able. Let every public temperance effort you some of the hopes by which we have have its beginning in and be identified with been animated, and seek your sympathy and co-operation in the great work yet to be accomplished.

From returns received at the office of our M. W. S., it appears there are at present in frinted by the way ; to instruct onr people active operation, over Two Thousand Divisions, with a membership numbering over the hearts of those who have still remained Seventy Thousand; and that during the past year the admissions of new members have exceeded twenty-six thousand persons.

The correspondence with the same office intimates a general healthy condition of the Order, with a manifest evidence of revival in many jurisdictions.

These statistics, we are aware, will not compare favorably with the returns of earlier also, liberally, the printed page, whether the years. Like every human enterprise, we have suffered decrease as well as rejoice in increase; and our history has been more or less, a continual change, in which the losses have exceeded the gains; but the process through which we have passed has been a purifying one; and it is believed that we have touched bottom at last, and the rebound has already begun.

In referring to the past, it should be remembered, in order to a right conclusion, that many associated themselves with us, simply on account of the novelty and popularity of our enterprise, and that reaction was

It has been said, " For a people to love litherefore an inevitable result; for though our berty, it is sufficient that they know it; and principles will bear the fullest test of time, free, it is sufficient that they will

give success.

the alluring path of danger; but for the

argument but the legal one. For him there

exists no restraint sufficient but that imposed

by law. We must therefore systematically

work to elevate public sentiment to the pro-

per standard, that when prohibitory laws are

acceptance of all men. For whom do we

labor? For innocent childhood, for rising

youth, for the mature of strength and years,

for the heary head descending to the tomb

for fathers and mothers, for the worse than

widow-the drunkard's wile, for the worse

than orphans-the drunkard's offspring ; nav,

for the drunkard himself, aye, and for the

drunkard maker too, that all, all may be

saved. Brothers, we are "members o e of

another ;" we are each his brother's keeper ;

we shall be accountable. O, that we may be

faithful in this great enterprise, and that of

the blood of every drunkard our skirts may

anew, labouring in the Order and for the

sion meetings not only interesting, but profi-

the Division room, and let the world leel, as

our cause advances, it is because of the pro-

gress of our Order. Send the lecturer abroad

to renew the flagging zeal of those who have

in the great truths we advocate, and cheer

faithful through good or evil fortune. And

here we would remark, that commanding

eloquence, though desirable, is not necessari-

ly essential; and that any plain speaking,

carnest man, whose own soul burns on be-

half of our cause, will ever be listened to

be confident of measurable success. Use,

newspaper or the tract ; it reaches where the

lecturer cannot go, and its still small voice

will often awaken that reflection which leads

to reform. Labor to enlist the sympathies

of the secular and the religious press alike,

and let the pulpit and the senate and the

bench pour forth their eloquence on our ba-

half; enlist our women in the work, and

make our boys and girls, the children of your

homes and hearts and hopes, your aids in

this great enterprise ; and let all be done in

humble trust on His blessing, who alone can

with attention and respect, and may always

Let us then, brothers, begin the vork

be clear !

have taken the most active measures at once. The city authorities have the case in hand, and are sending out constables in different directions to discover if possible the guilty party. For the sake of the honor of the laws of God and man, and for the sake of human safety, we sincerely hope that they will succeed. Verily the wretch who could commit a crime of such enormity should be brought to the bar of justice, and made to suffer the penalty of violated law.

Since writing the above we are informed that a man who gave his name as Williams, and who had hired with McKenzie last week, and two other suspicious looking men who had been seen about the premises in company with Williams, are supposed to be the guilty actors in this affair, and that they probably left in the "Admiral" on Monday morning. Telegrams have been sent on to several points describing their appearance.

Monetary Matters.

We are happy to say that the Saint John Banks stand firm amid the surrounding storm; and there is good reason to believe that having withstood the pressure so long that they will hold on until the fearful commercial crists shail have passed. malan Street dament

In the States there is but little improvement as yet. An arrangement has been made by some of the New York banks to facilitate the movement of 'produce to the marts of commerce. In St. Louis and in Cincinnati they have decided to take good foreign currency at par.

In Indiana and Illinois there are immense quantities of produce to sell, but no money th buy.

At Boston the money market is said to be improving. The banks are discounting liberally.

MELANCHOLT DEATH BY DROWNING .- An unfortunate man by the name of Brown, who occupied some situation in connexion with the Albert Mines, was drowned on Friday night last. He wys seen about ten o'clock in the evening evidently under the influence of liquor, going in the direction of the Ballast wharf. It is supposed that he walked off the wharf, and was stunned by the fall. There was a bruise upon his head, which indicated this. About 12 o'clock cries were heard in that direction, and several persons went to see what was the matter. The poor fellow felt the tide rushing in upon him, and made an effort to escape, but found himself entangled amongst the logs. The unfortunate man begged of them for the sake of his wife and children to save hun, but the night was dark, and before any thing effectual could be done the sufferer was drowned. His cries and lamentations are said to have been heart-rending. Another painful illustration of the bad effects of the intoxicating cup. When will men learn to profit by such melancholy warnings ?

ALLEGED CASE OF RAPE .- James Duffy, a young man about 21 years of age, was charged before William Scoullar, Esq., at. his office in King's County, with committing a rape on the person of Ann Mulcahy. It appears from the evidence of prosecutrix hat on Thursday afternoon as she ing to town and when about the neighborhood of Alden's, she was overtaken by prisoner, who walked on with her until they came to some shanties, occupied by railway laborers ; she went into one of these for the purpose of resting, and on coming out prisoner followed her, threw his arms round her and dragged her into the ditch on the road side, threatening to stab her if she 'resisted. While they were in the dirch the woman attracted the attention of a passer by, who came to the spot, when the prisoner drew a pisiol and threater ed to shoot him. The proscutrix swore to the felony having b en committed. and the witness who saw the parties in the ditch baving been examind, the prisoner was committed to Kingston prison for trisl .----Leader.

REPLY.

To M. S. Harris, Esq., Chairman of Committeo Baptist Church, Moncton.

ove and good will which is, no doubt, felt by every member of the Choir to be a delightful con-This was given by the Germain St. Choir on Monday evening, Mr. Chaloner performing on

s very gratifying to be thus made to feel that our

I also beg to convey to you our deep sense of your genuine hospitality, and kind attention-in fact, the pleasure we have experienced during our visit to Moncton, has more than repaid us for any sacrifice that has been made in order to

for the Church whose temporal affairs are committed to your management, that it may be as it were an emblem of your clean hearts-for your pity, that there may be no complaining in your streets-and for your families, that the like spirit which has been exercised toward us, may reign in your mutual intercourse. Fare-

I remain,

I am, Dear Sir, Your sincere friend.

INTERIOR.

A large central door opens to a spacious hall, having commodious stairs leading to the gallery, and two doors conducting to the body of the Two aisles extend through the chapel for the accommodation of the wall and body pews, and one across the end before the pulpit. The pews are finished in modern style, having lined backs: the front of the galleries are of the gothic order, and in excellent taste. The pulpit is all that could be desired, except that it is somewhat lower than it should be. The painting throughout is an imitation of oak, admirably executed, and the ceiling is an elliptic, and giving admirable effect to the voice.

The house is furnished with a bell, clock, and organ, all of which seem in perfect keeping with the general style of the chapel, and these, added to the cost of the house, including the site, bring the whole, in round numbers, to £3,000.

The design of the house was furnished by Mr. Edwin Fairweather, architect, of St. John, the carved work was done by Messrs. Sweet & Fales, of this city. the painting was executed by Mr. Hennessee, of Halifax, and the erection was superintended by Mr. Michael Mahar.

THE DEDICATION.

At an early bour on Sabbath morning an immense congregation (say 800 or 900) had assembled to witness the celebration. Ministers present, Rev. Joseph Crandal, and the Rev. D. Crandal, J. Wallace, W. Hall, W. A.Coleman, B. Demill, and I. E. Bill. The Germain Street Baptist Choir, by special request had kindly consented, at no small sacrifice to some of them at least, to lead the musical part of the devotions. They opened the service by the anthem :--- "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof". &c. After singing an appropriate chapter was read, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by I. E. Bill.

This was followed by an impressive discourse from our venerable Father Crandal, founded upon 2 Chron. vi. 18, "But will God in very deed dwell with men upon the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee how much less this house which I have built?" The preacher had visited that place more than 60 years ago as a minister of the Gospel. It was then a wilderness, but now the woodland of the forest had given place to a growing city. Then there was no church, but now the professors of the christian faith were numerous. Then there was no house especially consecrated to religious worship, but now this beautiful house dcdicated to the worship of the Almighty was to be regarded as a glorious illustration of the pro-

visitors. The Committee of Arrangement met us on the arrival of the " Maid of Erin" from St. On behalf of the members of the Choir, with John, and conducted the ministers and members of the choir to their respective houses where they stay in the city. To give a still further expression of their good will on Tuesday morning they M. S. Harris, Esq, Chairman of Committe and J. Crandall, Esq, accompanied them. The rain was pouring; but social seats in a splendid car, a produce any very saddening effect.

RAILROAD EXCURSION.

lministring to the comfort and happiness of their

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

A meeting to advocate the cause of temperance was held in the chapel newly dedicated at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, Rev. Mr. Newcomb was called to the chair, and appropriate A man of ability, and ardent zeal in his Master's addresses were delivered by Rev. Messis, Bill and work is especially needed for this important DeMill and Mr. C. R. Bill. These were listened to with marked attention and evident interest by not fail of an ample support. May one of the a highly respectable assemblage of people. The choir again discoursed sweet music, thereby infusing life and spirit in the meeting. We rejoiced to see temperance unfurling its banners. in association with the dedicatory religious services of this sanctuary of the living God. If the citizens of Moncton desire prosperity upon a firm and sure basis let them banish from their shops, their hotels and their side boards the glass that the undertaking. Without this accommodation maddens the brain and the cup that contains the it would have been difficult for them to have acseeds of pauperism, crime, lamentation, death and eternal woe.

lowing addresses with their replies were read :--

ADDRESS.

MONCTON, Oct. 20, '57. REV. AND DEAR Sins :-- On behalf of the fore always gratifying to see them consecra-Committee of management of the New Baptist church, in this place, I have been requested to convey to you an expression of their hearty thanks for the very prompt manner in which you have assisted at the Dedication and Opening of our new Church, and to assure you that your valuable services upon this occasion will long be held in grateful remembrance by this congregation.grant to you, each and all, his choicest blessing as a reward more valuable than any which we

can offer, is the sincere prayer of, Rev. and Dear Sirs, Your esteemed friend. M. S. HARRIS. Chair of Com.

To Rev. JOSEPH CRANDALL, " I. E. BILL, and other Clergymen REPLY

MONCTON, Oct. 20, '57. Management To the Committee

GENTLEVEN :- Be assured that we receive d fraternal regard and good will which the sentiments expressed in your address are so well adapted to inspire. This dedication has been to measure to your personal edification or to the progress of the cause which you have so much at art, the glory belongs to him, whose we are and whom we serve.

This magnificent house, so harmonious in its to pay in full.

Yours in sincerity JOHN CHALONER.

those who kindly lent their assistance. We must say that this opening celebration was were most hospitably entertained during their one of peculiar impressiveness. All deeply deplored the absence of the late pastor, our much lamented Brother Emmerson. He had taken a gave them an excursion in the cars to Shediac, deep interest in the cretion of the house, and looked forward with pleasing anticipations to its opening, as affording increased facilities for the promotion of truth in Moncton, but before the sumptuous dinner at the Eupropean and North time came for the realization of his hopes, he was American Hotel kept by Mr. Schurman, with an removed to the "Honse not made with hands, ample supply of first rate ovsters contributed so eternal in the heavens." His widow was there largely to the social enjoyment of the occasion in her robes of solitude, but Emmerson "was that the storm without was thrown quite in the not, for God took him." When his name was shade. When all within is sunshine, external mentioned in connexion with the services the circumstances however dark and dreary fail to gushing tear eloquently testified to the fact that though dead he still lives in the affections and remembrances of a sorrowing people. Earnest and united prayer was off red that God would

supply his place, with a true and faithful man .--To us the fields appeared white for the harvest. post. Our impression is that such an one would right mould be sent to them, in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

It is proper to state in this connection that from the commencement, the committee of management have been largely aided in their enterprise by O. Jones, Esq., President of the Moncton Bank. Mr. Jones advanced the funds on the credit of the committee necessary to prosecute complished the work. On the day of sale he purchased several pews, one of which he devoted At the close of this temperance service the fol- to the sole use of three widows, belonging to the city during their natural life. When persons are blessed with a large portion of this world's goods their responsibility is enormous, and it is thereting any part thereof to char table and religious

> In conclusion, we must not fail to notice the generosity of the proprietor of the "Muil of Erin," in furnishing tickets at half price, and the kindly attentions of Captain Bellmore, and the officers of the boat, to all on board. "The "Maid" is not speedy, but commanded by one so skilled in the waters of the Bay of Fundy, her pissen gers feel that they are comparatively safe. This cofidence in the Captain's ability renders a slow boat much more endurable than it wou d be in the absence of such a feeling.

We shall be glad to hear from our local Agents in their respective districts with the least possible delay. The produce of the agricultural districts is now being sent to market, and the farmers are getting their returns: now is the our expressions of gratitude with those feelings time to collect. The demands up n us are ur gent and must be met. If those in arrears will send on the needful we shall be greatly obliged. an event fraught with the deepest interest, and Those indebted from one to six years if they if our humble services have contributed in any cannot send the whole amount due will do well to forward a part. " A half a loaf is better than none, Persons wishing to stop their paper are reminded that before doing so they are expected

yet all who enlisted with light motives, and without counting the cost, necessarily fell off. Moreover, of those who remain, and still continue faithful and active friends of Temperance, many associated themselves with other Orders, and thus diverted their energies from

Of other Temperance Orders we have, however, no desire to speak but in most perfect kindness, and in all their labors we wish them God speed. But the time has clearly come for concentration and union of effort amongst all the friends of Temperance, and, in our long confirmed opinion. the Order of Sons of Temperance is the best and only practical instrumentality for that purpose. In the legislation of the National Division, the largest liberty has been conceded to Subordinate Divisions, whether in the management of their finances or the admission of members; and our laws every way conform, as far as possible, to the spirit of the institutions under which we live.

A large portion of the time of the present session has been given to the careful revision of our Ritual. It is not supposed that a Ritual alone, however excellent, will build up our Order, or give it a place in the affections of our people; it is, nevertheless, of no small importance that our ceremonies shall be such as the wants and wishes of our brotherhood demand, The unanimity, nay, the cordiality of our action in this matter, inspires the hope that this will prove the case with the Ritual we have adopted. It must not, however, be forgotten, that in each district of our broad land, the work to be accomplished, and the success to be attained, devolves on the Divisions established there, and on the faithfulness and wisdom of the brothers attached thereto.

Our inducements to continued and faithful labor are of the strongest character. We wage war against the common enemy of our race. Intemperance is peculiarly a social evil; its blighting influences cast their shadow especially over the cheerfulness and the premises not far distant was a farm house evil must therefore be overcome by a combination of effort on the part of those who love our principles, and dare do battle in heir behalf. It is no easy contest in which we thus engage, and to a hearty purticipation in which we earnestly invite every true Son. of Temperance. Our opponents are many Denetrius, the silversmith, raised an outgry for the sake of his craft, shouting, "Great is Diaua," and thus won many to his ranks, because of their love for their divinity ; and so, like Demetrius, the rumsellers of our day

the Constitution, against sumptuary laws, in-

Do we desire heartily, before God and man, tha: our homes and our country shall be free from the fearful results of intemperance? let us show what these results are to all men. Do we desire that our noble Order, swelling in numbers and power, shall again press into the arena, as the most potent human instrumentality in this great strife ? let us will it,

and it shall be so. Respond, brothers, by your labors and your prayers, and God wil prosper us.

> JAMES MACKEAN, N. York, S. L. TILLEY, N. Brun. ISAAC LITTON, Tenn., JOHN BELTON O'NEAL, S. C., W. R. STACEY. Mass., D. W. LATHROP, Conn., SAMUEL F. CABEY, Ohio, SIDNEY PERHAM, Maine, JOHN C. SIMS, Pa., M. D. MCHENEY, lowa. FREDERICK A. FICKART, Pa.,

FREDERICK A. FICKART, M. W. S.



Destruction by Fire, and supposed Murder.

It becomes our painful duty to record one of the most fearful tragedies that has occurred in modern times. A man by the name of McKenzie his wife, and four children, were murdered, as is supposed, by some demon or demons in human form, on Saturday even ng last. The circumstances, as far as they have come to light, are substantially as follow : Mr. McKenzie was for merly a tailor, sustaining a good business character in this city. For several years past he has lived on his own farm at Black River, about 10 m les distant from St. John, and carried on farming pretty extensively. He occupied a very near and commodious cottage with his family, and on

happiness of home, withering the heart's best generally occupied by his assistants on the farm affections, and destroying the hopes that give On Saturday evening, between 10 and 1 to the domestic circle its happiest hours, o'clock both of these buildings were burnt to Apart from this, it fils the country with un- ashes. The remains of Mr. McKenzie, were told crimes and evila, and oppresses it with found where the farm house had stood, and those the most burdensome results. This great of his wife and four children (the oldest about six years, and the youngest an infant in its mother's arms) were found amid the ruins of the cottage residence. The bones of the mother and her infant were together near the kitchen fire place and those of the other three children were side by side where there had been a bedroom apart. in numbers, their pecuniary means are almot ment. The cause of this terrible catastrophe i unlimited, their influence among politicians not yet known, but it is supposed that some vile is powerful, and they hesitate at no device wretch perpetrated the crime of murder upon the or subterfuge to accomplish the purposes unoffending family, for the purpose of obtaining they have in view. When Paul preached at money supposed to be in the possession of Mr. Ephesus against the idolatry of the Greeks, McKenzie, and that having committed the bloody deed, he set fi e to the houses to cover his crimson guilt.

This supposition rests upon the fact, first, that the remains of Mr. McKenzie were found apar make an outcry for their craft, shouting for from his family, and second, that his safe con taining as is believed, considerable money, had vasion of the domicil, and vested rights? and, as in the former case the only care was for but who the murderer was is, as yet, unknown. the success of a peculiar trade, so in the It is a singular fact that this startling event was latter the only object is the gain of pelf, at not known in the city until Monday morning. Central Railroad stock, which was selling at whatever sacrifice of happiness, and at what- The magistrates in Black River ught surely to the time of his disease, at \$140 a share, and

UNITED STATES.

GREAT FIRE AT CHICAGO .- The Chicago Press of the 20th inst. thus speaks of the

morning a fire broke out in the business block 109 and 111 South Water street, thence spreading to right and left, and extending acloss the alley to the Lake street front of the block, until twelve stores of the first class, four and five stories high, and filled from cellar to roof with valuable wares and merchandise, were laid in smouldering heaps af rubbish. Worse than all, a fearful loss of human life was involved. The number who perished can be known sonly by a lapse of time sufficient to indicate the missing, or by clearing the scene of the catastrophe. Up to dark last evening, nine bodies had been recovered, and six more were known to be in the ruins. It is not to be believed, we are sorry to say, that these figures account for the larger share of the victims to the calamity.

It is in sad, but too painfully strong ov dence, that the fire, which originated in the five story building Nos. 109 and 111 South Water street, was caused by carelessness or drunken recklessness of the participants in a drunken debauch of clerks and the abandoned females they had made their companions and associates in a Sabbath night's revel Early after the alarm was given, these first on the ground saw females in a state of deshabille, and some of them, with other occupants of the upper stories, well nigh in a state of nudity- making their hurried escape from the building. It should be added that the same phenomena were witnessed in the Lake street blocks."

THE VICISSITUDES OF COMMERCE .--- A few months since, says the New York Evening Post, Cct. 13te, the partner of a commercial ouse in this city was taken to a Lunatic Asylum, utterly deranged, as was said, by his unparalleled prosperity in business. Du-ring the year previous, his firm had cleared \$1,200,000. He died in the Asylum, and his own estate was valued at £2,500,000, all nvested in the concern of which he was a partner. The firm itself failed the other day, and is now said to be a terly insolven. One item of the assets of the estate was a thousand shares of the Illinois

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