ST. JOHN, N. B., AUGUST 1, 1867.

The Approaching Convention

at Pine Grove, Wilmot, as noticed in another column calls for some remarks. It is the annual meeting of the Baptists of these Maritime Provinces in their Ed ucational and Foreign Missionary strength, W meet to learn what has been done for these importan objects during the past year, and to devise ways an means for their sustenance and extension in the fu ture. These interests are of sufficient magnitude i their denominational aspects, when rightly under stood, to call together a large representation from ou Churches. Every minister of our denomination ha a right, by virtue of his office, to be there, and ever Church contributing to any of the objects embrace in the Union Society has a right to send a delegation If \$2, one delegate, and if \$20, five. Missionary an Educaticual Boards are allowed to send one each Associations are at liberty to send five each. Thes provisions open wide the door for a full represents tion: but there is one serious obstacle in the way c brethren who have to travel a distance to reach the Convention; and that is the expense attending it This obstacle prevents many, we doubt not, every year from being present. How is the difficulty t be removed? We know of but one way, and that i by the Church, enjoying the privilege of a representa tion, paying this expense. The delegate should no be expected to lose his time and pay his way in th bargain. We should like to see a very full representation from New Brunswick : but unless the Church es take hold of the matter with an enlightened liber ality, we fear it will be comparatively small. Simply a Nova Scotia Convention, bowever useful it may be, cannot represent our Churches here. At present our Convention has too little hold upon the money responsibilities of our Churches to create that abiding interest which is indispensable to success. The resources of our Churches are large, and they are ra pidly increasing, but our weakness is seen in our inability to bring them to bear with concentrated force upon given points. It seems to us that we ought seriously to enquire how can we have our Educational Institutions more closely affiliated? How can we bring our Churches to combine in one grand missionary organization? The new political relationships into which we have entered may call for the reconstruction of all our educational and missionary plans. Is it possible to combine the Baptists of the New "Dominion" in one institution for the training of candidates for the ministry? Can we unite them all in one Foreign Missionary enterprize? We beg to suggest that at our approaching Convention a movement be made in this direction, Test in some way the wiews and feelings of our Ontario and Quebec brethren on these important questions, and let us get our plans in readiness for execution by the time the iron bands link us more closely together, and open a highway for intercolonial communication upon a grand scale. A thorough concentration of our intellectual and religious forces as a denomination should be the desire of each—the aim of all.

### St. Andrews.

We rejoice to learn that our esteemed Bro. Rattray is encouraged in his pastoral work at St. Andrews. The people are deeply interested in his ministrations, and are putting forth highly creditable efforts for the sup port of the cause. These people have a mind to work.

The pastor, in writing to a friend in the city, says, "You will doubtless be glad to learn that there are evident signs of the presence of God with us in our little Church here. Our congregation and Sabbathschool are both munifesting tokens of life and growth -the latter increasing from twenty-five to eightythree. Is not that good increase for five weeks labor? Bless God for his goodness !"

The truth is, our good friends at St. Andrews pray and work for the blessing, and therefore they have it. Few as they are in number they have erected a neat little chapel and paid for it, and latterly they purchased a nice parsonage for their minister, which we understand is nearly or quite paid for. Some of our larger and more wealthy churches will do well to follow the example of this infant Church. May God pour upon pastor and flock the riches of his infinite

The friends at St. Stephen are making a laudable effort to erect a house for the worship of God. Mr. Eaton is taking an active part in this good work; and, will no doubt contribute largely towards its accomplishment. A prominent site has been purchased, and the plan of a house, ferty one by seventy. with tower and steeple, was obtained the other day by Mr. Eaton from Mr. Munroe, architect, of this city. The idea is to proceed with the building as gapidly as possible. May success attend this poble purposed In the mean time, our brethren are looking out for an efficient minister, to proclaim to them the Word of Life. The Missionary Board will aid as far as possible in the support of a man adapted to this most important station.

The brethren at Sussex are making preparations to proceed with the erection of their chapel with the least possible delay. Their site is chosen; and they hope to have the building open for divine service by next spring, if not sooner. Those who have this work in charge, are all heart in the matter; and will be sure to carry it forward in a style that will be alike creditable to thereselves, to the place, and to the denomination. Present congregation highly encouraging . Fasilional mont beauty primoted

Bro. J. A. Steadman has accepted a unanimous call from the Baptist Church at St. George, to become their minister; and has entered upon his important work in that interesting field. We pray God to crown the ministry of our valuable Brother with his rich blessings a thought and a state of wast

## Personal.

A sermon appropriate to the death of the late Thomas Vaughan, Esq., will be preached (p. v.) by Rev. I. E. Bill, on Sabbath evening next, in Brussels street Baptist church. Service commences at 6 o'clock, P. M. Strangers accommodated with seats.

Rev. Geo. A. MacNutt purposes to leave for his new home in Toronto on Wednesday next. He is expected to deliver his valedictory sermon in the Leinster street Baptist church next Sabbath evening. Service at 6 P. M.

Rev. William McKenzie is expected in the City this week, to enter upon his duties as pastor of the Leinster Street Church. May he come "richly ladened with the blessings of the Gospel of peace!" His instructive and timely articles in the Visitor, on the "Permanency of the Pastoral Office," gives us all to understand pretty distinctly what his ideas are of ensibilities of the pastoral relationship—re-ties to be shared mutually by the pastor and his flock. We trust these articles will each and all be carefully and prayerfully pondered by all our readers. If so, they cannot fail to do much good.

We are informed that a new Baptist Chapel at Shemogue, is to be publicly dedicated to the service of God, the 1st Sabbath in August.

Do not fail to read those instructive article on our first page, from the ready pen of our young friend, Mr. Hartt.

#### Permanency in the Pastoral Office.

The relation of the pastor would often become more permanent if he should be more diligent and energetic in the work of cultivating and storing his mind. Thus only can he hope to keep ahead, or at leas ! abreast of his people. When from sheer mental indo lence a minister is left behind by the growing intelligence, and also by the advancing religious experience of his parishioners, and the latter is usually, and ought always to be the result of the former-then may he expect to encounter a dissatisfaction, which, if not checked by an application to vigorous study, will ripen into the evil of a removal from that pastor ate. Said an intelligent and pious member of one of our Churches, a man distinguished for his respect and affection for his pastors, "I am sad enough in view of our pastor's neglect of study -a neglect so painfully apparent in his discourses—there is no thought, and the lack is miserably concealed by his profusion of words. He evidently relies upon what he can do in the way of thinking after he enters the pulpit on the Sabbath. We are not fed . He is starting us." This man sought another Church, where he could get fed-but the indolent minister, instead of devoting himself to the study necessary to qualify himself for the work of training his dissatisfied members, sought and obtained another charge.

But we have met with instances where permanency in the pastoral office has been weakened and destroyed by an exclusive devetion to merely intellectual pursuits. Instead of directing his studies with a pious regard to ministerial obligations; instead of becoming thereby "mighty in the Scriptures," and a more "able minister of the new testament:" instead of seeking to become wise as "he that winneth souls." instead of increasing his stock of knowledge, in order to be more successful in the work of instructing the Church in the doctrines and duties of the Gospel, the pastor gave the best of his strength and the most of his time to intellectual pursuits from sheer love of mental labor and acquisitions. We do not mean to narrow the intellectual labor of a minister down to purpose of the sermon on the Sabbath. He who is concerned with such a work as that of the minister of Christ, may, and if he can, should extend his investigations into every department of knowledge. But let him come back from every-line of investigation to the foot of the cross; let him lay all the results of study on the altar of that high service, to which he is called, and to which he has solemnly consecrated all the capacities of his being. In other words, the christian minister should, while he directs study into every channel of thought, subordinate all, and consecrate all to his one grand aim. He need have no fear of becoming too learned. Some of the most successful in winning souls and in building up the Church of Christ, have been men of learning. Such was Augustine, Calvin, Baxter, Doddridge, Martyn. But they laid all their culture and attainments at the foot of the cross. The pious Leighton said, to a friend who admired his books, "One devout thought outweighs them all." Dr. James W. Alexander, whose devotion to study was equalled only by his zeal in the work of the ministry, has this remark in his "Thoughts on Preaching;" "No man can reach the highest degrees in any calling or profession who does not admire and love it, and give himself to it -have his mind full of it, day by day." And again he says, "When we call up in memory the men whose ministerial image is most lovely, and whom we would resemble, they are such as have been true to their profession, and who have lived for nothing else. Some there are, indeed, who have had a clear vocation to the work of teaching, which is really a branch of the ministry, and one of its most indispensable branches, and who have served Christ as faithfully in the school-room or the university, as in the pulpit; such were Melancthon, Turrettine, Witsius, Witherspoon, Dwight, Livingston, Rice and Graham. But our concern is with ordinary ministers, called to no other public station; and of these it is unquesionable, that the most successful are those who have lived in and for the spiritual work." We cannot have too much study or too much learning in the mi-

> "My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord, Into thy blessed hands receive; And let me live to preach thy word, And let me for thy glory live, My every sacred moment spend, In publishing the sinner's Friend."

nistry, but our prayer should ever be associated with

The lines are Wesley's, "the sweet psalmist of early Methodism.

## From our Liverpool, N. S., Correspondent.

JULY 23, 1867. A SAD CATASTROPHE.

If a stranger had arrived in this place last Wednesday, the universal sadness of the people's countenances would have informed him that some event of an unusually painful character had occurred and east shadow of grief over the whole community. He would soon have learnt its nature. The theme of very tongue was the awful calamity of the previous evening. Miss Helen Fairbanks, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of a widow lady, residing in the town, had been burnt to death.

After preaching at one of my out stations on Tuesday evening, I walked home in the brilliant moonlight, which gave to common objects an almost unearthly beauty. About eleven o'clock, just as we were retiring to rest, we were startled by a piercing shriek of "Fire," quickly followed by another. We rushed to the door. The street was illuminated by a fiercer light than the moonbeams. We thought the front of Mrs. Fairbanks' house was in flames. Seizing my coat, fran down the street putting it on. As I approached the spot, I saw that the front of the house was free from flames. Without stopping, I was hurrying to the rear, and had just reached the corner of the house when something fell headlong at my feet. never knew before, and God grant I may never experience again, the horror I felt when I discovered that the blackened form that lay there was that of a female, burnt thus by the flames whose glare I had seen. The mouldering fire about her was soon extinguished her person tenderly carried into the house, and medical aid immediately procured. Alas! she was far beyond all human skill. After lingering for 18 hours in agony no pen could describe, death gave her a welcome release. It was my privilege to kneel a few moments by her bedside to commend her to God's mercy, to speak to her of Jesus, and to receive her assurance that her trust was in Him.

The precise cause of this terrible occurrence will ever be known. All that can be ascortained is, that the unfortunate young lady went into the hall to exlinguish the lamp; whether it exploded or upset. its flaming contents upon her head, cannot be decided. In a moment she rushed to her mother's room, enveloped in flames that entirely concealed her erson. Mrs. Fairbanks tried to smother the blaze with a waterproof over-cloak, and ic so doing set herelf on fire; but her daughter tore herself from her, and rushed into the street. A young man happened to be passing the house at the moment of the acci-dent; he heard the lamp fall, saw the blaze in the hall, and ran to the door. It was fastened; but in a moment it was opened, and a whirling mass of flame rushed past him. It was Miss Fairbanks, followed by her mother, the flames about whose person he succeeded in extinguishing, and then ran for water to throw upon the other burning figure. Another person who saw Miss Fairbanks as she rushed out of vival," by which many should be added to them, the house, says that the flames about her reached at than of a great deprival, by which many should be least ten feet above her head. It is thought by many got rid of.

days were consumed in getting about both

that the poor girl's object was to throw herself into the adjacent water to put out the fire that was consuming her. Being exhausted-feeling, perhaps, that all was over-her next impulse was to return to the house, and then she fell, losing for a moment her consciousness, which soon returned, and never left her till she died -a fact it would be well for some to remember, for they are apt to speak and act in connection with such occurrences as if the sufferer before them were oblivious to everything, and could not be affected by any indiscretion on their part.

There is but one mitigating feature in connection with this painful event no one is to blame for it : neither the young lady herself, nor any one else. I is God's providence—one of those things in which the Almighty dispenser of events says to us, "Be still, and know that I am God;" one that puts to a severe test our faith in Him, and ability to believe that "He doeth all things well," even this, sad and mysterious as it is. Has it no solemn lessons to teach us? An hour before she met her fearful disaster, Miss Fairbanks was conversing with a lady friend of her plans and pleasures yet to be realized. But two minutes before she fell-for the whole catastrophe did not occupy a longer time-she was the very impersonation of joyous, youthful life. Surely, "In the midst of life we are in death." If youth, beauty and accomplishments may thus vanish in a moment. what are they worth? Not enough, let the young, the gay, the fair believe it, not enough to make them neglect the imperishable riches of Christ. Every one here testifies to the amiability of Miss Fairbanks, and mourns her fate as if it were a personal calamity. There is no doubt that while she partook of the common frailties of fallen human nature, compared with many, she was innocence itself; yet they are spared and she has perished. Is Universalism true? Then they are Heaven's favorites, and this pure, unoffending girl the victim of its fearful retribution. Who would not be staggered, horrified, at such a conclusion? Thank God, it need not in our minds make darker this sad event. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and acourgeth every one whom He receivmere items of knowledge which shall just serve the eth." If that faith I heard from the lips of the dying girl were genuine in her helpless agony, if never before she came to Jesus, then to-day, in a sinless and tearless world, she is praising God, not only for the grace that redeemed her, but for the flames that Christ." snatched her away from this world of grief and sin. A. H. MUNRO.

For the Christian Visitor.

For the Christian Visitor Minutes of Ordination.

Responsive to a call from the Baptist church Newcastle, a council met at that place on the 24t inst., to consider the propriety of ordaining Brothe Peter McLeod.

Council organized by the appointment of-Rev. E. C. Cady, Moderator; Rev A. B. Macdonald, Secretary Prayer by Rev. Mr. Carey. Minutes of churc

meeting read. There appeared as accredited members of the Cour

From 1st Range-Rev. H. Chariton and Brothe McVicker and Samuel Jenkins. Jemseg - Rev. A. B. Macdonald and Deacons Ben

Titus and Geo. Colwell. Scotch Town-Rev. J. R. Strang, Bros. D. C. Stil well and Abner Balmain.

Salmon Creek-Deacons William Fleming, Thor Portland-Rev. E. C. Cady, Bro. J. S. May an

Robert May. Germain street-Rev. G. M. W. Carev. and Der

W H Hall Newcastle-Bros. Thomas Flowers, G. D. Builey Esq., Duncan Bailey, and Deacons Albright, Reed

By invitation, Rev. T. H. Porter, Jun., of Nort Sidney, C. B., took his seat as a member of th Conneil. The Council, having listened to a relation of the andidate's christian experience and call to the min

istry; also to a thorough examination of his view ouching Faith, Practice and Discipline, it was there fore unanimously Resolved. That we consider Brother McLeod's ex perience, call to the ministry and religious views a

highly satisfactory, and that we proceed at once to he

ordination. The ordination was conducted in the following or

Preliminary service by Rev. H. Charlton. Sermon by Rev. G. M. W. Carey. Text, Eph. ii 8: "Unto me, who am less than the least of a saints, is this grace given, that I should preac among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches

Prayer by the Rev. E. C. Cady. Charge to the church, Rev. T. II. Porter. Charge to the candidate, Rev. J. R. Strang. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. A. B. Macdonald. Benediction, Rev. P. McLeod.

E. C. CADY. Moderator. A. B. MACDONALD, Secretary.

#### School Examination.

DEAR EDITOR: - The second annual examination ( Mr. Forsyth's School, in Pennfield, Charlotte Co. took place on Thursday the 18th inst., in the presenc of the trustees, the pupils' parents, and a very larg assembly of friends. The pupils acquitted then selves in the most praiseworthy manner in the varous branches which they had been pursuing, and re ceived high and well-merited encomiums from all pro-

After the examination of the several classes, th pupils and their friends enjoyed a recess, and partool bountifully of the "good things" necessary for th support of physical nature. Strawberries an cream figured prominently among the choice viand and the teacher had prepared for the occasion.

And now, "the shades of night were falling fast, and the refreshments were followed by a few brief re marks from the Rev. W. L. Hopkins and J. Justason, Esq., trustees, and Mr. Jas. McKay, of the school committee. The following are the names of the pupils who received prizes :-

For the best Penmanship, Emma J. De'Lue; 2nd. do., John E. Lowery : 3rd. do., Anne Daley : for Regular Attendance, Mental Arithmetic, Algebra and Euclid, John A. Tatton : Recitations, 1st. prize, John E. Lowrey, 2d. de., Elizabeth McDowell; Dialogues, Jas. Daley.

At a late hour the company separated, each one expressing no small degree of satisfaction at the success and general enjoyment which characterized the proceedings of the day.

It is a happy fact, sir, that the cause of education is "looking up" in so many communities throughout this portion of our New Dominion. And when we consider the rapid strides with which civilization and literature are advancing in every part of Christendom we are, or at least should be, deeply impressed with a thorough sense of the duty which devolves upon every citizen of our favoured land to advance to his utmost a cause which forms the chief corper-stone of a nation's greatness.

#### [Foreign correspondence of the N. Y. Methodist.] Letter from Dr. Hurst. THROUGH NEW PRUSSIA.

ZURICH, Switzerland, June 20, 1867. It is impossible to form an adequate conception of the magnitude of the new possessions of Prussia without riding from Bremen to Frankfort-on-the-Main The journey through the new section lasts about 18 these addresses there hours by the express train, and the country is rich. cultivated to agricultural perfection, and as densely expressions of great veneration and love for populated as the districts surrounding New York and Newark. There prevails in Hanover a deep prejudice dant labours, and gratitude to the Great Head of the against Prussia, which is certain to blossom into re-Church who had so signally blessed the labours of bellion if the favorable hour ever comes. But Hesse His servant. Bro. Barratt, in the course of his the same destitution of a proper sense of a national feeling which was exhibited by the Hessian Elector. Tupper some 27 years ago in Fredericton, and to his Frederic 14., who hered, or rather sold, his subjects having been greatly interested in the discourse as "a to George III. of England, to help him conquer his revolting American colonies - s traffic which cost twelve thousand Hessian lives, and brought twentytwo million of blood stained dollars into the ignoble nent characteristic of his ministry, and here may be Frederic's treasury. Frankfort, on the other hand, submits with an ill grace to Prossian rule. She has for many years been the imperial free city of Germany; her memories are imperial, and her incorporashe considers an upstart nation), is a humiliation the more grievous because it promises to be permanent.

This is a new thing to us," said the proprietor of a restaurant where I lunched, and his downcast eye and tremulous voice gave a deep and sad meaning ration of the 16th year of his pastorate, the church the equivocal words. But whatever the new Prusunanimously requested the continuance of his labors. sians themselves think, Europe and the world are all the better that Prussia now stretches down to the I regret to say that Sister Tupper's health is ex-

I stopped a few hours at Heidelbeg, in the Grand Duchy of Baden. Going through the long, straight Broadway of the town, I came to the market-place below the Castle hill. It was difficult to recognise in a handsome four story house, the dingy old building in which I had a student's lodgings.

"Is Saddlermaster Hormuth fiving in this house

still ?" I asked a man who kept a shop directly under "No, indeed; he has long since joined the great army. He and his wife enlisted about the same time, now nine years ago. You cannot find them here-

The figurative character of the reply made it scure at first, but in a moment the truth flashed upone, that the good old man and his wife, who used be my hosts, and were so happy to show their rare treasure of an illustrated folio Heidelberg Catechism, when Sundays and holidays came, were dead. Pleasant memories of those two good people came up in throngs, and then arose the many more memories of the years since they said:—"Farewell! God be with you!" Ascending the long, steep pathway to the you?" Ascending the long, steep pathway to the old castle, and paying the penalty of disturbing the lold castle, and paying the penalty of disturbing the livy overhanging the thick outer walls by receiving its burden of lately fallen rain-drops, I had this its burden of lately fallen rain-drops, I had this thought: "Well, a man can be as emotional as he pleases off here, when he meets no scrutiuzing eye of an acquaintance at every loutstep, and it is his dwn fault if the world is any the wiser when he has an occasional hour of sentiment. It would be no injury to us if we had more such hours."

Beckwith, O. D. Wetmore, Esq., P. G. W. P., and the Rev. Mr. During this serious days that the Rev. Dr. Hurd, P. W. P. James Johnson, Esq. Prussia is imminent. A private despatch from Berting to the Rev. Mr. During this certain and adds that the Rev. Dr. Hurd, P. W. P. James Johnson, Esq. Prussia is imminent. A private despatch from Berting to the Rev. Mr. During the Rev. Dr. Hurd, P. W. P. James Johnson, Esq. Prussia is imminent. A private despatch from Berting the Rev. Dr. During the Rev. Dr. Durin

Though I had been often over the castle, it seemed now that it was as new and wonderful as ever. It was one of the keys to Germany during the Middle Ages, and its occupant was always regarded as among the most favored princess of Europe. The ambition of an invading army was invariably directed toward it. It was aplended in the extreme before its thick walls were first shattered by the thunderbolt

of war. Five times it has been bombarded, twice laid in ashes, and three times taken by assault and delivered over to pillage. Tilly, after a month's combardment, allowed his wild troops to glut their passion for three days in succession; and one more cruel and brutal than he, Melac, permitted his raraging Frenchmen to com:nit such nameless offences as have made France odious in the Palatinate for nearly two centuries. All the marks of warfare are still visible. The blown up tower, the pierced walls, the battered statues, the gateways, and the old portcullis, are still to be seen. The ivy has sprung up in every possible place; but it is not here the slender, creeping vine, but the ivy tree, grown as thick in some places as a man's body. Even cherry-trees have taken root, and I plucked some of their fruit. Large elms have grown between the chasm; even high on the ruins, large trees have arisen during the centuries that have elapsed since the castle ceased to be the home of beauty, the centre of the power of the

HEIDELBERG CASTLE.

history can now give but a faint record of it. I walked around to the well-known terrace, and ooked at the beautiful Necker below, the terraced, vine covered hill-side opposite, and the lovely Rhine valley off to the left. The landscape is enchanting beyond any human power of description. The combination which it presents at a single view are probably without a parallel. To all who visit Europe I would say : " Make any sacrifice to spend a day at Heidelberg." I say this, not from any sudden enthusiasm, but from experience of months spent in full view of the castle, and of many a clambering over its ruins and crawling through its secret pas-

We rejoice to say that the revival at St. Martin's is still progressing. Rev. Mr. Carey preached there last Sabbath, and witnessed the baptism of several candidates by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Smith. He says a good work is going forward. May it widen on every hand !

We are requested to state that the Committee of the N. B. Anxiliary Bible Society have appointed Mr. Robert Middlemore to collect and obtain subscriptions in the City and Portland for the current

Our publishers have made out the Visitor accounts to Jan. 1st, 1867, which they will forward to them without delay. If any mistakes occur please inform the office, and we shall feel great pleasure in making any needed corrections. It is not easy where money passes through so many hands, to have accounts just right. Our subscribers will oblige us exceedingly by forwarding any balance due the Visitor as soon as possible. Our liabilities to our publishers can only be met by promptness on the part of our subscribers. A word to the wise is

We call attention to Mr. Miller's school, noticed in our advertising columns. The School Room is capacious and airy, and is fitted up in admirable style. The teaching department is efficient and popular; and is doing good service to the cause of education. The Principal informs us that he can accommodate a few more pupils.

Persons in the vicinity of St. John who are Pine Grove, in Wilmot, N. S., on the 24th day of August, will do well by leaving their names at an early day with W. H. Hall, at the Colonial Bookstore, St. John, who is in negotiation with parties for conveying passengers from Annapolis the 28 miles to the place of convening.

THE BAPTIST QUARTERLY for July contains ably written articles on the following subjects:-"Platooism and Early Christianity," "The Test Oath of Missouri," "The Ritual Law a guide to Christ," "Literary Criticism." "The Scriptural Authopology," Arctic Researches," "Editorial Notes,"

"The American Pulpit," for July, is an excellent issue. These works ought to be in the hands of our

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia New Brunswick and P. E. Island is expected to meet with the Baptist Church, Pine Grove, Wilmot, on Saturday, Aug. 24th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and not on the 17th, as stated in last week's Visitor.

# Secular Department.

#### COLONIAL. A TERRIFIC THUNDER STORM

passed over Studholm, King's County, on the night of the 24th inst. Rev. Elias Kierstead informs us that it continued for some four or five hours to rage with unabated fury. Tremendons crashes of thunder shook the heavens, and the rent clouds poured out continuous streams of blazing light until the very beasts of the field trembled with awful dread of impending danger. A barn belonging to Mr. Seth Foster, containing farming utensils and other valuable articles, was fired by the electric, current and consumed to ashes.

A new Presbyterian church is in progress of creetion in the valley, near the Railway Station; known as St. Stephen's Church, Rev. Mr. Caie, pastor. On Thursday the 25th inst. the foundation stone was laid by the Masonic Brotherhood of the city with all due formality. Grand Master R. J. Clinch, Esq. was master of ceremonies, and with a magnificent silver trowel, manufactured for the occasion, prepared the bed and then placed the stone upon it. Rev. Dr. Donald offered an appropriate prayer, and Rev. Mr. Caie delivered the address. A multitude of people thronged the place to witness the imposing ceremonies, and to hear the splendid music of the band of H. M. 15th Reg., which was in attendance on the ocasion. - Gov. Andrews of Mass., Mr. Langton, Auditor General of Canada, and other celebrities have recently made a visit to our city.-On Thursday last the down afternoon train from Shediac, when near Anagance, ran off the track. After plowing for some distance in the ground, it leaped down the embankment about ten feet, carrying with it two of the freight cars, loaded with cattle, but leaving the passenger cars fortunately unharmed. The engineer, Mr. Moore, had his leg fractured. This catastrophe, which might have proved fatal to many lives, was occasioned by a disarrangement of the switch by some unknown murderous wretch.-Mr. Spencer, an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum, committed suicide on Thursday night last. He accomplished his mad purpose with a handkerchief tied around his neck and fastened to a nail in the window frame near his bed. GRAND DIVISION.—The July Session of the Grand Division was held on Wednesday and Thursday last in the Provincial Buildings, Fredericton. In the absence of the G. W. P., the chair was taken by R. T. Babbitt, Esq., M. P. P., G. W. A. On Thursday evening, a Public Temperance Meeting, under the auspices of the Grand Division, was held in the Free Baptist Church. The speakers were the Rev. Mr. Beckwith, O. D. Wetmore, Esq., P. G. W. P. and

takes place in St. John, on the last Wednesday in October, and as matters of special importance will be then introduced it is desirable that the representatives should make such arrangements as will enable

them to be present. Farmer, The Borderer of the 25th says, "the prospects that Sackville will, ere a very long time elapses, be con-nected by rail with the Shediac and St. John line, grow brighter every week. All arrearages have been honorably paid, and a large number of men are now working at different points between this place and the above mentioned line. The Company have now entered into possession of the land, through which the railway is to pass, and are serving the proprietors with notices, agreeably to the powers bestowed by to the act in aid of the construction of railways."

Mr. Kennedy, the Scotch Vocalist, greatly delighted the people of St. John, during his recent wisit. with his charming singing and dramatic readings. The St. Andrew's Society gave him a public dinner at the "Claremont House," as a token of their appropintion of his corpines

We learn from the Earmer that Mr. Miller who lost his house and children by fire, as noticed in our last issue, has since died, leaving his family in very destitute circumstances.

Palatine Electors, and the scene of such cruelty as The News is glad to learn, that the arrangements for the vacating of seats in the Local Government by will be rendered complete this week. A meeting of the Executive is expected to be held prior to the break up of the Local Government, when the formal withdrawal from Executive control by Messrs. Fisher, Wilmot, Connell, etc., will be anne

> Mr. McAdam, having appealed to his constituency for their approval of his acceptance of the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works has been returned without opposition.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The Free Press informs us that on Monday, the 2d inst., the first sod of the Annapolis Railway was turned by Mrs. Longley, wife of the Chief Commissioner of Railways in Nova Scotial so Whatever differences our Annapolis friends may have regarding Confederation, we sincerely hope they will unite heart and hand in pushing forward this railroad, through their beautiful valley, to a successful issue.

It is said that Hon. Joseph Howe is one of the candidates before King's County for Ottawa.

MONTBEAL, July 29.—The Grand Trunk Railroad employees while holding a pic-nic at St. Byacinthe on Saturday were attacked by a party of rowdies from Griffintown. The riot act was read and the volunteers called out. The roughs were fired upon and several of them wounded. A woman was shot through the shoulder and is in a very precarious condition. A number of arrests have been made.

OTTAWA, C. W., July 26.—The surveying party to scertain the length of the Ottawa river has returned. The river is ascertained to be 1000 wifes long, not 500. A large lake was discovered which hitherto was unknown. The natives of the country through which they travelled are pagans. The men have a plurality of wives.

The Christian Era, of the 25th inst, very justly

Mexican affairs are not improving. Juraez is exhiiting elements of the worst tyranny, and seems to felight in blood. Many more of the imperial officers are reported condemned to death. Some of his generals are said to be so disgusted with his carnage that they have resigned their commissions. Report says that secret organizations are forming all through the Southra States to invade Mexico and avenge the intending to go to the convention to be held at the favor and patronage of foreign governments. That death of Maximilian; also that the movement has the or any other such scheme, there is no doubt. But the fate of poor Max, should cause such adventurers to pause and reflect. That the Mexicans are incapable of self-government is becoming more and more manifest. There are those who arge its annexation to the United States; but we have territory and discordant elements enough already.

## ENGLISH AND FOREIGN.

GREAT NAVAL REVIEW. On the 17th inst, the English government gave a great naval review off Spitthead in honor of the Sultan of Turkey who was present. The entire squad-ron numbered eighty vessel, including some filteen iron-clads. The squadron mounted 1,100 guns, and the naval portion slone represented a capacity of 106,000 tons, and nominal power of engines of 28,000 horses. A thousand vessels filled with spectators were within seeing distance of the grand pageant. Queen Victoria and suite were present in the rayal eacht Victoria and Albert. His Majesty the Soltan and suite were on board the royal yacht Osborne. Is-mail Pacha, Sovereign of Egypt, and suite were on board the Helicon. The Prince of Wales, both houses of Parliament, the Lords of the Admiralty, and the members of the government were also present. The shores of Gosport and the Isle of Wight were lined with myriads of people who witnessed with eager attention the evolutions of the fleet including a mock battle. A royal salute was fired, and the yards of the ships manned in honor of the royal visitor. At 9 o'clock at night the entire squadron was illumina-

Bell's Life of July 13th, in describing the great Parisian Boat Race, compliments our St. John men But most surprising than all was the remarkably

easy victory of the Canadians over all comers.

heavy boats their victory, looking at their style of rawing, was sufficiently astonishing, but when they afterwards beat the pick perhaps of the London Rowing Club and Oxford University in an equally easy manner in out-riggers the excitement knew no bounds, and many and hearty were the congratulations bestowed upon them by crews from all nations. They were brought over here it would seem by Mr. Harding the Sheriff, we believe, of their town, St. John, N. B., and are splendid specimens of perfectly trained athletics. Their in-rigged boat is stated to weigh 170lb., and their out-rigged one 200lb, and having examined both carefully, we see no reason to doubt it. They have no stretchers, no buttons on their oars, and no coxswain, the bow oar having command of the boat by means of a contrivance which simply gives a slight shear. They row at first sight like Hamili, until it is discovered that they are thoroughly good powerful fellows, and although they only get half forward and not at all back, there is an enormous amount of work done in the water. The only regret was that they did not come against our best professionals, but they had purposely refained from entering for that race deeming themselves bona fide amateurs.

The Canadian, as our men were called, were suposed from the appearance of themselves and their neavy boats to stand no chance, and hence 4 to 1 was laid against them; but to the astonishment of all, their triumph was complete.

A Paris correspondent of a London paper writes: This was the second day of the international con-test. Yesterday, as I told you, the "Canadian four" beat French and English, and to day were so elated that they wanted to row any "four" in South-ampton for £500 or £1,000. Their boat is a curious old-fashioned outrigger, and looks like a Chinese puzzle painted green—it is so wonderfully made, and so curiously put together. They pull with a will, though, these Canadian brothers of ours; and as for "chaff" the hind leg of a horse would be talked off

Dublin, July 25. - While the police were conduct ing a squad of Fenians through the principal streets of Tralee, the bystanders loudly cheered the prisoners, and increasing in numbers to a mob, finally attacked the escort with stones. No determined attempt, however, was made to rescue the prisoners, and they were safely deposited in the Town Jail.

London, July 26.—There is much caution shown

by Capitalists and business men here, the having become general that war between Fran Prussia is imminent. A private despatch from

noted more tangible will accomplish little.

Some churches are no more in need of a "great re-

or. Tupper, admiration of his self-denying and abun-

plain presentation of truth, with an earnest desire to

profit the people." In fact, this has been a promi-

After prayer and the benediction, the assembly

dispersed about six o'clock, all doubtless pleased

and profited. It was delightful to witness this praise-

worthy exhibition of attachment on the part of the

church at Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot, to-

ward this faithful minister. I learn that at the expi-

emely feeble. She suffers much, but enjoys the

esence of her Saviour, and is remarkably submis-

Yours truly bodies but see Isa. WALLAGE.

ive to the Divine will. .1807 19118 1897