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gelist. FRENK 28 .- The Holy Innocints. SATURDAY 29, -St. Thomas a Becket, Bishop

and Martyr. SURDAY 30 .- Sunday in the Octave of Christmas. Epist. Galat. iv. 1-7; Gosp.

Luke 11. 33.40. MORDAY 31 .- St. Sylvester, Popo vul Contes-£01.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas has once more returned with its happy memor , tis sacred inspirations and we applied to it. The Canadian displays its Sond hopes. On that day more than any abject cowardice in falling to substantiate its other, the world feels more deeply and keenly former assertions, and makes use of wilful The benign and softening influence of Christ and deliberate falsehood for the purpose of Manity, which is nothing else bul the unbroken and perpetual commemoration of the world's Bethlehem and consummated on Mount Calvary ninoteen control : 87. The celebration of Ohristmas is confined to 1 - particular Deople or country; it is the common festiva! of mankind. Uhristmas rejo.clugs should borrow their character ... m . a nature of the "Event which is so gladly commissionated. A spirit of religion and charity should pervade inst., and yet the Canadian of the 20th inst. its celebration.

The high and salutary induence which Christmas exercises and the he peness walch It brings, will be all the greater by a proper phervance of it. "Christman- to" is the dearest and most charming of the rare boilday seasons allotted to all classes of the community. It is a joyous summer of the scat-Sered household to gather and to forget for a AWAY.

Recollections of the past, so long kept siat least in spirit, to the scene of flisir youth. Mappy hours will pass away, but their memory will remain to these and gladden the Manager of The Poer Printing and Pub-The heart in the trisis and troubles of life. The errier world is such a cold and cheerless tempted to sell the property of his fellow some. Mingling with its at fee and caree, home affections often fade and wither, and other man, and he challenges the Canadian 100 often die. But Christmas brings us back to old thoughts and associations, and makes The feel how far mobier is love than ambition, how much sweeter are the joys of the family sircle than the pleasures of the world. But in the preparations for our Christmas cheer, and in the objoyment of Tis many delights, let us not be unmindful of God's poor, of the widow and the orphan, the tearful victim of want and woo, and of the homeless child of misfortune. The little comforts or mirth that benevolence and generosity may place within the reach of the and joyful season, will be doubly meritorious in the United Kingdom. But this in the eyes of Heaven, and doubly welcomed time Mr. Froude looms up, not as an by the poor themselves.

We trust and wish that our readers will enjoy ail the happiness and pleasure which flow from this festival; and to all and every one THE TRUE WITNESS sends a hearty greeting of a " Merry, Merry Christmas."

THE Toronto Canadian asks if any of our foremen or other employes are Orangemen. Not to our knowledge. Still we are not post-Mwe in the case of the printer's "devil." As the Orange Order was evidently conceived in the infemal regions the young imp may be an Orangeman or, at least, a Young Briton. Boys drift into bad associations early now-adays. The editor of the Canadian was initiated at the early age of fifteen.

What potitical crime has the Hon, Mr-Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works for Ontario, committed that he should be subsected to the nauseating slime of the Irish Canadian's praise? For years that unprincipled sheet used all its efforts to villy and kound him out of public life, yet it now changes its time and hugs him in its alimy embrace, and calls him "our hon friend." We trust that Mr. Fraser may be spared the medn and mortification of further praise from hat vehicle of bypocritical adulation.

THE English craze about dies wite and the Invincibles is subsiding, owing to the exposure of these who ere engaged in circulat-

performs the same duties as our Associat. ed Press here. It hatches the wildest the newspapers as being the work of Irishmen. This little game has been played long enough, and the authorities have been forced to take steps to counteract its evil worked hand in hand with the London Datectives in getting up official scares, and as the United Ireland justly remarks, the English mind is thereby inflamed into the passage of Coarcion Bills."

For a temporance organ, the Montreal Daily Witness often uses very intemperate language.Its intemperance in this respect borders about the Pope, the Jesuits or the Irish. On Saturday last our plous confrers regaled its readers with the following choice morsel of compound bigotry, calumny and nonsense. We give it in full :-

"When will a stop occur in the supply of dupes-instigated by robbers in American saloons and encouraged by rascals in Ireland, some of whom have seats in Parliament-to go to the gallows and into servitude for long terms up to life? There is hope for Ireland, however, in the fact that it took, thirty-eight thousand pounds and a banquet to induce her leading disturber en-tirely to divest himself of fealty to his Sovereign and loyalty to the Empire, even WEDNESDAY......DECEMBER 26, 1883 when these had grown to be very tattered garments upon him."

> Comment on the above is unnecessary; but we will remind our contemporary that temperance in language is a thing as much to be cherished and cultivated as temperance in drink.

THE Toronto Weekly Canadian tells its

readers, with an appearance of great glee, that wa are angry because, in referring to its dishences and disreputable tactics, we used strong language. The Canadian need not get excited. We only applied to it a slight dese of its own "plain English," and its last issue shows it to be deserving of the terms deceiving its readers. It says :- "The Post asked Mr. Clarke the other day to say whether Redemption that a mitiated in a stable of or not he was an Orangeman, and when Mr. Clarke wrote in reply to that request THE Past had not the common honesty to publish bls fetter." The Canadian knows that it speaks falsely. The letter of Mr. Clarke, the editor of the Evening Canadian, in which he admitted being an Orangeman, was published in our issue of the 15th eays we refused to publish it. What can any cover its own iniquity. It again neglects to substantiate its charge against the Managing Discotor of THE POST Printing and Publishing Company, but says: "As we believe Mr. Quion resides in Montreal, it is an easy them to discover on what evidence the Cana. dian grounds its charge. We are authorized by libling Company to say that he never atstockholders to any Mr. Quinn or to any to produce any evidence to the contrary which the begging appeals of its "chief prophet" can bring forth or the gold of

FROUDE ON THE SITUATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

its Montreal friend "Oarey" can purchase.

Mr. James Anthony Froude, who a few apologiat, but as a stern judge of England's oppression of the sister island. He seems to have re-examined the relations between the two countries with the veil of prejudice and He now finds that the Gladstonian rule and the English policy in Ireland, for many generations, have been a blunder almost to the verge of crime. Seven hundred years. he reminds us, have passed since Heury II. attached Ireland to the English crown: for all these successive years England tried to govern it, and, as a result, there is destitution and death,-"the unfortunate the globe to beg sixpence for God's sake, to ten thousand dollars, and then confiscate the save them from starving." This is not intended as a reproach against the Irish nation, but against the English Government that reduced the people to such destitution. "We have never given to Ireland," says Mr. Froude, "a firm, just, and consistent administration. It Ireland is still to remain the plaything and the victim of the English constitutional system, there is nothing to be looked for but a continuance of the chronic misery which the fatal contiguity of the two islands has created from the time of the English conquest." That is the secret of the present and all Irlsh sgitations and movements.

The Irish people are resolved to no lorger remain the plaything and the victim of socalled constitutional government by Ergland, ing the most absurd falsehoods about "secret and they are so resolved because they wish to rumors." Evidently the Gazette is man in question, is an Ulater Protesplots" and the "terrible Fenians." The sen. rid their country of that "chronic misery" of preparing to abandon the ship. It is scarcely sational rumors have been traced to the which Fronde speaks, whether in the becoming on the part of a staunch Govern- well as Waterford itself, is Catholic by a tempt to represent The Post as being opposed depositors; compared with November of last Acentral News Agency—an organization that political, social, or physical order. Through ment supporter to admit the truth of inimical large majority. The Mayor elect, reflecting to Parnell because the Irish leader was a year, the deposits have increased \$1,972,000.

abundant matter for serious thought knows nothing. This morning the Gazette schemes, and passes them over the wires to and study to all those who take their notions publishes a short special despatch from its of the Irish people and of their country at second-ha: d and from polluted sources, and who would mould their opinions on old It reads:-"The Local Government bad a prejudices, just as Mr. Froude did himself Cabinet meeting late last night. It was betendency. The Central News Agency have In the early part of his career. He writes: "The question arises whether the experiment of an English Government of Ireland has not lasted long enough. An Ill-success so erduring must be due to causes which will not cease to operate. As it has been in the past so it will be in the future. There appears to be some ingrained incapacity in the English nature either to assimilate the Irish race or to control them; and, however on the "D. Ta" when it has anything to say politically desirable it might be to us to set Ireland free, it is doubtful whether we have a right to sacrifice thus reinously the moral and material welfare of a whole people to our own convenience, when we are unable to dis- to do so at the bidding of an evening charge the elementary duties of protecting life and property. We may make the best resolutions; so our fathers made resolutions, but they availed nothing, and ours will avail nothing. We have tailed-failed ignomoniously, and bad as any Government would be which Ireland could establish for herself, it could hardly be worse than the impotent mockery with which the English

connection has provided it." These statements are singularly corroborative of what the national representatives and the national press have been preaching ever since the inauguration of Irish sgitation. The language of Mr. Froude is also strongly indicative of the wonderful change that is coming over Englishmen who are in the least inclined to study and examine the relations between England and Ireland from an impartial and unprejudiced stand-point. It is a hard thing for one to condemn his own ; but the time is coming when England's mismanagement and misrule of Irish affairs will be condemned by intelligent Englishmen in sufficient numbers to effect and enforce a charge in the present system of unwise and unjust government in that cour-

THE CHARLEBOIS CONTRACT SCANI

A scandal, so-called, has been dished up against the Provincial Government in the matter of the contract for the construction cthe Legislative buildings at Quebec. On examining the facts of the case, however, it appears that the scandal in no wise affects the honesty and fair dealings of the members of the administration. The Government had called for tenders for the erection of the new Legislative buildings. Mr. Charlebois, smong several other contractors, had sent in two honest man think of a journal so depraved as | tenders—one in his own name, the other to resert to such unblushing falsehood to in the name of a Mr. McMillan. the meantime Mr. Charlebois, who was more than anxious to secure the contract, approached one Jean de Beaufort. Ohief of the Revenue Police, to solicit his Intervention and influence with the Ministers ... under the matter for The Pear to ascertain if to have either his own or his dummy's tender from these latter Earl Spencer always selected the anxie- there were any such negotiations that accepted. Mr. de Beaufort was to be given his man. This year no such mistakes are to es and disappointments of the year passing be was aware of." There are no less than \$10,000 for his services if successful. In due be committed. Only the names of sterling, fifty gentlemen in Montreal who bear the time the tenders were opened and those of well known Parnellites will be submitted. name of Mr. Quinn. The Canadian declines Mr. Charlebols were found to be the lowest, In Dublin, for instance, Alderman Moore, a highest Orango authority in Toronto. If ed on our shores friendless and pamilless, Bent, will be freely exchanged, and the old, to say which one it refers to, therefore we even much lower than the estimate of the thorough Nationalist, is the man whom the we are not mistaken, Mr. Olerke secks a are scarcely as happy and contented as the case more, are carried back, if not in reality, must decline the task of interviewing all of cost made by the Government architect. In Council and the people wish to have for accordance with the usual practice the sheriff for 1884. His name heads the trio claim of the question, as we are re-Ministers awarded the contract to Mr. Mc. Millan, siter having approved of the necessary securities. There is not the slightest Alderman Meagher last year, (who is now a near relative of Mr. Clarke, in fact his evidence or proof that the corruptionist and would-be political broker Mr. De Beaufort, had influenced the decision of the Government in making the award of the contract to Mr. McMillan, whose contract was the lowest. The fact of the contract being obtained by Mr. Charlebois' dummy friend was enough to prompt Mr. de Beaufort to demand the payment of the notes amounting to \$10,000. Mr. Charlebois failed to recognize the claim. Some of the years ago was the most brilliant apologist of notes were then transferred by de Beau-English misrule in Ireland, and who kept the fort to a third party, Mr. Gaspard late lamented Father Tom Burke so busy in Mathieu, who has taken action in the tailing his "big thumping English lies", courts against Charlebois for their payment. shout the Irish people and the country, is It is perfectly clear that the whole of this destitute and the forlorn, during this sacred out again in a review of the situation transaction was dishonest, and that the bargain between the contractor and the go-between was a corrupt one. But to hold the Government responsible for the action of this precious pair, and to saddle their dishonesty and corruption on the administration, would be manifestly absurd and unjust. antipathy drawn from before his eyes. The position, of course, would be different if the Ministers were aware of the transaction and had benefited by it; but, so far, no allegation has been made of any member of the Cabinet having been influenced by monetary or other considerations. The only gullty parties are the contractor, Mr. Charlebols, and the would-be political broker de Beaufort. What should be done to punish them would people sending their emissaries round be to make Charlebois pay de Beaufort the

THE PROVINCIAL CABINET.

whole of the amount to the Provincial Treas-

ury.

Rumors of all kinds concerning the presence of Hon. Mr. Mousseau at the head of Provincial affairs, and even concerning the dustriously set affoat by parties with whom the wish in evidently father to the thought. Yesterday morning the Gazette, the would-be official organ, avowed that it had no authentic information on the subject of Mr. Mousseau's resignation or of a reconstruction of the Local Government; but it treacherously there may be some truth in these

out his article, Mr. Froude furnishes rumors, of which, as it treely confesses, it on these facts, could not help being struck own Quebec correspondent, which seems to be both contradictory and inconsequential. lieved the meeting was called for the purpose of resigning; this, however, proves not to have been the case. It is now almost certain that the resignation of all the Government will shortly be in the hands of the Lleutenant-Governor."

If the meeting of the Cabinet was not called for the purpose of discussing its resignation, how is it certain that the resignation of all the Government will shortly be handed in? It does not look as if the Ministers were about to extinguish themselves to suit the convenience of our morning contemporary, and they are certainly not inclined cotem. That journal announced last evening that Mr. Mousscau's resignation would be in the hands of the Lieutenant Governor "this morning at the latest." Well, this morning has come and gone, and the Premier has not yet bld farewell to the political arena. Mr. Moneseau assured a representative of or West of Ireland, has been able to address Clarke; but there is a paragraph apart from the Post on Monday last, that no matter in similar language the Corporation of Derry or his " open letter," to which we wish to draw what opposition was offered to him outside the Legislative Benches, he would neither dismiss himself nor be dismissed until his administration declared not to have the confidence of the Legislature. This would be the proper course to pursue. It would be a nice state of affairs indeed if every Premier and every Ministry had to cave in and throw up the reins of Government at the bidding of a few dissatisfied and traitorious journals.

SUSPECTS FOR RIGH SHERIFFS. Earl Speccer, the red monarch of Ire-

land, finds himself, this year, in a very awkhis choice invariably fell upon good "loysl" subjects who were bitterly hostile to every national aspiration. Under the Municipal Privileges Act, passed through the House of Commons by the late Mr. Butt, the form of him by the Town Council. Hitherto the Nationalists, have not been sufficiently cute living men." and wary for the castle. Though sending in each case the name of a prominent Nationalist whom they desired to receive the appointment, they, as a matter of courtesy and tolerance, allowed the names of less pronounced politicians such as nominal option of choosing Mr. John Clancy T. C. who acted as secretary of the National League, or he can select Mr. Harrington M.P., an exsuspect. This list will present an amusing diferena to His Excellency. The same against the enemy by all the Nationalist regal palato. Limerick and Drogheda have, however, shown the most ancompromising spirit to Castle rule, for three suspects. As an Irish exchange well remarks, it is surely the irony of fate that the men nominated by the Castle for prison cells should come back to the Castle to be nominated, notens votens as the highest officers of the law. Buckshot Foreter, in fact, has been at the pains of selecting a thy. long list of nominations for popular offices and we don't see why his judgment in this matter, at all events, should not prevail. There are still numbers of excellent citizens in Ireland who have not been in jail; but prima facie the men who deserve best of the people are those who have deserved worst of

the Castle. Beside spoiling the plans of the Castle underrated, it will be a very material advan. tage to the National party to have the sheriffs keep a sharp look out for jury packing and jury bribing. They control the working of executive officer at Parliamentary elections. and we all know what such an officer can do existence of the Cabinet itself, are being in- | Parnellites, therefore, have scored an important point in securing that the management of the Courts and of the elections will not be entirely in the bands of their enemies.

LIBERAL AND TOLERANT.

Our Irish exchanges contain a very notable speech, which was delivered by the gentleadded that "the probabilities are that man who has been elected Mayor of Water. ford for 1884. Mr. Allingham, the gentletant, and the Waterford Corporation, as complaint as there was in his deliberate at.

by the spirit of liberality and tolerance which was so generously manifested by those speech, returning thanks for his election, Mr. Allingham said: "Whilst very proud of your choice, I am not

so v in as to attribute it to my personal merite, but rather that you decided, in my humble person, to place on record once again, as you have frequently done before, the fact that the corporation of Waterford is sider sincere leve of country in every man who evinces it, irrespective of creed or race. I, a non-Catholic Uisterman, stand here tcday, nominated by this council, four-fifths of which are Catholic, to be mayor of the city of Waterlord, nine-tenths of which are Catholic. This is the magnanimous reply of truc-hearted Irishmen to the wretched bigotry which has recently disgraced my native pro-

bigoted opinions of the Toronto Telegram? Will those papers show us where an Ulster Catholic, not to say a Catholic from the South other. We kope to have fully satisfied Mr. of Belfast? Mr. Allingham went on to prove attention. It reads:that, although an Ulster Protestant, he is like many another Irishman of the same religion, a good Nationalist; he takes a very the sound view not only of the evil that is wrought li he doos, the other members should be in Ireland by British rule, but of the remedy sure that they have not another Cares in their for that evil. "A system," says Mr. Allingham, midst." under which crowds of men, able and anxious to work, daily stand idle in market. | contempt, for whoever penned them is no places of nearly all our towns, poverty in | gentleman. their appearance, and many of them, no doubt, with wives and families languisting in their poor homes-and all this, mind you, whilst thousands, nay, millions, of acres of fertile land are lying within easy reach, unward fix in connection with his task of select- | cultivated and unproductive—such a state of ing and appointing high sheriffs. Up to a affairs could not occur in any country in few years ago the appointments to this office | Europe except Ireland, under the prewere absolutely at the disposal of sent disastrous system. The fulca the Lord Lieutenant, who could select of reviving Irish matufacture is but any gentleman he pleased, and no an idle dream until you first reone needs to be forcibly reminded that store a native Parliament, with full control over the fiscal affairs of the nation. How possibly could artificial industries flourish in a country whose natural resource are but slenderly developed?-and fusiond of encouraging the development of our great acprocedure is considerably different. Instead | tural resources, our rulers are now actually of having unrestricted liberty, the Lord plotting to emigrate, if not by force, certainly Lieutenant is required by the act to make his | by fraud and false pretences, the only possible selection from a list of three names furnished | factor for cultivating the land and drawlaw wealth from nature's boundless stores-Councils, whose majorities were composed of a namely, the strong arms and sound brains of

AN ANSWER TO "AN OPEN LETTER!

Mr. C. H. Clarke, the editor of the Evening Canadian of Toronto, publishes in the columns of that paper an "open letter" to the charity in the city of Montreal in case we pass over Moore's name, as he did that of authority in Toronto" might very possible be Lord Mayor elect of Dublin), he has the brother, the editor of the Orange Sentinel, and consequently a person incompetent to act as an impartial judge in the settlement of the question. We prefer to leave the decision of the question to the public. Mr. Clarke labors under an erroneous impression when, strategy has just been put into operation | he imagines that the statement of the Posr "that the editor of the Canadian was an municipalities, which have uniformly | Orangeman," was made with the object of coupled with the name of the person they | personally annoying him; it was no such wish to have for Sheriff, the names of two thing; the charge was made against the Canaothers still more distasteful to the Vice- | dian and not against the employe. We have nothing to do with the private rights, privileges, or errors of the personnel of the staff of any journal, but we have to do they have in each case chosen the names of with the policy or the views of a contamporary. We did not find fauit with Mr. Clarke for being an Orangeman, but we found fault with the Canadian for employing an Orangeman to give expression to views and sentiments, whether national or religious, with which he could have but very little sympa-

After considerable beating about the bush, Mr. Clarke comes out with an emphatic assertion that "he is not now an Orangeman." Of course Mr. Clarke may not be an Orangeman "now," but that does not destroy the fact that he was an Orangoman, as we asserted. Since this controversy has begun Mr. Clarke may have sent in his resignation to the Orange Lodge, although he does not gentry, in itself an achievement not to be say so, but we hold that if he has not formally resigned, that he is still a member of the Orange body. The editor of the Canaappointed from their own ranks. They can | dian says, "we must be aware a man could not keep up a connection with any society who had never contributed anything to its the Courts. The sheriff, moreover, is the chief funds or attended its meetings for nearly twenty years." We are aware of the contrary; a man who joins a society is a member for or against a National candidate. The of it until he resigns his membership, and that is what Mr. Clarke has never done; consequently our statement that he was and is an Orangeman is strictly correct. Of course he is not a rabid or a fire-eating one, after the manner of Bro. White, M.P., or rowdy Lord Rossmore, and to that fact we are quite willing to bear testimony. Mr. Clarke further complains "that we are continually making savage attacks on him, not because he is an Orangeman, but a Protestant." There are about as much honesty and truth in that

Protestant, and to show that the National Tribute was a success, notwithstanding our antagonism to it, because again Mr. Parnell who differed from him in creed. In his was a Protestant, when The Poer had actually collected a large portion of that Testimonial and had supported Parnell's policy from the start. We are afraid we will have to attack the editor of the Canadian for his dishonesty, but we will let him pass egain. But beware i We want no lies in a controversy or a misrepresentation in an argument. Mr. Clarks animated by no narrow, sectarian next cays we do him an injury by quoting from the Canadim without making any distinction between the two journals, the Irisk Canadian and the Evening Canadian. Up to the present, these journals were one and the ame thing. The same pen wrote for both; the same matter appeared in both; they were under the same management, and still are. It, therefore, never struck us that any particular injury or harm could be done What does our contemporary, the Daily by quoting from the Canadian." But since Witness, and other journals like it, think of Mr. Clarke repudiates any connection that testimony to the fairness and liberality with the Irish Canadian we will be careful to of Irish Oatholics? Will it influence the look for his utterances in the Evening Cana. dian. It is a queer thing, however, that such near relatives should be ashamed of each

"To such societies (those which have the overthrow or dismemberment of Government at heart), we doubt not the editor of THE Post belongs.

These lines are deserving of nothing but

SIR ALEXANDER GALTS DISAVOWAL.

The Marquis of Lorne, who delivered one of his lectures at Exeter Hall in London on Wednesday night, was introduced to the audience by Sir Alexander Galt. The Canadian Knight took advantage of the occasien to make " a disavowal for the Catholic " lrishmen of Canada of any sympathy with " the atroclous sentiments of the dyng-"miters in the United States." We fancy that Sir Alexander gave bimself needless trouble about the "Oatholic Litchmen of Canada," In the first place, who commisioned him, or who authorized him to make auch a disavowal on behalf of Irish Canadians? Nobody that we are aware of. In the second place, Sir Alexander's disavowal was totally unnecessary and uncelled for. Why should he constitute himself the oracle of Catholic Trishmen any more than of Protestant Irlsbmen, Englishmen, or Datchmen? He would be as much justified in disavowing on behalf of the latter any sympathy with dynamiters, as he would be in speaking for Irish Canadian Catholics. Sir Alexander's auxiety to shield the character of the Irish population is somewhat superfluous. The ralis at Knight is said to have declared "that Irizhmen in Canada were as happy and con-Home Rulers, to be added to the list-and editor of the Montreal Post, in which he of- tented as the natives of England." Well, that fers to contribute \$100 to the funds of any dopends; for instance, the Irish men, women and children who were shipped out here can disprove his statement that "he is not during the past year by the Engan Orangeman," the question to be left to the lish Government, and who were land very prenounced advantage in the de- natives of England. It would be a cruel mockery to say so. But perhaps Sir Alexsent to the Castle. If the red Earl wishes to liably informed that the "highest Orange" ander is ignorant of the fact that many of these expatriated people are unable to secure employment, and are dependant on public charity to keep their bodies and souls together. It is thus that the Canadian Knight has, in two short sentences, made a statement that was quite needless and uncalled for, and another that is not strictly correct.

ACCOUNTS.

We are now sending accounts to all subscribers in arrears, and request their immediste attention thereto. As we desire to enforce payment in advance in all cases in future, we request each subscriber to remit all arrests due and add the amount of subscription in advance for the coming year.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

The success which has attended the efforts of our agents and patrons in extending the eirculation of Ten Thus Witness during the present year is unprecedented in the history of any journal of its class in the Dominion. Recognizing its claims as the oldest, ablest and most useful Catholic journal in Canada the people everywhere are extending to it that generous and hearty support which its long, and faithful services in the cause of truth, justice and right so amply merit. Our best thanks are due to our enthusiastic friends who are each week adding so largely to our list of supporters, and we request them to use even greater exertions during the balance of the present month, in order that the canvass may be fully completed by the end of the year. Each one of our present subscribers can, with very little effort, secure the name of one more subscriber before New Year's, and thus enable the TRUE WITNESS to send its greeting to twice the number of its present patrons. We trust to hear from each one without fall.

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The Post Office Saving Bank statement for November shows an increase in the deposits over October of \$122,700. There was at the end of November \$12,579,338 to the credit of