THE LAUNCH OF THE LEVIATHAN.

On Saturday morning, the 28th, the work of launching the Leviathan was resumed, and continued up to one o'clock on Monday, the 30th, when the heel of the vessel was within four inches of the water, which was gradually rising under her. At two o'clock the workmen resumed their labours, when an accident happened to the machinery, which impeded further launching till ten a. m. on Tuesday.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK MURDERS.

The wretched criminal, Patrick Slavin, suffered the extreme penalty of the law on Friday last, on a gallows erected over the front entrance to the gaol.

The Protector & Christian Witness

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1857.

THE OLD YEAR.

1857 is about to close;— a few hours more and it shall have passed away. What a busy year it has been to some. Fortunes gathered!— Friends procured!—Health regained!—Business established!

BISHOPS' NOVEL PASTORAL LETTER.

We return to this awful subject. The importance of a sound religious (papal) education is its keynote. To prop this scheme, neither sophistry nor abuse is spared.

MALTA.

EXCLUSION OF PRIESTS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—In Malta the Romish Priests have been carrying matters with a high hand.—Although there are 5000 Protestants on the island, the majority of the inhabitants are Roman Catholics.

RUSSIAN RAILWAYS.—Our readers know that the great Russian railway scheme, of 40 millions sterling for railways, failed to float-in and most of the Continental markets.

SHIPWRECKED MARINER.

THE HALIFAX JOURNAL of the 14th Dec., says:—Our readers will perceive with regret that another serious marine disaster has befallen this port, in the loss of the Brigt. Golden Age.

UNITED STATES.

[We rejoice to hear of our fellow citizens doing good wherever they may be, the following article from the American paper.]

News From Virginia.

MARISSO C. H., VA., Oct. 21, 1856.