"A Vow And Its Performance." Sermon Preached by The Rev. Canon Bolt, A+ The Cathedral on Sunday.

"Acts XVIII-18-And Paul after North Atlantic, as we know only to this tarries there yet a good while, well in our Island story, is subject ren and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; hav-ing shorn his head in Cenchrea; for of reaching land was almost abanhad a vow.' doned.

It was in such an extremity that Not only because the construction Codner, now as ever, a God-fearing of this passage permits it, but also man, made the yow that if God spared because it has been thought unlikely his life he would devote his time, that St. Paul would observe a Jewish talents and possessions to the adrite, it has been held that it was vancement the Aquila and not St. Paul who made world. this vow. But it seems more probable Saved as by a miracle, he set about

from the circumstances that it was performing his vow. The manner in Paul who made the vow. We , which he did it, is of undying interest know too, that St. Paul had no objecto us, and was fraught with untold tions to vows as such, and it is not difblessings to this country. ficult to imagine that a man of such i

Up to ths time little had been done a chequered career as the Apostle in this Colony for the cause of educawould take upon himself a vow in tion, and the ignorance in some parts gratitude for some singular benefit of the country was deplorable. Codor deliverance.

ner had long seen the need of provid-There are not wanting instances in ing instruction for the children of St. Paul's life of God's goodness to his adopted country. He had himself him in times of danger and difficulty, trudged over the hills, in all weathers. and it would be no denial of his Christo Petty Harbour, his chief seat of tian faith if he performed a vow business. to read to the people the which he made in acknowledgment prayers of the Church, and tramp of mercies received. Many a beneficback again the same day. ent work, many a thank offering have

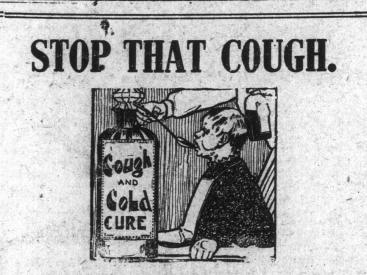
It now seemed to him that in no been the result of a vow made in is nothing superstitious and un- than by taking steps to provide educa- tion of 70,000, and there were less had obtained his substance.

I desire to speak to-day.

cumstances.

Corinth. St. Paul's. voyage was in object of the Society as stated, was enthusiastic on behalf of education. against the tyranny of the Turks. We and spiritual advancement of its character.

Having concluded his commercial teachers, who would devote them-, The work spread rapidly. The fifth stituted, and foreign trade promoted. Samuel Codner, one of our merchants lightenment of scholars and parents.", schools with an attendance of 546, six in the general depression. The years of the time, was returning to his Devonshire home, as was not unusual of the Society has been to supply a The tenth report gives a list, of eventful voyage were years of desin those days. He had often before moral education, while secular sub- twenty-five schools with a cor- titution and privation in this country. embarked on a similar voyage, but jects are not neglected. The children responding number of Sunday and From 1816 to 1819 St. John's had sufthis one was to be different in char- in the Society's schools were to re- adult schools, and a total of 2371 on fered thrice from fire. Losses were acter from all others. Ere he reached ceive Bible teaching, every day of the the roll. So great was the progress great, insolvencies followed, the cred-



he Church Catechism, the attendance, 1851 of the Society with "The Co to ther children being left to the ial Church Society," which had been established in 1835 or the purpose of cation has advanced greatly providing the ministrations of reli since Codner's day. Men's views have to the settlers in Western Australia astly changed within the last hun- and enlarging its sphere of operati d to the theory sent Missionaries and Catechist acation, yet with India, China, Africa, North Ame ired years in regard to the theory all our advancement, it may be ques-tioned whether our educational Meals mania. Henceforth the Society wa are nobler or more enlightened, as known as "The Colonial Church and they certainly are not more lineral, School Society," until 1861 when in than those which animated. Codner order to include the work which the and his fellow workers. After half a Society had done since 1839 by sur entury of dispute, as to the nature plying Chaplains to visitors and re and amount of religious teaching to dents in Europe, and to our Soldie be given in the Day Schools of the in the Crimean War, the title wa Mother country, the latest English changed to "The Colonial and Con ducation Bill, which is the most actinental Church Society," by which eptable yet enacted, is practically name it is known to-day, and which based upon the principles which the signifies its world-wide operation

ounders of our Society adopted at its Truly Willoughby's prayer has been answered, and "the little one has Backed by the support of the Prime | come a thousand."

** ** ** Minister and other members of the Such in very brief outl English Government of the day, history of the Society which star having amongst its Vice-Presidents J. Gladstone, the father of the work in close proximity to this Cagreat statesman of that name, thedral, where a school is carried on William Wilberforce, who, did to-day, and which this year completes the fact that the mercantile com-

so much to abolish the Slave a century of service. Trade; and supported by a Committee | We are too deeply indebted to this including many prominent clergymen. the new Society lost no time in get- event in its history as the completion | produced a man at that early day, ting to work, and soon made sub- of its hundred years of existence. whom we have all cause to bless,

stantial progress.

The Society is too closely interwoven whom many in distant lands will re-Codner himself travelled up and with our Colonial life to allow us to member this year, and will be present down Great Britain soliciting support contemplate unmoved its centenary. for the new venture, and in the re- We above all others should be and morate his undertaking in the Methe list of subscribers, of persons commemorated, and we should be memorable meeting was held a hunclosely connected with Newfoundland eager to learn the lessons which his, dred years ago next June. trade, and of members of firms, which life's work teaches.

have survived to our own day. efforts were crowned with remarkable 'to our own.

times of trouble and distress, when a better way could he perform his vow, success. At the time the Society was Following the defeat of Napoleon at life perhaps was at stake, and there to advance His Master's Kingdom, started, Newfoundland had a popula- Waterloo, and the end of the war, vice to their fellows, particularly in have some came times of great depression in all regard to education. We may hope christian in a vow made in such cir- tion for the country from which he than twenty schools, many of which branches of industry. Instead of the

were open for a month or two of the prosperity which it was hoped would that there will continue to arise in Of such a vow, and its performance Accordingly a meeting was called in year by teachers who took as payment follow peace, came hard times. Doles London on June 30th, 1823, when Cod- for their services a week's board and to the needy became necessary, fol- Codner, who will realize that the Helder, which arrived here last Slightly over a hundred years ago, ner having given his experience of the lodging with each parent in turn. lowed by its attending evils. There true progress of this, or of any coun- in a leaky condition. Repair a man sailed from here with a differ- country, and his desire for its uplift, Through the agency of the new was unrest in Ireland. The European try, depends less on its material reent object in view from that which the "Society for Educating the poor Society, Principal and Branch Schools' situation gave great cause for an- sources, important as these undoubt-St. Paul had, when he sailed from of Newfoundland" was started. The were established. The people became xiety. The Greeks were in revolt edly are, than on the mental, moral

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quest of souls, this one had to do with "the establishment of schools in the They displayed wonderful generosity are told, as we are told to-day, that people. commerce, but as the sequel proves, Island, where special emphasis should in supporting the cause, and in most what the nation wanted was tranit was destined to be of a missionary be laid on Bible instruction, and the places, the schools were gradually be- quillity and to that end repressive sending out from England of devout coming more or less self-supporting. measures were dropped, reforms in- in common with fellow churchmen, to operations of the previous six months, selves entirely to the spiritual en- annual report shows seven day Newfoundland shared then as now offering (in which I hope others may Thus, from its inception, the aim Sunday Schools and six adult schools. immediately preceding Codner's mons for this year.

his destination, and practically within week, while upon one or more days of that in twenty years the Society's it of many was ruined. Add to which sight of home, the vessel encountered the week, all who were of the Church Schools numbered forty-five with there was the feeling that justice owe to this Society. Numbers in all one of those storms, to which the of England received instruction in 3600 children enrolled, while during was not impartially administered, parts of the world as well as at home that period 12,000 children had and that laws bore unfairly on some passed through the schools, some of classes, a feeling not confined, at the positions were taught and trained by which children became in turn teach- time, to this Colony.

its teachers. Its agents as Catech-It would thus seem to be a most uners in the smaller schools. The secret of this success is largely propitious time for launching such a sits have rendered incalculable serto be found in the excellence of the project as Codner had in view. At vice to the Church. It established a teachers sent out from England, such a time an appeal might seem to Mission at Ungava, and continues to These teachers were men and wom- be most inopportune and likely to re- support Mr. Stewart. It has, as we en of devotion and well qualified to ceive little response. Judging by to- have seen, been a pioneer in Educateach, who after school hours visited day, there must have been some, who tion, and has been the handmaid of the homes of their scholars, and took deprecated such an appeal and fore- the Church. It deserves well interest in their welfare, told its failure.

, amply justified by the results.



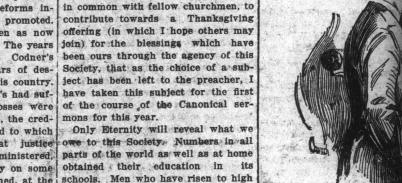
neunity, which has not always in its Signeur's Repairs history been in favour of measures

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in spirit if not in body to commecords of the time, names appear in xious to have Codher's memory fitly, tropolis of the Empire, where that completed the work yes

We are not however without evid-It is worth noting that Codner's ad- | ence that the same spirit, which an- and is now in A 1 condition. The first ten years of the Society's, venture was made at a time similar imated Codner, is stirring in our men as the Seigneur is undocked the of influence to-day and that there are pero and Ranger will go on: those who are anxious to render sermer to be surveyed, and th preparation for the seal that history may repeat itself ,and will only occupy work when both shins our midst, leaders of the stamp of replaced by the Norwe

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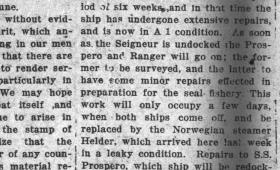


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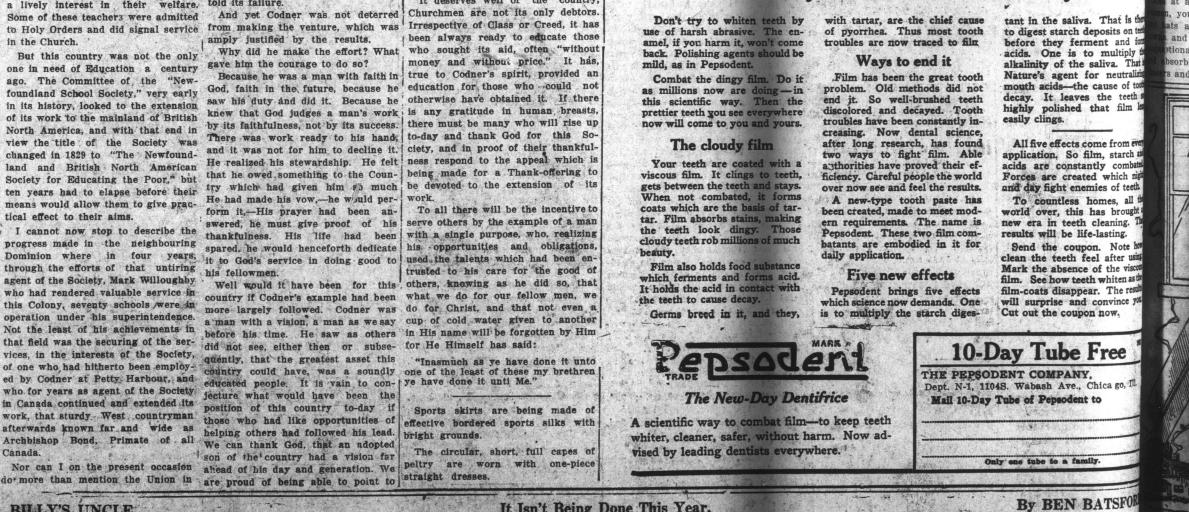
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