Local and other Matters.

—Sunday school teacher—" Annie, what must one do to be forgiven?" Annie—" He must sin."

—The Bulgarian insurrection threatens to become serious, and the Porte is greatly alarmed.

—The state of the roads in this County this Spring are in a much worse condition than usual.

—At present both whooping cough and diptheria are prevalent in some parts of this county.

—It is reported that seven French vessels, engaged in the Iceland fishing trade, are lost; it is feared that the whole fleet is destroyed.

—England, France, Russia, Austria and Italy have each despatched a war vessel to the scene of the massacre at Salonica.

—An order has been issued permitting the officers who joined Don Carlos to resume their service in the Royal army with their rank as deserting.

—The London Post says 108 members of parliament have already signed the memorial asking for the release of the Fenian prisoners.

—The Hon. Mr. Hill, Doctor Farrell, Mr. Goudge of Windsor and other Nova Scotian notabilities are reported among the visitors at Philadelphia.

—News comes from the Centennial Exhibition Department that Canada's display in the Grand Exposition is likely to do her great credit.

—"Grand Rounds" edited by Mrs. Hunt Morgan, may be obtained of Mr. Enoch Dodge, Postmaster, Bridgetown. Price 10 cts. per copy.

—The heavy rains this Spring have afforded ample motive power for milling operations. The saw-mills have been more than ordinarily busy in the manufacture of boards.

—Pesach N. Rubinstein, the condemned murderer of the Jewess, Sarah Alexander, died on the 8th inst., in his cell at Raymond street jail, N. Y. The cause of his death was general debility.

—The owners of the steamer Strath. clyde, which ran into and sunk the steamer Franconia, gained their suit for damages against the latter ; damages were laid by the plaintiffs at £45,000.

—The Post says Prince Alexander Auersberg and Count Leopold Kolowrat fought a duel at Prague on Friday. The Prince was shot in the chest and wounded dangerously.

—The Donation to the Rev. J. J. Teasdale at Wm. Leonards, Esq., Paradise came off on Thursday Evening as announced. The Rev. Gentleman was presented with $25 by his congregation at that place.

—A despatch to the Times from Madrid says Castelar spoke yesterday in the Cortes in favor of complete liberty of conscience, and urged the alteration and extension of article eleven of the new constitution.

—The British consul at Rio Janeiro telegraphs that a mutiny took place on board the barque "Caswell" of Swansea for Queenstown, in lat. 1° south, longitude 35° west; all the officers were murdered.

—According to Mr. Fleming's report, the contemplated Newfoundland railway will be 360 miles in length ; and the estimated average cost will be $33,600 per mile. We presume Mr. F's survey was thorough.

—The waters of the Ottawa River during last week rose unusually high, overflowed its banks, and did no small amount of damage by injuring wharves and storehouses and carrying away logs and lumber.

—French politicians and aspirants for power in Paris just now are agitating and intriguing with unwonted activity. Orleanists and Bonapartists have formed a coalition against the ministry.

—Could anything be neater than the old darkey's reply to a beautiful young lady whom he offered to lift over the gutter, and who insisted that she was too heavy? "Lor', missus," said he, "I's used to lifting barrels of sugar !"

—The most costly private residence at the west is that just completed by George M. Pullman, of Chicago, of palace car fame. It is built of massive blocks of brown stone, and the buildings, grounds, and furnishings cost, it is stated, $300,000.

—"I make it a point, madam, to study my own mind," said a gentleman to the lady who had exhibited some surprise at an opinion he had expressed. "Indeed !" she replied, " I didn't suppose you understood the use of a microscope."

—A Paris correspondent of the Times learns that the American consul in Salonica, fearing the mob would succeed in forcing his house sent a girl to the German consulate. The mob in the mosque compelled the German consul to sign an order for her delivery and then murdered her.

—The recent wet weather, which has tended to retard agricultural operations, has conduced to vigorous vegetation, as may be seen by the increasing verdure on the grass lands and the early budding of the trees. Lilacs, Gooseberry bushes and other varieties of shrubbery are in leaf.

—An awful tragedy is reported from Peterboro, Quebec. James Ryan, who has been drinking hard lately, stabbed his wife through the heart in their own house. The poor woman ran out on the street and up the sidewalk to the next door, and then fell dead. She leaves four children. She was a most amiable woman, and highly respected. Ryan is one of the oldest inhabitants, and was always considered a quiet, respectable man.

—The average Philadelphian receives daily about seven postal cards, with "Dear cousin expect me in June with a friend, whom you will be delighted to know. It will be impossible for me to stay more than three weeks. I am so glad that we have begun to correspond again."

—When Queen Victoria started on her recent Continental trip, all trains on the railway from London to Portsmouth were stopped to allow her a free and safe passage ; all the stations were also blocked up and put under ban to curious sightseers hungry for a peep at Her Majesty and the royal train.

—The steamship Goethe, with her screw damaged, has repaired and sailed for New York yesterday.

—The grocery firm of Dufresne & Magan, of Montreal and Ottawa, has suspended ; liabilities between $20,000 and $30,-000, which will probably be met.

—Philadelphia, May 10—The great longtalked of event is taking place ! At noon to-day, the " World's Centennial Exposition" was opened in the style indicated in the programmes which have been repeatedly published, and if the initiation is taken as an augury, the Exhibition will prove an unbounded success.

The weather was beautifully fine, and at an early hour thousands of people from the outlying towns came as visitors, and guests to Philadelphia. All day yesterday and last night trains and steamboats were discharging their living freight into the city ; as indeed for nearly a week previously. It is estimated that there are now sixty thousand strangers in town ; and it is expected that this number will be kept up, if not increased for weeks to come. The tide of autumn travel will tend immensely in this direction.

President Grant and suite arrived last night, and were received with immense enthusiasm, all politics being blotted out of mind. At 10.45, the Presidental party arrived on the Exhibition grounds, amid such a concourse of people has certainly never been witnessed before. After preliminaries, the President passed into Machinery Hall, and at noon set going the great engine, which moves the whole of the machinery, and which is in itself one of the most marvellous things in the Exhibition.

The public then began to pour in and (2 p. m.) are still going through the means of entrance in an unbroken mass.

The British portion of the exhibition is acknowledged to be the best ; and there will be great attention bestowed on the Colonial exhibits. Nova Scotians who came here will feel proud of the show from their native province. There will be plenty of hotel accommodations for all.

Business is almost entirely suspended, the shopkeepers being in the streets, having caught the contagion of wishing to see what is going on. There does not appear to be much a variety of the representatives of different nationalities as at the Jubilee in Boston ; but the former was only an affair of a week or so, while the Exhibition is for six months.

New York, May 12—The house of Dr. Calder was burned down this morning, together with most of his furniture, clothing, &c. The children, who were in the upper part of the house, barely escaped. Mr. M. J. DesBrisay, M. P. P., who was boarding at the house, loses heavily, having a valuable collection of books and a large variety of curiosities, of which nothing was saved.

The doctor's losses are not less than two thousand dollars.

Cause of the fire unknown. Supposed to have originated in some defect of the chimney.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John, May 12—Wm. Moore, a seaman, said to belong to Halifax, was killed by falling from the top-sail yard of the ship George Peabody, as the vessel sailed this afternoon. She turned about, and the body was brought to the city.

St. John, May 14—On Saturday afternoon Jeremiah O. Brown was crushed by the caving in of the sides of a trench on Brussels Street, and died that night.

Michael Mellody, an old man of seventy years, was knocked down yesterday morning by a runaway horse, and was injured so that he died this afternoon.

Arney Brown, who escaped from Fredericton jail, was captured by a posse of men a short distance from that town.

OTTAWA.

Ottawa, May 13—A lunatic named Wright shot a neighbor named Webster at Aldborough, Ontario, yesterday. A rifle ball passed through the victim's lungs. He still lives, but no hope of his recovery is ascertained.

Mr. Blake leaves for England in a few days. His mission is partly connected with the action of the Imperial Government instructions sent to Lord Dufferin concerning the New Brunswick School law.

The third largest bell in use in the world was recently placed in the southern tower of the cathedral in Germany. Three castings were made, of each distinct by melting French cannon captured during the Franco-Prussian war. Two were unsuccessful, but the third was perfect. The twenty guns used weighed 50,000 German pounds, and to these was added 80,000 lbs. of tin. The time of melting was about ten hours, and twenty-nine minutes sufficed to fill the mould. The cooling continued for four weeks. The bell is ten ft. 8 in. high, and 11 ft. 2 in. in diameter. Its total weight is over 25 tons. Of the larger bells in existence, two, those of Moscow, weighing respectively 193 and 63 tons, are broken. Pekin has one bell weighing 53 tons, and Novgorod, Russia, one 31 tons—both of which are in use.

—According to the Lumberman's Gazette, a journal published in the interests of the American lumber trade, the outlook for the coming season is decidedly bright. It is not expected that business will be extraordinarily brisk, but the period of stagnation is regarded as fairly tided over, and a general movement in the retail trade is noted.

—Owing to the breaking of the mill dam, the factories at Oxford, Cumberland County, are not likely to be able to come operation.