

THE NEWS, ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1908.



Bad Books Of this class of writings the New Freeman has this to say :--Bad writers then can only be counterchecked by a strenuous advocacy of pure constructive literature. Christian in tone, and ultimate purpose. We say ultimate purpose because we do not see that every work of literature should be a sermon. That would be the defect of a virtue with a vengeance; but we do say that any book or pamphlet containing matter opposed of truths of the Gospel or morals, be that opposition open or be it veiled, such books or pamphlets should be thrust into the flames most swiftly. The begrimed enorts of such parasites should be systematically incinerated.

Great Growth

The Press

institution, being written for only by men of sound principles, weighty judgment and taste.

A Protest

five clergymen of the Protestant Church in the United States have signed a solemn protest against permitting "so-called Christian men." not of their own church to speak in Episcopalian . churches. The permission was granted by the last Convention. The protest has been received with a good deal of sharp raillery.

Courteous But Explicit

The joint committee of the proposed union of the Presbyterian. Methodist and Congregational churches, in replying to a communication from the Anglican church in which the views of that body on the Historic Episcopate were set forth, took this position: "This committee regrets that it is unable to accede to this condition. but if the Church of England in Canada shows that it is willing to interpret the 'Historic Episcopate' in a liberal spirit and to meet the joint committee on a free and equal basis to explain its interpretation, the conference on church union will be glad to meet with the proper representatives."

we receive.

ment of small Christmas trees. The Reciprocal gifts are all right, if we raised platform was curtained off to do not worry when we give because represent a comfortable sitting our gifts are that as valuable as those

life would have dong, as men would ened to be another mystery of the sea Late Member Romains

acter.

be compelled to took at his meleschars, was cleared up yesterday when word He also touched on some of the traits ping federation that the steamer Krisof character of the deceased, his in- tiana, whose wherear outs were a source **EXCESS LARGEST** FOR ANY MONTH movements was lost, as the lower gulf was swept by fierce gales, and it was IN YEARS PAST feared that she sunk with all hands. The Kristiana is the first boat to at-OTTAWA, Dec. 20.-An increase of Seven Islands is 760 miles away from \$8,509,332 in exports, a decrease of \$7,858,622 in imports, and a trade bals ance in Canada's favor of \$6,965,875 are the outstanding features of trade re-HAM SHOT turns for last month as compared with November of last year. The excess of exports over imports for the month is the largest for any month in Canada's trade for years past THROUGH **Bra**i The exports of domestic goods for the month totalled \$31.672,224 as compared with last year agricultural products increased over last year by \$7,9 BY HER BROTHER 932.436: exports of animals and their products increased by \$1,291,590; exports of the forest increased by \$125,047 exports of the mine decreased by \$730;-

A Large Donation

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has given a hundred thousand dollars for the rebuilding of the Episcopal churches of travagantly. San Francisco, destroyed by the earthquake three years ago.

THE PRESBYTERIAN

forget. Scotch Celebrites It is noticed in Scottish papers that forgotten. number of Scotchmen who reach high places in the English church is very considerable. Archbishop Tait was a Scot. Archbishop MacLaggan and Archbishop Davidson are Scots, and now Archbishop Lang of York is he forgot me. a Scot.

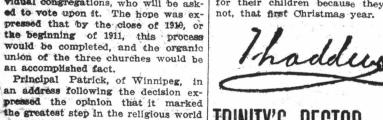
The Union Question

an accomplished fact.

since the Reformation.

The Coming Moderators

The matter has passed the committo the supreme courts of the churches concerned, and by them to the lower vidual congregations, who will be ask- for their children because they were which once were thought to contain ed to vote upon it. The hope was ex- not, that first Christmas year. pressed that by the close of 1910, or the beginning of 1911, this process would be completed, and the organic



Ihaddeus union of the three churches would be



Mexico

The presentation was made by the

Rev. Mr. Stewart, curate of the church,

who in a few words extended to Mr.

and Mrs. Armstrong the best wishes

of the school for their future happi-

Mr. Armstrong most happily replied

BACK WITH BRIDE

The Rev. Dr. Robertson is selected for the chair of the Church of Scotland; Rev. Dr. Henderson, of Crieff. for the Uniced Presbyterian Church, Rev. R. A. Armstrong and and the Rev. James Heney, of Burghead, for the Free Church. Mrs. Armstrong Toured

THE METHODISTS

Accident to Rev. Mr. Rice

Rev. R. A. Armstrong and Mrs. Arm-The Souris, P. E. Island readers will strong arrived in the city Saturday be sorry to learn that Rev. J. J. Rice from their honeymoon trip through was run down by a street car in Mexico and the Southern States. Mr. Toronto the other day and sustained Armstrong preached at both the morninjuries which resulted in death. In ing and evening services in Trinity church yesterday. He was heard on his youth Mr. Rice was a newspaper man in Charlottetown, entered the both occasions by large and appreciministry of the late Bible Christian ative congregations who turned out to Methodist church, was transferred to welcome their returned rector. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Armstrong Ontario before the union, and after serving on several circuits in that prowas presented with a silver water ketvince retired, and has since been on tle and lamp, the gift of the Sunday school. the supernumerary list.

GENERAL.

Independent Catholics

On this subject the Maritime Baptist has the following:

in a brief address, thanking the Sun-"Three years ago some hundreds of day school for its gift. priests, through reading the New Testament, formed a combination with a The rector's Bible class on Saturday presented Mrs. Armstrong with a view to establishing themselves and handsome Morris chair. An acknowltheir congregations on new lines separedgment of the gift was read from ate from Rome. M. Meillon, the con-Mrs. Armstrong at yesterday's meetverted priest and head of the Paris ing of the class. Mission of the Protestant Converts, It is understood that a reception is was selected as their leader and entered fully into the spirit of the movement near future by the ladies of the con-The claims of 300 priests and 300 con- gregation.

Curtains were hung and a log fire Christmas altermath is a sorrowful blazed from a make shift chimney. In the centre of this room a skeleton reaping when the bills come in and we find that we gave too lavishly, too ex- pyramid had been constructed of wood.

To this each class affixed a tiny tree. the whole when completed resembling And then we always feel badly because we forgot some person we should a giant spruce. The genius of the decorations was Supt. F. R. Murray, who have remembered even though we made conceived and put into effect the pretty.

out our list with care, lest we should and novel idea. Attached to the smaller trees. of the classes was the annual And then some persons will sorrow missionary donation of each. These because they have been passed by and amounted to seventy dollars in all the contribution from the infants' class If you feel badly after Christmas bealone being thirty dollars.

cause you forgot the far away friend who should have been remembered you have the matter in hand will meet to consider the homes of those who are well my friend is feeling badly because to benefit at the hands of the children.

Forget the rich if you can-forget In St. Matthew's Church, Douglas your friend if you must, but don't for- avenue, the pastor, Rev. J. J. McCasget the poor. God's poor. Look after kill preached a very eloquent sermon the devil's poor, too, and poor devils. yesterday, taking for his subject. There has never been universal joy tee stage and will now be submitted since the first Christmas morn. "joy to synopsis of his sermon is as tollows: "Jesus, the Son of Joseph." A short the shepherds, "joy to the world be-"Much of the preaching of today is cause the Lord has come." But how court, and by the latter to the indi- many were the Rachaels who mourned the names and terms and conceptions destructive of existing beliefs because

the essentials of Christianity are now seen to be but the trappings and nonessentials. Today the historic creeds are more and more being treated as symbols and not as literal statements by thinking men, until it seems that the time will soon be ripe for a more universal symbol of faith in the spiritua) life.

thems.

"Traditional theology would restrict a period of twenty-five years acted as as did the Baptist Foreign Mission ther was told to take a supposedly un- ducts were \$168,080,889, a decrease of the description 'God manifest in the superintendent of the Sunday school, Board, the council of the Board of

ing the office of president.

lesser sense of all great teachers and work. He was promised in the children of Germain street sunday a discharge of the gun, the contents of Thou Father art in Me and I in Thee,

that they may be one in Us. "The influence of Jesus will persist June of that year, the object of the land, Me., today accompanied by the despite all our explanations. But His trip being to study foreign mission Rev. W. W. McMaster and two sons of coming was not the advent of a new work. He was a man of broad views the deceased. Interment will be made foctrine or creed, but of a new life. | and was highly respected and warmly at that place on Tuesday. "The secret of the power of Jesus is esteemed by a very wide circle of

found in the qualities of mind and friends and acquaintances. heart that made Him unique, and in Germain Street Baptist Church was such teachings as: Beware of pride, filled to its utmost capacity yesterday beware of hardness of spirit, be hum- afternoon with citizens of every deble, be glad to serve, overcome evil nomination and in all walks of life, with good. It was worth while living who were desirous of paying their last to have said any one of these things. tribute of respect to the late T. S. "The idea of Christmas is that we Simms. The casket was carried from should strive ourselves to live a the home of the deceased to the church healthy vital religion and should teach by six of the deacons. As they entered it to our children. One of the func- the church the pastor, Rev. W. W. Mctions of Christianity is to restore Master, and the senior deacon took laughter and joy to men. And true their places at the head of the procesjoy needs health of soul, which can sion and followed by Rev. Mr. Camp

only come from unselfish service. Re- and Rev. Dr. MoIntyre, the body was ligion is not a creed but a life." borne to the front of the church. After prayer by the Rev. Wellington In the Haymarket square Baptist Canip, Rev.W.W. McMaster took as his

church last evening the preacher detext: "Know ye not that there is a ivered a very forcible address before prince and a great man fallen this a large congregation, taking as his day in Israel," and, "Let me die the subject Humanity's Christmas Tree. death of the righteous and my last

The choir rendered two Christmas anend be like his." Rev. Wellington Camp addressed a large assembly in the Leinster street man heart.

Baptist church last evening. Mr. Camp took as his subject The Visit of the Wise Men, and told the story of to be tendered Mrs. Armstrong in the the finding of the infant Ohrist in the

ered appropriate music

Go to Portland

tense earnestness in religious work, of anxiety for two weeks, had passed In the death of Mr. T. S. Simms, St. his power as a leader and the interest John loses one of its most highly re- he had taken in the Laymen's Mis- Islands, 250 miles below Quebec. Two spected citizens. Mr. Simma' death sonary Movement, the foreign mission weeks ago a wessel reported to be the occurred sududenly yesterday morning. Work and many other noble and char- Kristiana, was spoken inside the Straits He arose about 5 o'clock, feeling slight itable organizations.

pains which he thought due to indi- The speaker also referred to the late of Belle Isle. Since then all trace of her gestion, but collapsed half an hour Mr Simms' capacity for work and of later, death resulting in a few min- the life of expectation he was leading. utes, heart failure being the cause. He also paid a glowing tribute to the Mr. Simms was sixty-three years of sons of the deceased and said that the age, and was born at Raymond, Me., world would expect them to take up the St. Lawrence and will load a full in 1845. He served in the Civil War of the work as worthy sons of a worthy the United States, enlisting at Bethel, father, and men of whom the nation cargo of pulp wood for a Eritish port. Me., in 1863, in the Seventh Maine might be proud. "Some may say,"

Light Battery. He was in active ser- said Mr. McMaster, "that our late the ocean. vice until 1865, when the regiment was brother was taken away in the midst mustered out. Until 1872 he resided at of his unfinished work, but any man Portland, and in the fall of that year removed to St. John where he started the brush and broom business which as he had, could truly be said to have he has so successfully built up, at finished his work when God called him

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ing to church.

present conducted under the name of home." I. S. Simms and Co., Mr. Simms hold- The speaker closed his address with an invocation on the sorrowing friends Mr. Simms was married three times. and urged all present to shape their His widow was formerly Miss Ida L. lives so that their end might be like Rutherford, of this city. He also leaves his.

four sons, Lewis W., Stockwell, Hugh At the close of the service Rey. W. E. Rutherford and Philip McA., and one McIntyre spoke for some minutes on daughter, Helen Louise; also one sis- the denominational work for the deter, Miss Ella Simms of Danvers, Mass. ceased. An opportunity was then given and one brother, Joseph. for all who wished to view the remains The deceased had always been pro- while the strains of the Dead March

minent in all religious and philanthro- in Saul came from the organ. pic movements. He was a deacon in About 65 men from the Simms brush German street Baptist church, and for factory attended the funeral in a body, lost her life. Her eight year old bro- 721. Total exports of domestic prethe description 'God manifest in the superinterfacent of the bandary of the bandary of the bandary through the room pointed the gun at Customs revenue for the eight months would contend that it is true in a in connection with the Maritime church School Association, and the children his sister. The hammer of the gun was \$30,788,407, a decrease of \$10,324,052. lesser sense of all great teachers and work. He was prominent in the pro-from the Protestant Orphans' Home. caught in his clothing and fell causing

time when it would be true of every tion, Y. M. C. A., Laymen's Mission- school occupied the front in sug baltime when it would be true of every thou, 1. m. C. M., any movement, and other enterprises. cony. During the service the male tearing a gaping hole and lodging in In 1907 Mr. Simms took a trip around quartette rendered a selection. the world, returning to St. John in The remains will be taken to Port-





Is Later Slain Himself By Police After Holding

Shoppers at Bay NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 19.-In a sensational fight on Church street tonight that caused intense excitement among hundreds of Christmas shoppers

thronging the thoroughfare, an unknown negro desperado was shot and killed by Patrolman: Buck White and The speaker referred to the impressiveness of death, and to the fact that acting Sergeant Marshall. When arit always cast a shadow over the hu- rested for fighting the negro out Patcolman White back of the ear, held dit-"This gathering," said the speaker, izens at by who attempted to prevent

"is not only a form of respect or sym- his escape, slashed C. H. Chandlen, who pathy out of a desire to sympathize grasped him, and dashed away. Marwith the sorrowing family, but be- shall then arrived and he and White manger in Bethlehem. The choir rend- cause we loved him and sorrow at the opened fire, with Distols, killing the sudden ending of his useful life. There l negro.

HALIFAX, Dec. 20.-A shocking ac- Total imports for the month were \$24, cident occurred at Mahone Bay this 706,349. For the first eight months of morning whereby Ruby, the fourteen present fiscal year imports have to year old daughter of Capt. Benj. Ham, talled \$194,827.463, a decrease of \$64,987, loaded gun upstairs and in passing \$4,353,190

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. - Senator Bourne today introduced a bill provide the brain, causing instant death. The ing for an increase in the salary of unfortunate girl was in the act of put- the President from \$50,000 to \$100,000, ting her-rubbers on preparatory to go- and the salary of the Vice-President from \$12,000 to \$25,000.

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