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## A DIVINE SYMBOL.

Pillars of Smoke Typify God's Power.

The Church is to Be the Arbiter of All Nations.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage Speaks of the Truth and Its Trials.

The trials throught which the truth has struggled are by Dr. Talmage here set forth under a Bible symbo of great suggestiveness and power; text, Solomon's Song iii., 6, "Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke?"

The architecture of the smoke is wondrous, whether, God with his finger curves it into a cloud, or rounds it into a dome, or points it in a spire, or spreads it in a wing, or, as in the text, hoists it in a pillar. Watch it on the level take me to some high winding up from the country farmhouse in the early morning, showing of the churches, and I will tell you that the pastoral industries have be-gun, or see it ascending from the chimneys of the city, telling of the homes fed, the factories turning out valuable fabrics, the printing presses preparing book and newspaper, and all the ten thousand wheels of work in On a clear day this vapor spoken of mounts with such buoyancy and spreads such a delicate veil across the sky and traces such graceful lines of circle and semi-circle and waves and tosses and sinks and soars and scatters with such affluance of shape and color and suggestiveness that if you have never noticed it you are like a man who has all his life lived in Rome and never seen the Vatican, or all his life at Lockport and never seen Niagara. Forty-four times the Bible speaks of the smoke, and it is about time that somebody preached a sermon recognizing this strange, weird, beautiful, elastic, charming, terrific and fascinating vapor. Across the Bible sky floats the smoke of Sinai, the smoke of Sodom, the smoke of Ai, the smoke of the pit, the smoke of the volcanio hills when God touches them, and in my text the glorious church of God, coming up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke.

In the first place, these pillars of smoke in my text indicate the suffering the church of God has endured. What do I mean by the church? I mean not a building, not a sect, but those who in all ages and all lands and of all beliefs love God and are trying to do right. For many centuries the heavens have been black with the smoke of martyrdom. If set side by side, you could girdle the earth with the fires of persecution-Row-Taylor burned at Hadleigh, Latiburned at Oxford, John Rogers burned at Gloucester, John Huss burned at Constance, Lawrence Saunders dat Coventry, Joan of Arc burn-

Protestants have represented Catholics as having a monopoly of persecu ters, but both Protestant and Catho lic have practiced infamous cruelties.
The Catholics during the reign of Hunneric were by Protestants put to the worst tortures, stripped of their clothing, hoisted in the air by pulleys with weighs suspended from their feet. then let down, and ears and eyes, nose and tongue were amputated, and red hot plates of iron were put against

the tenderest parts of their bodies. The smoke of martyrs' homes and martyrs' bodies if rolling up all at once would have eclipsed the noonday sun and turned the brightest day the world ever saw into a midnight. "Who is this that cometh up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke?"

Has persecution ceased? Ask that Christian in a store or factory, where from narning to night he is the butt of all the mean witicisms of unbelieving employees. Ask that wife whose husband makes her fondness for the house of God and even her kneeling grayers by the bedside a derision and s no more fit for her holy companionship than a filthy crow would be fit companion for a robin or a golden oriole. Compromise with the world and surrender to its conventionalities and it may let you alone, but all who will live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution. Be a theatre going, card playing, wine drinking, round dancing Christian, and you may escape criticism and social pressure. But be an up and down, out and out follower of Christ, and worldling will wink to worldling as he speaks your name, and you will be put in many a doggerel and snubbed by those not worthy to blacken your oldest shoes. Whe the bridge at Ashtabula broke and let down the most of the carload of passengers to instant death. P. P. Bliss was seated on one side of the aisle of the car writing down a Christian song -which he was composing, and on the other side a group of men were playing cards. Whose landing place in eternity would you prefer-that of P. P. Bliss, the gospel singer, or of the card players?

For a compromise Christian character an easy time now, but for consecrated behavior grimace and caricature. Fer the body thanks to the God of free America, there are now no swords or flery stakes, but for the souls of thousands of the good, in a figurative sense, rack and jibbet and Torquemada. The symbol of the domestic and social and private and public suffering of a great multitude of God's dear children, pillars of smoke. What an exciting scene in In dia when, during the sepoy rebellion, a regiment of highlanders came up and found the dead body of one of General Wheeler's daughters, who had been insulted and mauled and siain by the sepoys. So great was the wrath against these murderers that the Scotch regiment sat down, and, cutting off the hair of this dead daughter of General Wheeler, they divided it among them, and each one counted the number of hairs given him, and each took an oath, which was executed, that for each hair of the murdered daughter they would more war horses eat out of the man dash out the life of a bestial sepoy. But as we look over the story of those who in all ages have suffered for the syria and Ninevah and the valleys of

having counted the host of the mar-tyrs, that for each one of these glorious men and women who died for the truth an immortal shall live-live with God and live forever.

A DIVINE SYMBOL.

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The beauty of the transfigured smoke is a divine symbol of the beauty of the church. The fairest of all the fair is she. Do not call those persecutors of whom I spoke the church. They are the parasites of the church, not the church itself. Her mission to cover the earth with a supernatural gladness, to open up the night in the fireplace of a great morning, to change iron handcuffs into dismonded v ristlets, to turn the whole race around, and whereas it faced death commanding it, "Right about face for heaven!" According to the number of the spires of the churches in all of our cities, towns and neighborhoods, are the good homes, the worldly prosperities, and the pure morals, and the

happy souls. Meet me at any depot the world over, and with my eyes closed take me by the hand and lead me so that my feet will not stumble, and without my once looking down or looking roof or tower and let me see the tops crimes few. According as the churches are few the crimes are numerous. The most beautiful organization the world over ever saw or ever will see is the much maligned church, the friend of all good, the foe of all evil, "fair as the moon and clear as the sun." Beautiful in her Author, beautiful in her mission, the heroine of the centuries, the bride of Christ,

the queen of the nations! Through her gates will march all the influences for good that shall ever reach our world. Take her membership as a mass, not speaking of the acknowledged exceptions, they are the noblest, grandest, kindest, best men and women of the ages. But for them the earth would long ago have been a burned out volcano. They have been the salt that has gept the human race from putrefaction insufferable either

to human or angelic olfactories.

THE BEST INSTITUTION. You lying and hypocritical world, shut up those slanders about the church of Christ, an institution which, far from being what it ought to be and never pretending to be perfect is 500 times better than any other institution that the world ever saw or ever dreamed if. The highest honor I ever had, and the highest honor I shall ever receive, and the highest honor I ever want is to have my name on her records as a member. At her altars I repented. At her sacrament I believed. In her service let me die. From her doors let me be buried. O church of God! Thou home of the righteous! Thou harber from tempest! Thou refuge for the weary Thou lighthouse of many national Thou type of heaven! I could kiss the

very dust with ecstacy of affection. "Perfumed smoke," says So in the words following my text. Not like the fumes coughed up from the throat of a steam pipe or poisoned with the gases of chemical or floating in black wrath from the conflagration of homesteads or sulphurous from blazing grove of cinnamon or jungle of sossafras or the edors of a temple censer. "Who is this that cometh cut of the wilderness like pillars of smoke perfumed with myrrh and frankincense?" Hear it men and women everywhere, that the advance of the genuine church of Christ means peace for all nations. Victor Hugo in his book entitled

"Ninety-three," says: "Nothing calm. er than smoke, but nothing more startling. There are peaceful smokes and there are evil ones. The thickness and color of a line of smoke make the young man who is trying to be a whole difference between war and peace, between fraternity and hatred. The whole happiness of man or his complete misery is sometimes express ed in this thin vapor which the mind scatters at will." The great Frenchman was right, but I go further and say that as the kingdom of God advarces like pillars of smoke the black volumes belching from batteries of war and pouring out from portholes

of ships will vanish. THE ARBITER OF NATIONS.

The church of God will yet become the arbiter of nations. If the world would allow it, it could today step in between Germany and France and settle the trouble about Alsace and Lorraine, and between England and her antagonists, and between all the other nations that are flying at each other's throats and command peace and disband armies and harness for the plow the war horses now being hitched to ammunition wagons or saddled for cavalry charge. That time must come or through the increased facility for shooting men and blowing up cities and whelming hosts to instant death, so that we can kill a regiment easier than we could once kill a company, and kill a brigade easier than we could once kill a regiment, the patent offices of the world more busy than ever in recognizing new enginery of destruction, the human race will after while go fighting with one arm, and hobbling with one foot, and stumbling along with one eye, and some ingenious inventor, inspired of the archangel of all mischief, will contrive a machine that will bore a hole to the earth's centre, and some desperate nation will throw into that hole enough dynamite to blow this hulk of planet into fragments, dropping the meteoric stones on surrounding stel-

lar habitations. But this shall not be, for whatever I let go I hang on to my Bible, which tells me that the blacksmith's shop shall yet come to its grandest use when the warrior and the husbandman shall enter it side by side, and the soldier shall throw into its bank of fires his sword, and the farmer shall pick it up a plowshare, and the straightest spear shall be bent into a crook at each end and then cut intwo, and what was orce spear shall he two pruning hooks. Down with Meloch and up with Christ! Let no

ger where Jesus was born. From the ruibs of Babylon and Astruth, while we leave vengeance to the Lord, let us band together in one sol-

omn vow, one tremendous oath, after ed men that the Bible is the truest book ever written. The mythologies of Egypt were found to have embodied in them the knowledge of man's expulsion from paradise and the sacrifice of a great Emancipator. Moses account of the creation, corroborated by the hammer of Christian geologists; the oldest profane writers, Hiromus, Helanicus and Berosus, confirming the Bible account of ancient longevity; Tacitus and Pliny confirming the Bible accounts of destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah; Tacitus and Porphyry telling the same story of Christ as Matthew and Luke told; Macrobius telling of the massacre of children in Bethlehem and Phlegon sketching at the crucifixion.

GOD WROTE THE BIBLE.

It is demonstrated to all honest men that it is not so certain that William Cullen Bryant wrote: "Thanatopsis" or Longfellow wrote "Hiawatha" as that God, by the hand of prophet and apostle, wrote the Bible. All the wise men in science and law and medicine and literature and merchandise are gradually coming to believe in Christianity and, and soon there will be no people who disbelieve in it except those conspicuous for lack of brain or men with two families, who do not believe in it because it rebukes their swinish propensities. The time is hastening when there

will be no infidenls left except libertines and harlots and murderers. Millions of Christians where once were thousands, and thousands where once there were hundreds. What a bright evenwere ing this, the evening of the nineteenth century! And the twentieth century, which is about to dawn, will, in my opinion, bring universal victory for Christ and the church that now is marching on with step double quick or, if you prefer the figure of the text, is being swept on in the mighty gales of blessing imposing and grand and majestic and swift like pillars of smoke. Oh, come into the church through

Christ, the door, a door more glorious than that of the temple of Hercules, which had two pillars, and one was gold and the other emerald! Come in today! The world you leave behind is a poor world, and it will burn and pass off like pillars of smoke. Whether the final conflagration will start in the coal mines of Permsylvania, which, in some places, have for many years been burning and eating into the heart of the mountains, or whether it shall begin near the California geysers or whether from out the furnaces of Cotopaxi and Vesuvius and Stromboli it shall burst forth upon the astonished nations I make no prophecy, but all geologists tell us that we stand on the lid of a world, the heart of which is a raging, roaring, awful flame, and some day God will let the red monsters out of their imprisonment of centuries, and New York on fire in 1835, and Charleston on fire in 1865, and Chicago on fire in 1872, and Boston on fire in 1873 were only like one spark from a blacksmith's forge as compared with that last universal blaze, which will be seen in other worlds. But gradually the flames will lessen, and the world will become a great living coal, and that will take on ashen hue, and then our ruined planet will begin to sn.cke, and the mountains will smoke and the valleys will smoke, and the islands will smoke, and the seas will smoke, and the cities will smoke, and the five continents will be five pillars of smoke. But the black vapor will begin to lesson in height and density, and then will become hardly visible to those who look upon it from the sky galleries, and after awhile from just one point there will curl up a thin, solitary vapor, and then even that will vanish, and there will ne nothing left except the charred ruins of a burned out world, the corpse of a dead star. the ashes of an extinguished planet

a fallen pillar of smoke. But that will not interfere with your investments if you have taken Christ as your Saviour. Seoure heaven as your eternal hone, and you can look down upon a dismantled, disrupted and demolished earth without any perturbation.

When wrapped in fire the realms of ether glow, And heaven's last thunders shake the earth below. Then, undismayed, shall o'er the ruins

smile And light thy torch at Nature's funeral pile.

## MARRIAGES.

KEIRSTEAD-BLACK—At the residence of the bride, Dec. 20th, by Rev. F. H. W. Pickles, W. McLeod Keirstead of Belle-isle Creek and Mrs. Rebecca A. Black of Case Settlement. bride's father, on December 21st, by Rev. R. W. Weddall, Amos G. Potter, captain of the Dominien Atlantic steamship Prince Rupert, to Ella McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cairns, all of this city.

## DEATHS.

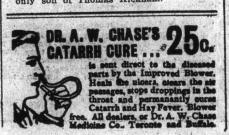
COUGHLAN—At his residence, 64 Portland street, Patrick Coughlan, leaving a widow and nine children to mourn their sad loss. COX—At the residence of Dickson Anderson, 57 St. Famille street, Montreal, on Monday evening, December 18, Archibald Cox of Maitland, Nova Scotia, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. (Nova Scotia papers please copy). papers please copy). URTIS—In Boston, Dec. 16, Henry Curtis, 46 years 6 months. (Montreal and Halifax papers please copy).

DOHERTY—At 37 Dorchester street, in this city on Dec. 20th, Kate Doherty, aged 44

city on Dec. 20th, Kate Donerty, agrees.

GRIMMER.—Passed to her rest at her home, King street, St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 18th, after a tedious illness of Bright's disease, which she bore with Christian resignation, Emma, second daughter of the late John W. Grimmer, leaving two brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss.

HAMILTON—On Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at his mether's residence, of Brussels street, William Henry, only and beloved son of Fannie H. and Harry A. Hamilton and grandson of Mrs. Stephen Storms, aged nine years and eight months. grandson of Mrs. Stephen Storms, aged nine years and eight months. KICKHAM—In this city, early on the morn-ing of Friday, Dec. 22, John Kickham, only son of Thomas Kickham.



## SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. Arrived.

Dec. 19.—Ship Lenuie Burrill, 1,328, Larkin, from Buenos Ayres, Wm Thomson and Co. bal.

Sch Clifford C, %6, Pedersen, from New Bedford, D J Purdy, sand.

Coastwise—Schs Levuka, 75, Newcomb, from Parrsboro; Lady Aberdeen, 17, Small, from Grand Manan; Jessie D, 86, Salter, from Annapolies; str La Tour, 98, Smith, from Campobello.

Dec 20—Sch A P Emerson, 231, Haley, from Boston, R C Elkin, bal.

Dec 21—Str Prince Arthur, 700, Kinney, from Boston, A C Currie, mdse and pass.
Sch Hunter, 187, Kelson, from Boston, D J Purdy, bal. J Purdy, bal.

Coastwise—Strs Beaver, 57, Potter, from Canning; City of Monticello, 565, Harding, from Yarmouth; schs Alph B Parker, 39, Cuthouse, from Tiverton; str Westport, 58, Powell, from Yarmouth; sch Vanity, 11.

Murray, from fishing cruise.

Cleared. Dec. 19.-Sch Frank L P, Williams, for Boston.
Sch I N Parker, Lipsett, for Plymouth.
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Sch Lyric, Evans, for Boston.
Coastwise—Schs Jessie D., Salter, for
Parrsboro; Levuka, Roberts, for do; Juno,
Glaspy, for Point Wolfe; L M Ellis, Lent,
for Westport; Elihu Burritt, Spicer, for Advocate; Thelma, Milner, for Annapolis;
Ethel, Trahan, for Belleveau Cove; str La
Tour, Smith, for Campobello.
Dec 20—Str Monteagle, Taylor, for Liverpool via Halifax.
Coastwise—Schs Sea Flower, Thompson,
for Musquash; Trader, Willigar, for Wolfville; Greville, Baird, for do.
Dec 21—Str Concordia, Abernithy, for
Glasgow. Hasgow. Str Sylviana, Wyitt, for London. Str St Croix, Pike, for Boston. Sch Marion, Richter, for Boston. Sch Eltie Demings, for Vineyard Haven

Coastwise—Schs Citizen, Woodworth, for Bear River; Alph B Parker, Outhouse, for Tiverton; Bear River, Woodworth, for Port George; str City of Monticello, Harding, for Yarmouth; sch Luta Price, Cole, for Har-

CANADIAN PORTS.

Arrived. At Hillsboro, Dec. 18, bark Falmouth, Masters, from New York. At Hillsboro, Dec 19, sch Lillie G, Brown, from St John, and cleared for return. Cleared. At Hillsboro, Dec. 18, sch G Walter Scott, hristopher, for Parrsboro.

BRITISH PORTS. Arrived. At London, Dec 19, str Ardova, Smith,

Sailed. From Newcastle, N S W, Dec. 18, bark Highlands, Smith, for Honolulu. From Liverpool, Dec 19, bark Norman, Burnley, for Sapelo.

FOREIGN PORTS. Arrived.

At New York, Dec 19, ship H D Trocp, from Barrow; 17th, sch Rebecca W Huddell, Colwell, from Wood's Hall.

Anchored outside New London, Dec 18, bark Mary A Troop, Walley, from Bordeaux for Bridgeport (with cork).

At Brunswick, Dec 18, sch Harry W Lewis, Read, from New York.

At Havana, Dec 9, sch Omega, Lecain, from Canning, NS; 10th, sch Dove, Eadale, from Kingsport, NS; 11th, sch Sierra, Willey, from Pensacola; 12th, str Ardandhu, Durdas, from Halifax.

At Buenos Ayres, Dec 6, ship Mary L Burrill, Rice, from Saguenay; brig Aldine, Heaney, from Weymouth, NS.

At Rosario, Dec 10, sch Florence R Hewson, from Annapolis—16 days.

At Rosario, Dec 19, sch J B Vandusen, from Elizabethport.

At Macelo, Dec 17, brig Bertha Gray, Arrived. from Elizabethport.

At Macelo. Dec 17, brig Bertha Gray, Whitehouse, from New York.

At New York, Dec 19, schs Lizzle D Small, from Perth Amboy for an eastern port, Kimrod, from South Amboy for Gloucester.

At Mobile, Dec 19, sch Boniform, Jones, from Matanzas. from Matanzas.

At New York, Dec 18, sch Lily, Hatfield from Hillsboro. from Hillsboro.
At Rosario, Nov 14, bark Alberta, Harris, from Santos for New York. Cleared.

At New York, Dec 18, ship Brynhilda, Meikle, for Chefoo; schs Therese, Paine, for Buracoa; Clayoli, McDade, for Elizabeth-fort, NJ.

At Mobile, Dec 19, sch Edna, Donovan, for Pascagoula.

At New Orleans, Dec 19, str Malin Head,
McKee, for Bremen.

At Pascagoula, Dec 19, sch Helen E Kennev. Snow, for Terceira.

At New York, Dec 19, sch Premier, Parks,
for Halifax.

Sailed. Sailed.

From New York, Dec 17, sch Avis, for Halifax.
From Newport News, Dec 18, bark Calbirga, Dinsmore, for Barcelona.
From Buenos Ayres, Nov 10, bark Wolfe, McDonald, for Falmouth or Plymouth.
From the roads, Dec 14, bark Douglas, Crosby, for Algoa Bay.
From Montevideo, Dec 13, sch Americana, Perry, for San Francisco via Iquique.
From Boston, Dec 19, sch Cras L Jeffry, for Portland.

MEMORANDA.

Passed Sydney Light, Dec 18, s. s Tiber, Delisle, from Sydney for St. John; Britannic, Nielson, from Sydney for Portsmouth. In port at Rosario, Nov 10, barks Nellie M Slade, Montgomery, for Philadelphia, ldg; Mery A Law, Baker, for Falmouth, E, do; Grenada, Gardner, disg; Calcium, Smith, for do; Rachel Emery, Wyman, for do; Westworland, Virgie, for do.

Passed out at Cape Henry, Dec 19, bark Alkaline, from Rosario via Hampton Roads for New York.

Passed Anjer, Nov 11, bark Kelverdale, Brown, from Manila for Boston; 16th, bark Launberga, McDougall, from Manila for Boston.

SPOKEN.

Ship Canara, from Iloilo for Delaware Breakwater, off Hatteras, Dec. 16. Bark Ontario, Lawrence, from Rio Janeiro for Barbados, Nov 9, lat 12 N, lon 35 W.

A despatch of Dec 18 says the Nantucket Shoel buoy on the SE end of Pollock Rip has gone from its position and now lies NE by N ¾ U from the bell buoy in the slue of Pollock Rip, two miles.

BOSTON, Dec 18—Lighthouse tender Azalea towed into New Bedford on Saturday night the Vineyard Sound lightship No 41, after placing relief lightship No 58 on the station, 1¾ miles SW of Sow and Pigs.

During a gale last week lightship No 41 earried away foretopmast and received other damage, which she will repair before returning to her station. NOTICE TO MARINERS.

REPORTS.

NEW YORK, Dec 20—Among the passengers who arrived today per steamer Advance from Colon were Captain A F Vaux and three men of the shipwrecked schooner Annie R Kemp. The Annie Kemp was bound from Baltimore for Old Providence. On Oct 24 she grounded on Sereno Bank, and all efforts to haul her off failed. The captain with a portion of the crew rowed in a small boat to Colon, 200 or more miles, in search of assistance. A small schooner was chartered to go to the stranded vessel, but on the way a passing vessel was net which reported that the schooner had broken up. The wreck was visited and the report confirmed. Captain Vaux returned to Colon and embarked on the Advance for this port.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 20—Sch Helen, before reported here leaky, will probably ship extra men and proceed to Rockland.

Sch Avis, from New York for Halifax, Sch Avis, from New York for Halifax arried away maintopmast off Cuttyhunk uring a strong southwest wind yesterday he had jibboom broken while at New

Yerk.

LONDON. Dec 20—A despatch from Malta states that the steamer Cameo passed there today and reports that she picked up on Dec 17, in lat 37 north, lon 6 east, the crew of the Italian brig Lenucci, Captain Muro, from Rockland, Me, for Palermo. The Lenucci foundered Dec 15 and the men had been drifting until sighted by the Cameo.

DIEU ET MON DROIT.

[Says the Chicago Times-Herald: Ambrose Bierce, who is high authority and a most exacting critic of verse, has put the stamp "admirable" on the following poem by W. B. Gerrett: O men of England, as again
Ye form your ranks in war's array,
Be this your thought: "We are the men
Of Agincourt and Malplaquet.".

Whate'er your fathers did of old, Their blood in you again shall do; Proud of a birthright all unsould, Ye shall create that right anew. O men of England, all alone, Ye stand, as once before ye stood, When Spain's imperial power was th Against your puny walls of wood,

Whate'er your centuries of toil
Have brought of liberty and rest
To other lands is now the foil
Their kings will thrust against
breast. The Tartar with his countless horde
Winds o'er his dreary, snow-clad plain,
His right arm brandishing a sword,
His right arm brandishing Peace to reign. His tongue commanding Peace to reign.

The German lifts his great mailed hands And calls upon his Rhenish god To witness how for peace he stands, While mighty armies load his sod. The Gaul, with never-dying hate, Stands watching while ye take your way From Cairo's fever-keeping gate To Delagoa's distant bay.

These be the men that prate of wrongs;
These be the lords that fain would dare
To bind you when they draw the thongs
Which tie their peoples to despair. But let their cursed millions yelp Like hungry wolves behind the back; I think the tawny Lion's whelp Will little heed the snarling pack. God and my right !" raise ye the cry

Ye take no less, ye ask no more; And Men of England ye can die As Men of England died of yore. "God and my right"—and let them heed Full well the words: whate'er hefull ll well the words; whate'er befall to it that the Dutchman's breed all learn their meaning once for all.

O men of England, prove again, While time shall last and strength endure, Ye are the men who were the men Of Malplaquet and Agincourt.

PLENTY VOLUNTEERS.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Men Anxious to Get to the Front.

Lieut. Col. Campbell, commanding 8th Hussars, has requested the members of nis bettallon who wish to enroll for service in South Africa to send in their names at once. Already large numbers have done so. At a meeting of No. 1 company, 3rd R. C. A., last evening, a large number of recruits were enrolled to fill vacancies made by members of the company who joined the first contingent and to bring the company up to the full establishment. Many of the men of the company have expressed a willingness to volunteer for service should Coptain Beverley Armstrong be accepted as one of the officers.

Lieut. Bowyer S. Smith and Lieut. J. Mc-Kean of the 62nd Fusiliers have volunteered to go with the contingent.

The Halifax Chronicle of Tuesday publishes this despatch:

ST. JOHN, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Col. H. H. Mc-Lean of the 62nd Fusiliers has volunteered for South Africa on the second contingent. He has proposed to Gen. Hutton that he laise a company of a hundred hardy men from the county militia companies of New Brunswick, who are handy with the axe and would be useful as pioneers. The general has approved of the plan and will recommend it to the minister.

Major A. J. Armstrong has again offered his services as paymaster or quartermaster of the second contingent. He applied for one of these positions on the first body sent from Canada. His long and efficient services in the militia should receive some consideration by the authorities. There is no militia officer in Canada better fitted for either of

the positions named.

Officer Belyea of Moncton has offered his services in the Transvaal war. Other Moncton volunteers are F J. Brewster of the Peter McSweeney Co and E. J. O'Brien, whose son was one of the first contingent volunteers from British Columbia. (Amherst Press.)

Dr. Dixon today telegraphed Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, offering his services as surgeon in South Africa.

James Morse, son of Judge Morse, has voluntered for service in South Africa. He is anxious to go, and will make a fine, intelligent soldiar. He is anxious to go, and will make a fine, intelligent soldier.

Two sons of B. B. Barnhill of Two Rivers have offered their services for South Africa. They are both fine, stalwart and clever young men, and first class shots.

Would it not be a good idea for a public meeting to be called in Amherst and a recruiting roll opened. The Press has knowledge that there are juite a number of young men who have expressed a wish to enlist for the service of their country in this time of trouble, and a public meeting with addresses by Amherst's public men would be productive of nothing but good results. Amherst, as the most important centre in Cumberland, should place itself on record as being in full sympathy with the motherland in her time of need and trouble.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

(Halifax Chronicle.) Capt. F. F. Uniacke of the 66th P. L. L. has been offered a commission in the Canadian permanent force; Capt. Uniacke was among the first Nova Scotian officers to volunteer when the first Canadian contingent was organized.

Lieut. A. F. Gurney of this town, a splen-ind horseman, probably the best saddle in frure, has offered himself for active service n South Africa. CAPT. CARPENTER WANTS TO GO. FREDERICTON, Dec. 20.—Cartain Car center of this city left for Ottawa this after

penter of this city left for Ottawa this after-noon to personally urge his claim for a place upon the second Canadian contingent. When the first contingent was being formed the captain did everything in his power to secure a place, but was unable to do so. WOODSTOCK FIELD BATTERY.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 20.—The Woodstock field battery is prepared to do its snare if their services will be accepted. Applications for a place on a detachment from this battery are coming in to the commanding officer daily, and he says there is no difficulty in getting from twenty or more first class men, all school of gunnery graduates. Be-sides these there are lots of other volun-teers. PLENTY MEN IN NOVA SCOTIA.

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HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—Volunteers in this city are offering for enrollment in the second Canadian contingent with far greater alacrity than on the occasion of the raising of the first regiment. During three days this week Col. Irving, D. O. C., has taken the names of 75 men. They came trooping into his office from morning till night, and when met by the statement that he has received no instructions to enroll but that he will take their names, they eagerly ask that they be put on the list so that if there should be any chance they might obtain a place in the proposed regiment. For every one that come forward when the first regiment was enrolled there are two now. A despatch from Sydney says seven members of the field battery there have volunteered. A prominent officer in the imperial garrison here said today that Tarte's conduct in throwing obstacles in the way of the immediate mobilization of the second Canadian contingent was a scandal, and that such a man should at once be driven from public life. People here are in a feverish state to know what the government is going to do.

The Halifax Chronicle has received the ing to do.

The Halifax Chronicle has received the following letter from a young man in Southampton, N. S., who is anxious to go to the front. He writes:

To the Editor of the Chronicle Sir-I am willing to enlist for South Africa, if I can fill the bill. I had several months' training in Fredericton and was with the school when they were called to the front in 1885. I have a second class certificate and can get ready at short notice. Formerly of the 93rd battalion, Cumber land Co.

HOOD NOT IN SOUTH AFRICA. NEW YORK, Dec. 16,—Col. Duncan Hood has written the following letter to the euttor of the Herald:
"I noticed in yesterday's Herald a tele-

gram from Poughkeepsie stating that I am in South Africa in the Beer army. I have no doubt the article was given by some thoughtless friend, not considering the fact that it would annoy and nossibly injure me. The oath of allegiance taken at West Point binds all officers not to take up arms with any foreign state. Moreover, my sympathies are wholly with the English, and it surprises me to see how some inistaken persons are endeavoring to lead others to sympathizers with the Transvaal, in spite of the fact that eminent Americans in the Transvaal have in many interviews clearly stated their reasons for asserting their sympathy with England in her struggle. This article, if not denied and copied in the English papers, will only produce in England a feeling of hostility for our ungratefulness for her sympathy in the Spanish war. I fancy the rumor started from a remark dropped in Havana that I intended to go to South Africa in the near future in a mining, not military capacity. I trust you will deny this in any way you deem proper, and that your action will be followed by other papers which have published the despatch.

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY

hink a Recruiting Officer Should be Sent to All Local Centres.

CAMPBELLTON, Dec. 19 .- Great interest is being taken in the South African war by the people here, and judging from the fact that as soon as the Sun arrives at the news agents every copy is quickly taken up, it would appear to be the chief favorite among the papers for those who are eager for news from the front. If a second Canadian contingent is to be raised, a full company could easily be recruited here of men who are good shots and are accustomed to knocking about in the woods and roughing it generally. In this connection there is a feeling prevalent that if another contingent is to be sent, recruiting should not be confined to one or two faces in the province, but that there should be a recruiting officer sent to all local centres, so that the bone and sinew of the country would have an opportunity of volunteering.

Ronald Currie, a native of Scotland, who has been in this country for about fifty years, died at Eel River Crossing on Saturday, at the age of 75 years, and was buried at Dalhousie on Monday with Masonic honors, he being at the time of his death worshipful master of Restigouche odge, No. 25, F. and A. M.

Last Saturday evening Court Arran. No. 8,839, A. O. F., elected as officers for the ensuing year the following, amely: John Montgomery, P. C. R.: E. B. Prichard, C. R.; A. D. MacKendrick, S. C. R.; F. M. Murray, Treas.; Dr. P. McNichol, Sec.; P. Heine, S.W.; R. A. Jacobson, J. W.; W. Glover, S. B.; Geo. Duval, J. B.; F. Murray, organist. After the meeting Chief Ranger-elect Prichard entertained the nembers at an oyster supper.

I. C. R. District Supt. Rennels is holding an investigation at Dalhousie today into matters connected with an accident which happened to ex-Mayor W. W. Doherty of Campbellton about five weeks ago while going from Dalhousie on the branch train. The Restigouche River is still open

for some distance above this town. MILLSTREAM AND VICINITY.

BERWICK, Kings Co., Dec. 18 .-Mrs. Wm. Killam of Mount Middleton recently dressed over thirty turkeys for the American market. They were being eleven pounds apiece.

Five Free Baptist churches in this section, within a radius of ten miles, are without pastoral eversight, and have been so since the resignation of their late pastor, Rev. Gideon Swim. At present there is no prospect of any supply.

On Christmas night the Sabbath schools at the Head of Millstream and at Mount Middleton (East) will give cohcerts in the halls in those respective places. The Sabbath school here will be entertained by its friends in Fenwick's hall on Wednesday even-

Jas. Hornbrook of Mt. Middleton recently decided to heat his commodious dwelling by steam. He did the plumbing himself. He has it so arranged that he can utilize the steam for cooking feed for his extensive farm stock.

WINTER PORT ITEMS.

Str. Concordia vill, it is expected, sail for Glasgow tomorrow.

Str. Sylviana will probably leave for Londor today.

The mail str. Lake Ontario, from Liverpool for this port, passed Cape Race at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The Donaldson line steemer Amarynthia, Capt. Taylor, from this port, arrived at Glasgow yesterday.

The Head line str. Bengore Head sailed from Belfast for St. John on Thursday last, Dec. 14, and is due to sail from this port for Dublin on the 31st instant, making the first sailing of the Head line winter service from St. John this season. The Head line str. Dunmore Head sailed from Dublin for St. John Monday afternoon, and is due to sail from St. John for Belfast on the 6th of January. These vessels vill be followed by the Teelin Head, sailing from St. John on the 18th January, and the Malin Head on the 6th February. Str. Concordia will, it is expected, sail

The Elder-Dempster steamer Lake Ontario, with the English mails, arrived at Halifax Thursday morning at 9 o'clock from Liverpool, where she left on the 9th, calling at Moville on the 10th. The Ontario met rough weather during the whole trip, having a series of gales and strong Her fastest day's run was 292 knots, and the others ranged from 175 to 200 Capt. Carey was on the Lake Superior last year when she ran south with provisions for the American army. The steamer brought 500 passengers, 4 saloon, 483 steerage and 3 cattlemen. The sulcon passengers, Miss Reede, Mr. and Mrs. Price and Mr. Aldfield were landed at Hallfax. Her immigrants, who are mostly Russian and Austrian Jews, were landed at Halifax and proceeded by rail. The eastern immigrants came on the steamer to St. John, which sailed about 1 o'clock this morning. anded 100 tons of cargo at Halifax. The mail steamer Monteagle, which

left this port for Liverpool at an early hour Thursday morning, had on board 95,340 bushels grain, 2,064 cases eggs, 6,000 pails lard, 2,177 sacks flour. 300 sacks oatmeal, 2,076 bbls apples, 46 crates cultivators, 1,400 ases canned apples, 129 rolls paper, 1,384 boxes cheese, 59 boxes butter, 525 pieces elm lumber, 1,758 cases meats, 804 boxes fresh meats, 90 bbls tripe, 2,195 quarters beef, 111 pkgs. sundries, 400 standards deals, 566 cattle, 759 sheep, 16 horses

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