

accounts. "Neal & Pray" is the name of another firm. But the following "beats all." Two attorneys—says an old newspaper—in partnership in a town in the United States had the name of the firm, which was "Catchum & Chetum," inscribed in the usual manner upon their office door; but as the singularity and ominous juxtaposition of the words lead to many a coarse joke from passers-by, the men of law attempted to destroy in part the effect of the old association, by the insertion of the initials of their Christian names, which happened to be Isaiah and Uriah; but this made the affair ten times worse, for the inscription ran: "I. Catchum & U. Chetum."

A GOOD LESSON FOR APPRENTICES.

The *Christian Register* says that a father whose son was an apprentice, required him to pay his board while at home. The son thought this a hardship. But he understood, afterwards, the wisdom of his father, when he saw the habits his fellow apprentices had acquired in the expenditure of their wages, and the straits to which they were reduced to meet expenses, which had become habitual. Every boy should be called upon to pay a portion of his earnings for board, even at his father's house, however able the parent may be to charge him nothing. He learns thereby the proper use of money—how far it will go. The first earnings always appear large enough to indulge in expenses of dress and amusement from which they are entirely inadequate. A weekly call for a portion of these wages soon teaches the important lesson of a strict economy in expenditure, if he would not, as so many do, begin thus early to get into debt; a step which may, and often does, harass the young, misguided apprentice through his minority.

NORTH SHORE RAILWAY.

The Board of Directors of the North Shore Railroad Company, at a meeting held in Quebec on Saturday last, adopted the following resolution, viz.:—That considering the liberal vote of £300,000 by the Corporation of the city of Quebec, in favour of the North Shore Railroad, the President of this Company be authorized to take steps, in conjunction with the contractor, Mr. Baby, for the immediate commencement of the road, and the prompt completion of the same.
