Wallington report: In his holl. May discourse Dr. Tailmagn takes che opportunity of offering some very practical and useful surgentions: text. Paslim xc. 9: "We spend our years as a faller that is fold."

Paslim xc. 9: "We spend our years as a faller for the configuration of the control of on a small scale as on a larger scale is a life of a Cyrus, or a Caesar, or a Pizarro, or a Mark Antony, or a Charlemagne, or the late Gen. Gordon, who was upon a parapath eading his soldiers with nothing but a stick in his hand, and his troops cried "Gordon carpet." Every century

being killed. He is one of those blessed Christians."

As Oliver Cromwell on the anniversary of his greatest victory followed his darling daughter to the grave, so in the humblest and most unpretending life there has been a commingling of giadness and gloom, of triumph and despair. Nothing that David Garrick ever enacted at Drury Lane theater in the way of tragedy, or Charles Matthews ever played in Covent Garden in the way of comedy excelled things which on a small scale have been seen in the life of obscure men and women. Many a profound and learned sermon has put the audience to sleep, while some man whose phraseology could not be parsed, and whose attire was attand fitted and made up by the plainest housewife has told the story of his life in a way that melted the prayer circle into tears as easily as a warm April sun dissolves the snow of the previous night.

Oh, yes, while "we spend our years as a tale that is told" it is an interesting story. It is the story of an importal and that makes it interas a tale that is told it is an interesting story. It is the story of an immortal, and that makes it interesting. He is launched on an ocean of eternal years, in a voyage that will never tenninate. He is striking the keynote of an anthem or a dirge that will never come to its last bar. That is what makes the devotional meetings of modern times so much more interesting than they used to be. They are filled not with discourses by laymen on the subject of justification and sanctification, which lay discourses administer more to the facetious than to the edifying, but with stories of what God has done for the soul—how everything suddenly changed; how the promises became balsamic in times of laceration; how he was personally helped out and helped up and helped on. Nothing can stand before such a story of personal rescue, personal transformation, personal illumination. The mightiest and most skillful argument against Christianity collapses under the ungrammatical but sincere statement. The atheistic professor of natural philosophy goes down under the story of that back-woodsman's conversion. It is the story of an

down under the story of that woodsman's conversion.

The New Testament suggests the power of the "tale that is told." Christ was the most effective story-teller of all the ages. The parables are only tales well told. Matchiess stories: That of the traveler cut up by the thieves and the Samaritan paying his board bill at the tavern; that of the big dinner, to which the invited guests sent, in fictitious regrets; that of the shepherd answering the bleat of the lost sheep and all the rural neighbors that night helping him celebrate the fact that it was safe him celebrate the fact that it was safe in the barnyard; that of the bad boy, reduced to the swines' trough, greeted ne with such banquetting and elry that it stuffed the older so ith jealousy and disgruntlement; that the Pharisee full of braggadocio and the publican smiting his breast with a stroke that brought down the about leprosy, about paralysis, about da, about dropsy, about ala—stories that he so well ophthalmia-stories that he so went told that they have rolled down to the present and will roll down through the

The most of the Old Testament is Adam and Eve, about Jacob, about Esau, about Ahab and Jezebel, about Jonah, about Daniel, about Deborah, about Vashti, about men and women of whom the story gave an accurate photograph long before human photography was born. Let all Christian workers, prayer meeting talkers, Sunday school teachers and Dreachers know the power of that preachers know the power of that which my text calls the "tale that is

In what way could the fact that in-

Washington report: In his holi- fidelity will not help anyone die well

strain tude that calls forth no reply, "How are resolved to the total something of punctuality! They arrive at the depot five minutes after the train is gone. They get to the wharf in time to see that the steamer has swung 500 yards from the dock. They are late at church and annoy all who have promptly taken their places, the late comers not being as good as a Christian woman who when assked how she could always be so early at church, replied, "It is part of my religion not tod is something significant and glorious wrought for God and this sin cursed world. Let our churches be thronged world. Let our churches that more like grand marches that conflict, and the earth quake with the grounding arms of the last regiment ever to be marshaled, and the furnaces of the first own of the last regiment ever to be marshaled, and the furnaces of the condrais baze with the first wound of Transvaal and Philipping conflict, and the earth quake with the grounding arms of the last regiment ever to be marshaled, and the furnace of the condrais have a last wound of Transvaal an tardy ones mentioned are apt to speak the word of counsel when it is too late. They are resolved to repent at some time in the future, but when they come up "the door is shut." They resolve to save a soul when it is already ruined. But short as time is it is long enough if we rightly employ it. The trouble is we waste so much time we cannot catch up. Some of us have been chasing time we lost at 20 years of age, or 30 years of age, or 40 years of age, and if we lived 250 years we could never overtake it. Joseph, a poor apprentice, every morning passed a certain store as the church clock struck 6 at the moment when the merchant took down his shutters, each of them saying "Good morning, sir," and nothing else.

A third reading of my text reminds me that life is not only a story told, but a story listened to

orld. He was ordered back from s shores and struck through with ces of human hate as soon as he anded. Shepherd's log barking on the hills that Christmas night was better treated than this rescuer of a

race, yet keeping right on, brambles on brow, feet on spikes, flagellated with whips that had lumps of lead fastened to them, through midnight without lanterns, through storms without lanterns, through storms without shelter, through years that got blacker until they ended in a noonday with the sun blotted out. Mightlest tale ever told, and keep on telling it until the last sorrow is assuaged and the last animosity is guenched and the last animosity is quenched and last desert is white with the lily golden with the cowslip and blue with the gentian and crimson with the row While reading my text the four

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sun'goes down, and every mountain becomes a transfiguration, and every Galilee a walking place of him who can hush a tempest. Let us be jealous of every month, of every week of every day that passes without something significant and glorious wrought for God and this sin cursed world. Let our churches be thronged with devout assemblages. Let the chorals be more like grand marches than requiems. Let this coming year see the last wound of Transvaal and Philippine conflict, and the earth quake with the

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The Preaching of John the Baptist .- Luke 3 1-17 Supt .- What is the Golden Text?

School.—Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Luke iii. 4.
What is the Central Truth? Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke xiii. 3.
What is the Topic? Preparing the way of the Lord

seach of them saying "Good morning, sir," and nothing else.

A third reading of my text reminds me that life is not only a story told, but a story listened to. There is nothing more vexatious to anyone than to tell a story when people are not attending. They may be whispering on some other subject, or they are pre-occupied. One cannot tell a story effectually unless there are good listeners. Well, that which in my text is called the "tale that is told" has plenty of listeners. There is no such thing as being alone. God listens, and the air is full of spiritual intelligences of listening, and the world listens to the story of our life, some hoping it will be a failure.

— We all talk about public life and private life, but there is no private life. The story of our life, however insignificant it may seem to be, will win the applause or hiss of a great multitude that no man can number. As a "tale that is told" among admirers or antagonists, celestials or pandemoniaes, the universe is full of listening ears as well as of gleaming eyes. If we say or do the right thing, that is known. I suppose the population of the intelligences in the air is more numerous than the population of intelligences on the earth. Oh, that the story of our life might be fit for such an auditor-tum! God grant that wisdom and fidelity and earnestness and truth may characterise the "tale that is told."

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2. Annas and Caiaphas —Caiaphas was the son-in-law of Annas, or Ananias, and it is supposed that they exercised the high priest's office by turns. Clarke thinks that Calaphas was only a deputy. Came unto John

The Holy Spirit came upon him in the desert where he was living. Son of Zacharias—See chap. i. 5-63. In the wilderness—"The term wilderness was given to a district which was not regularly cultivated and inhabited."

3. The baptism of repentance—John was a repentance preacher. This was "a baptism requiring and representing an inward spiritual

representing an inward spiritual change; the pledge of remission of sins to those who were truly penitent."—Speaker's Com.

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4. As it is written—Luke calls attention to Isalah's prophecy regarding the character of the coming reformation. The voice—"The prophecy draws attention to the work rather than to the worker "This voice was clear discovered." tho worker." This voice was clear, distinct, loud. Prepare ye—The idea is taken from the practice of eastern monarchs, who, whenever they took a journey, sent harbingers before then

to prepare the way. The Jewish church was the desert country.

5. Every valley, etc.—This is figurative language. "The words illustrate the leveling force of the gospel." There must be a thorough. must be a thorough preparation before God, our King, will come to us. The self-life must "be brought low." The crooked, dishonest life must be "straightened." Let us remove the ob-tructions of unbelief and carnal de-sires.

6. All flesh—Gentiles as well as Jews. 6. All Hesh—Genthles as well as Jews. Shall see—It will not be necessary to depend on the testimony of others.
7. The multitude—Matthew mentions Pharisees and Sadducees. To be baptized—This was a baptism unto representation.

tized—This was a baptism unto repentance; it was not Christian baptism. Generation of vipers—"Brood" of vipers. "This denotes persons deceitful and malicious." "A terribly expressive speech." He called them snakes. Was he harsh?

8. Fruits worthy of repentance—John did not stop with a profession, but they must show their reformation by their conduct. Repentance includes: First, conviction; second, contrition; third, confession; fourth, reformation; and leads to conversion.

9. The axe is knid—There is an allusion here to a woodman, who having marked a tree for excision, lays ing marked a tree for excision, lays his axe at its root, while he lays of his outer garment, in order that he may yield more powerful blows. The Jewish nation is the tree, and the Romans the axe, which, by the just judgments of God, was speedily to cut it down—God, was speedily

judgments of God, was speedily to cut it down.—Clarke.

10. The people asked—There are three classes of persons here who ask the same question, "What shall we do?" The answers given by John show that he understood the sins they were practicing. They were moved by his faithful preaching, and came as honest inquirers, and he does not hestate to deal faithfully with them.

11. Let him impart—This is a (remarkable answer. Clothe the naked and feed the hungry. Jas. i. 27. This is the true spirit of the gospel.

12. Publicans—Tax-gatherers. An office detested by the Jews, yet John does not condemn it.

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13. Exact no more—These tax-gatherers collected taxes for the Roman Emperor, and "they exacted more than the Government authorized them to do, and the surplus they pocketed."

14. Do violence to no man—John de mands three things of the soldiers.
They were not required to quit the business, but they must be just and upright and stop their wicked life if e baptized them.
15. Whether he were the Christ-

John spoke with such authority, eloquence and power that the people began to think he was the Messiah.

16. One mightier than I—"His baptism will effect what mine is powerless to do." Not worthy—John shows his greatness by his self-abasement. With fire—Fire is an emblem of the Holy Spirit. Spirit.

17. Whose fan—The fan, or the in-

strument for the purging is the gospel. Ploor—His church. Wheat—True believers. Garner—The king Jom of grace here and of heaven hereafter. Fire unquenchable—See Matt. xxv. 46.

Teachings.—The preaching of the gospel includes the aurouncement of gospel includes the aurouncement of ospel includes the announce the most fearful judgments. Great and good men are always humble men.
True humility is one of the marks of

PRACTICAL SURVEY. This was a time of moral dearth. "What civil, political and moral misery is associated with the names which Luke here mentions! All Israel which Luke here mentions! All Israel had, indeed, become a barren wilderness." The Roman Emperor was "despotic in his government and cruel in his disposition." Herod, the ruler of Galilee and Perea, at first heard John gladly, but later imprisoned and finally beheaded the faithful reformer. Herod was afterward banished and died in exile.

ished and died in exile?

"The characteristics of John's preaching:—1. It was stern, like that of Elijah. 2. It was absolutely dauntless. 3. It shows remarkable insight into the needs of the people of every class. 4. It was intensely practical. 5. It prophestes of the dawn of the kingdom of Christ. His message was (I-Repent; (2) The kingdom of heaven is at hand; (3) Behold the Lamb of God." John was a great reformer. There were three leading religious seets at the time: The Pharisees, Sadducees and Essenes.

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The Preaching of John was preparing the minds of the people for the coming of the Messiah, and they began to ask themselves "whether he were the Christ." "They began to consider that now was the time for the Messiah to appear. The scepter haid departed from Judah, for they had no king but Caesar, and the law-giver was gone beneath his feet."

But John was not slow to undeceive them regarding himself.
John clearly outlined the work of the coming of the Messiah. He is mightier than I, and before him I am hothing. He shall baptize you with the Holy ghost and with fire. I can only preach repentance, but He is able to bring salvation. It is the work of the Holy Ghost will dispel the coliness and will give new energy and life to the soul.

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Fargo blew up at 7 o'clock last night debolishing the pumping house and fatally injuring pumper Hough. The explosion was caused by gas entering the well from a natural gas well. Indy Alice Montague, elster of t Duke of Manchester, died to-day Dates-Platz, a health resort Switzerland. She was 20 years of the English newspapers contained in the English newspapers contained in the English newspapers contained in the English newspapers from the English of the E

The Week.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.
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TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET. Jan. 9.—Receipts of farm produce were light, 300 bushels of grain, 25 ioads of hay and three of straw. Wheat—Goose, 150 bushels sold at 71c to 711-2c. Barley—One load sold at 45c per bushels.

bushel.
Oats-Firmer, 100 bushels sold at Hay—Steady, 25 loads sold at \$10 to \$12.50 for timothy, and mixed at

\$9 to \$10 per ton.

Straw—Firm, three loads sold at \$8 to \$9 per ton.

Jan. 11.—Grain, receipts on the oran II.—Grain receipts on the street market here to-day were moderate; prices steady.

Wheat—One hundred and lifty bushels of red and white fall wheat sold at 60c, and the same amount of grosse at 70c.

goose at 70c. Oats—Two hundred bushels sold at 3dc.
Barley—Eight hundred bushels sold at 44c to 45 1.2c.
Hay and Straw—Thirty loads of hay sold at \$10.50 to \$12 and \$9 to

\$10 for mixed hay and clover. Six loads of straw sold weaker at \$7 to Dressed Hogs-Unchanged at \$5.25

Dressed Hogs—Unchanged as wood to \$5.50 per cwt.
Poultry—Receipts are very light and demand poor. Turkeys are unchanged at 9c to 10c, geese 61-2c to 7c, ducks 50c to 75c, chickens 30c to 60c. Butter and Eggs-Very light receipts and slow demand. ISIBLE SUPPLY.

The European visible supply of wheat is 61,240,000 bushels.
The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, together with amount afloat to Europe, is 78,532,000 bushels, an increase of 1,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the total was 55,198,000 bushels, or 23,334,000 bushels fees them. 23,334,000 bushels less than at the present time.

MANITOBA WHEAT MARKETS. MANTOBA WHEAT MAKKERS.

The local market is stagnant and very little trade is passing in Manitoba wheat. The stringency in the money supply is the principal cause of this. The banks are forcing traders to keep rigidly within their lines of credit, and will on no account but out more money to carry wheat. The little trade that has been done has ranged from 64 1.2c at the end of last week for spot No. 1 hard in store Fort William to 65c in the middle of Fort William to 65c in the middle of this week, back again to 64 1-22 yesterday forenoon, but in the afternoon there were no buyers at over 64c, although holders would not sell at even 64 1-2c. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern are 2 3-4c under No. 1 hard. No. 3 hard 6c under No. 1 hard; No. 1 frosted 54c, No. 2 frosted 49c, all in store Fort William. Wheat is practically nominal, trading being very slow. Market closes weak to-day at

64c for No. 1 hard in store Fort William.—Winnipeg Commercial. BRITISH CHEESE MARKET. Further sales over the catle are re

corted at 12c.

SEEDS. In Toledo to-day old prime clover seed closed steady at \$4.80: January, 21-2c. firmer, at \$5.65, and March steady, at \$5.70 bid, all per oushel.

Bradstreet's on Trade.

Trade at Montreal has shown a life revival since the holidays. The outlook for trade. look for tride now is very good. There is talk of higher prices in some departments of the daygoods trade. Country remittances have improved this week. There is a good demand for money and rates are steady.

Business at Hamilton has been fairly active for this season. The holiday

money and rates are steady.

Business at Hamilton has been fairly active for this season. The holiday trade was good and memittances as a result are improving. The city trade is in fair shape and the condition of business generally was never more healthy. The outlook for the month's trade is very satisfactory.

Winnipeg business circles are a little less active this weit. The jobbers and retailers are prearing for the spring trade. Stock taking has shown such good results that merchants are well pleased Money is in good demand and rates are firm.

The demand for general staple goods at London has kept up wonderfully well since the first of the year. The values in all dipartipents of trade are being welly maintained and the prospects for trade are considered unusually bright.

The holiday trade at Victoria and Vancouver is reported to have been better this season than the best previous years. Since the holidays business has been a little on the slow tide Several car loads of Christmas poultry received at the Coast from Ontario involved the loss of much money, the ctock having thawed out during the trip and frozen again. Preparations are being made for the spring northern trade which is expected to be large.

Toronto wholesale circles report a fair amount of activity in trade this week. Travellers have been sending in good orders. There is every prospect of large sales being made the mouth for the spring. Values continue firm country remittances. are better. Money is steady.

Rev. Brother Toblas, formerly Provincial of the Christian Brothers in

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Market Reports | CANADIANS AT CAPE TOWN

Great Enthusiasm Over the Colonials There.

ONE CANADIAN LOST HIS PURSE.

The Cape Argus of Dec. 1st con-

The Cape Argus of Dec. 1st contains the following report of the departure of the Canadians from Cape Town.

The Canadian contingent received orders to fall in about noon, the commanding officer having previously intimated his readiness to depart. Notwithstanding the early start, which was commenced about 12.30 o'clock, the residents of Green Point and Somerset Road were not unpreand Somerset Road were not unpre-pared, and from many of the resi-dences an abundance of bunting was flying. As the men approached the dences an abundance of bunting was flying. As the men approached the road also the news went around like a flash, and soon the route to the town was lined by an enthusiastic crowd. Farewells were waved from the balconies, which did not pass unnoticed by the men new by the office. the balconies, which did not pass unnoticed by the men nor by the officers. Headed by a bugle band and marching to the skirl of the pibroch, which did not seem in the least uncommon to the Canadians' ears, the contingent passed through the two lines of enthusiastic spectators and took the route as a prepared. The register took the route as arranged. The regiment was in two divisions, between ment was in two divisions, between which came the two Maxim guns, accompanied by their squads, and these immediately attracted attention, the physique of the gunners and their soldierly appearance bang much admired. The second detachment was headed by the Caps Garrison Artillery Band, the whole line extending from the hospital road down into Waterkant street. On environment lery Band, the whole line extending from the hospital road down into Waterkant street. On entering the town the crowd increased, as did the enthusiasm, and all along the route shops, stores and workshops were foraken by men and women anxious to take part in the farewell. The march continued along Bree street and down Wales street, but it was not until Adderley street was reached, where a large crowd had already gathered, that the height of enthusiasm was reached. After the many disappointments of the week, the long anticipated was granted at last. Most of the large houses had been gally decorated with bunting, and every balcony was draped. Every point of vantage was immediately taken up by large crowds, and the throng in the streets, on seeing the mounted police round the corner, immediately lined up. The pent-up patriotism was let take part in the farewell. The march up. The pent-up patriotism was let loose, and the vociferous cheering was kept up till the whole contingent had passed down-and entered the rail-way yard.

The Caradians certainly look a ser-vice hile lot of more and for the rail-

viceable lot of men, and for average height, perhaps, excel any yet landed here. They are almost to a man dressed in khaki and are armed with the Lee-Metford and short bayonet. Their equipment is most complete, although it was noticeable that they did not wear the khaki putties or expect with wear the khaki putties so general with those engaged in the campaign. No more flattering comment on the effi-ciency of the regiment "ould be made than to point out that it was only yes-terday morning that the recording erday morning that the men disem-parked, and the military authorities have already despatched them to th

have already despatched them to the front.

The occasion was a rare one, and the public would have gone through ten times the amount of discomfort and inconvenience in order to give their fellow-colonists a good send-off. At about 2 p.m. the troops were ordered to entrain, the order being carried out in a marvellously short space of time. The men crowded into the carriages drawn up on either side of the yard, and proceeded to make themselves as comfortable as circumstances would permit. Aerated waters and fruit were forthcoming, and the weather more than instiffed the onslaught made upon both Provisions and delicacles of various sorts, from biltong to gingerbeer, were hurried into the van, and Mr. J. D. Cartwright was busily engaged in storing cases of chocolate. One of the Canadians suddenly discovered that he had left a purse containing \$25 in canadians suddenly discovered that he had left a purse containing \$25 in a fruit shop, and a friendly crowd hastened to render what assistance they could. A police-sergeaut nastened to render what assistance they could. A police-sergeant was forthcoming, and took down the details and the name of the trooperhis address for obvious reasons was left rather an open question. It is to be hoped that the lost money will be forthcoming at once.

PROVINCIAL POULTRY SHOW Officers Elected at the Annual Meet-

ing at Peterborough. lig at Peterborough.

Peterboro', Jan. 11.—The annual show of the Provincial Positry Association, which has been in progress here since Tuesday, has been a great success as regards the quality of birds shown and the instructive features, introduced. The annual meeting of the association was held in the Council chamber, here this afternoon when

the President, Hon. J. R. Stratton, presided.

The next place for holding the show was settled, Owen Sound getting it. Hamilton and Brantford also ran.

The officers elected were: Hon. President, Hon. J. R. Stratton: President, Hon. J. R. Stratton: President, William T. Brown. Tifsondown from the president, William T. Brown. Tifsondown Condon Directors, D. C. Trew, Linday, Juneau Dundas, Teronto: T. H. Loudon: J. Massle, Port J. Bell. Angus, Delegates on the different fairs were appointed, and a committee was named to relies the rules of the association.

Power was given the directors to popolat a committee to receive esays of 1,000 words on some poultry liberts. To be

and of assignment has be on James Baxter, private or, Montreal, by G. Renhardt & Baxter is now in Jall in connec-th the Ville Marie Bank scanal, being at present accused of sting a fugitive from justice to ev-te arm of the law. The Associated Press underst that the American flour selze Delagon Bay has been released.