

however, those fears were removed by her arrival at Quebec just as the last turkey on board was being eaten.

The great disaster of the season was the loss of the German steamship "Schiller," by which more than three hundred lives were lost on the fatal rocks of the Scilly Islands. This is not the first disaster that has occurred at these islands. Sir Cloudesley Shovel, with two thousand of England's boldest seamen, met their deaths here, and on the same rocks two large French vessels were destroyed, and their crews perished, in the times of the Revolution.

When the news first reached our shores of the wreck of the "Schiller," no blame was attached to the Captain or any of the officers of the vessel, but it is to be regretted that further communications have come to hand, which leave no room to doubt that this fatal disaster owed its occurrence to strong drink. Survivors declare that "previous to the disaster one of the officers had been celebrating his birthday, and of course was intoxicated, as were some of the passengers who assisted in the celebration. Several of the crew were also drunk, and in a mad rush to save themselves thrust helpless women away from the boats and left them to perish without hope of escape."

RECENT DEATHS.

THE king of terrors has recently been unusually busy among all ranks of the community. From the old world, in a single communication, we were told that Dean Champneys, Canon Kingsley, Dr. Macfarlane, and Dr. L. H. Wiseman, had all departed this life. To this long list was soon added the name of Dr. Buchanan of Glasgow. All were eminently gifted men, and all had laboured assiduously in their respective spheres for the uplifting of poor humanity. They were all ministers of prominence in their respective Churches, and their removal has left vacancies not easy to fill.

In the Mission field, Dr. Lee, Superintendent of the Amazon Mission of the South American Missionary Society, and Behari Lal Singh, of Calcutta, a most valuable native minister, and the Rev. C. New, a former associate of Dr. Livingstone, and Bishop Roberts of the M. E. Church, Liberia, have all finished their work and gone to their reward.

In the United States, General Breckenridge, who was formerly Vice-President, and a leading spirit in the late Southern Confederation, and a distinguished officer on the battle field, recently met the last enemy, at his own residence in Lexington, Kentucky.

John Harper, Esq., of the firm of Harper Bros., N.Y., has also quitted the busy scene of his toil he loved so well, and where he was so much respected. He was a man of wealth and mental culture, but he was also a humble earnest Christian.

In Canada we have been compelled to add several names to the death roll: Bishop Richardson, Dr. Thornton and Mr. W. Lawson, all prominent men in the denominations to which they respectively belonged. In the ministry of the Methodist Church several have been seized as victims of the last enemy. Some of those had long borne the burden and heat of the day, while others were just buckling on their armour. There is something tragic about the deaths of Revs. B. Rose, Dr. Freshman, Robert Reynolds, and Joel Briggs. The deaths of Revs. J. Lever, J. Reynolds, E. Harris, W. Hay, and James Armstrong, were anticipated, as these brethren were on the Superannuated list, and had for some time been gradually failing in health; but, the Revs. H. Kellum, R. L. Tucker, and T. Atkinson, were comparatively young, and as they were in the active work, several years of valuable labour and usefulness were anticipated from them; but the Master has called them up higher. There have also been an unusual number of deaths among the laymen of the Methodist Church.