

an extra appropriation. The navy is pronounced to be tolerably effective; and although more powerful than ever before, has actually in comparison, fallen behind the superior armaments of Europe.

Postmasters in the Southern States have expressed apprehensions of personal safety. The deficiencies in this department are fast decreasing. The progress of agriculture is noticed, and overproduction is deprecated.

A recommendation is made for a building in Washington to continue the exhibition of the country's products, as supplemental to the Centennial. The support of free schools should be made compulsory. The President thinks the scheme he proposed for annexing San Domingo would have been for the general good, and suggests that a great deal too much United States money goes to Cuba and Brazil.

NEW FISHING GROUNDS.

Professor Hind has discovered immense fishing grounds in Northern Labrador. The discovery is considered to be of very great importance to the whole fishing interest of North America. It furnishes, he says, a comparatively new field for that kind of enterprise and industry in which Newfoundland is so distinguished, and from which she annually derives so much wealth. The seasons are sufficiently long to permit the Newfoundland fishermen to arrive on the Northern Labrador coast from the tenth to the thirtieth of July, and to return again from the tenth to the twentieth of September.

A WELCOME RETURN.

The numerous friends of our highly esteemed citizen, Mr. Henry Rowsell, will be pleased to learn that he, with Mrs. Rowsell, have returned to Toronto in improved health, from their visit to England.

Mr. Rowsell is one of the oldest and most universally respected men of business in the Province. It is now upwards of forty years since he commenced business in Toronto; and during that long period he has diligently devoted himself to one of the most important and most useful professions we have. Few men in the Province are better known or more respected for his strict integrity, obliging disposition, and readiness to respond to any benevolent claim that might come under his notice.

As having provided the sole Depository for Church Literature in this part of the Dominion, as publisher to the Church and to the Law Society, and as Bookseller to the Universities, at times when less worthy men would have faltered, he has exhibited a great deal of enterprise, entitling him to a large amount of gratitude from the community, and securing him the esteem of a wide circle of personal friends.

In connection with the Church in Canada it is sufficient for us to say that she does not own a more steadfast, sound, and liberal son.

After an absence from his native land of eight and twenty years, he must have found sad changes; but we are pleased to learn that he enjoyed himself much among his numerous relations, many of whom occupy distinguished positions.

We publish in another column, from an English paper, a notice of the marriage of a niece of Mr. Rowsell's. We are sure it will be read with interest.

OBITUARY.

It is our melancholy duty to announce the death of Mr. Henry Darling, third son of the Rev. W. S. Darling, Rector of Holy Trinity Church of this city. Mr. Darling was a young man of marked ability. He had chosen banking as his vocation, and at once displayed such aptitude for the work and such application to his duties that while yet a mere lad he was appointed to the responsible position of Paying Teller, and though he was barely twenty-four years old at his death, he had for some time held the position of manager of the Dominion Branch Bank at Oshawa. His superiors had long ago marked him out as one who was sure to rise to the foremost place in his profession. But the All-wise Disposer has chosen other things for men. Mr. Darling had been married just five months ago to the eldest daughter of Mr. M.C. Cameron, M.P.P., of this city. To the young wife so sadly bereft, and to the sorrowing father and mother, and brothers and sisters of the deceased, we desire to express the condolence of a very wide circle of sympathizing friends.

NOTES ON INFIDELITY.

THE LAST DAYS OF HUME AND ST. PAUL COMPARED.

Mr. Hume, when drawing near that awful crisis, which even the best of men behold not with indifference, employed the last few weeks of his life in reading the jokes of Lucian, playing cards, and amusing himself with anticipating the conversation that would take place between himself and Charon, the fabled boatman of the river of Hell. And this man, though he wrote recommending his disciples to commit suicide, as being the shortest way of getting rid of the cares and troubles of the world, and argued that the commission of adultery was necessary to the complete enjoyment of earthly happiness, is represented by his biographer, both in his life and in his death, as approaching as nearly to the idea of a perfectly wise and virtuous man, as perhaps the nature of human frailty will permit.

Whilst the aged St. Paul, in the same near prospect of death by martyrdom, anticipating with eagerness that happy day when corruptible shall put on incorruption, and mortal immortality, his heart yearned to warn the friends he was about to leave, and his last thoughts were employed in pointing out the most effectual means of diffusing christian knowledge. In his last address to

Timothy, his beloved son in the faith, he thus speaks in anticipation of his death: "Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give to me in that day, and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing."

THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

My second reason for thinking that the Holy Spirit does not teach that the two Apostles "appointed elders in every church" is that it is not stated. The words are *kat' ecclesian*, requiring the passage to be thus translated:—"And when they had ordained them elders (i. e., Presbyter-bishops) through—(St. Luke viii. 39,) in (Acts xiii. 1,) or among (Acts xxi. 21,)—the church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they believed." And the question still remains to be proven, "Was there a plurality of elders in each congregation in the apostolic church? Probably not. Elders we know there were in Ephesus, but it is not stated that there were not congregations also. This we do know—that there was but one Apostle (now called Bishops) in charge of the Ephesian Church, viz., Timothy. And before you again call the large, populous, and extensive city of Philippi "a contemptible town on the outskirts of Macedonia," you ought to read the article "Philippi" and "Philippians" in Smith's Bible Dictionary, vol. ii., pp. 887-848 inclusive. One matter I must refer to before I close; you say, p. 81; "One Bishop is thought sufficient even for London, where professing Christians are numbered by millions, whereas—a contemptible town on the outskirts of Macedonia had a plurality of bishops. Paul in writing to that church addresses his epistle to the bishops and deacons." Here, you should have given us the reason why St. Paul does so. It was because Epaphroditus, their apostle, (Phil. ii. 28,) was himself, the bearer of the epistle. And here in this very epistle we have the ministry of the Christian church in its three orders most clearly and distinctly presented to our view: 1st, Epaphroditus the Apostle of the church at Philippi, possessing exactly the same ecclesiastical powers and authority as the Bishop of London, and that of Londonderry also, no more no less, and having under him and subject to his control,—2nd. The Bishops (i. e., Presbyters or Elders) holding the same order and having the same powers and privileges as those held by the Priests (Presbyters or Elders) under the control and jurisdiction of the two Bishops I have named, neither more nor less.—While 3rd, The Deacons here mentioned were of the same order and subject to the same restrictions as the Deacons of the prelate mentioned.