

Correspondence.

Newcastle, 6th Jan., 1880. To the Editors Union Advocate. GENTLEMEN—Would you kindly allow me space in next issue of "Union Advocate" to address myself to the school trustees and raise pay of Newcastle on a matter that is of vital importance to the welfare of our schools...

In the first place a good many of the ratepayers I believe are not aware that by a high handed act of Local Executive or Board of Education headed by Dr. Rand, our High School is virtually abolished inasmuch as the provincial grant of \$300 a year is taken away from this town. This law was sprung on the country without a word of warning...

the extent of our resources, and the hopelessness of their cause in the irrepressible conflict. This policy has had no apparent effect upon Indian war, because the savage is unable to distinguish those who have been taught French, engineering, and waiting, to qualify them for their executors, and the shop-keepers and dandies who promenade Pennsylvania Avenue. The accomplished "pups of war" from West Point, and the exquisite civilians, look precisely alike when the former is masquerading in citizen's dress, as is their custom for 564 days of the year. The way to make the governmental policy effective would be to bring the Indians here on the first day of the year, and let them see our officers in their warlike panoply; they would then realize, from their spaulders, scarfs, gold braid, and buttons, what terribly destructive fellows they are, and what a numerous reserve we keep at the Capital, with Pennsylvania Avenue our line of defence.

But the New Year official ceremonies are instructive and impressive in at least one other way. We are reminded on the first day of the year that we have foreign relations; that we, as a people, do not live to ourselves, nor order the fashion of our National household; that Republicanism is not such a new departure as the apostles of new-fangled steam, electricity and printing press would have us believe that, in spite of the discovery of a new continent, the width of the Atlantic Ocean, and our vantage point of secession from monarchial forms and formalities, we are compelled to servilely copy that which the "effete despots" perpetuate only as a venerable tradition. When we see the foreign diplomatic corps, the gorgeous ambassadors of Russia, Turkey, Austria, Denmark and the Canaan Islands, with their numerous attaches, any one of them with twice as much gold braid and lace as our own representatives, and in the day of Tall-trand and Mattered back to the age of Richelieu and Macchiaveli, what the policies of nations were not discussed, and the secrets of courts were not anticipated and exposed by the press, cabled to the four quarters of the globe for the information of all the world, and finally, for the information of the Diplomat. When we see the modern ambassador in his arduous and delicate diplomatic work of calling at the White House one day of the year, and in return presenting his compliments to the President, wishing him and Mrs. Hayes a happy New Year, our hearts (not our pockets) may swell with the reflection, that in spite of the press, steam, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Atlantic Cable, we also, have the proud privilege of paying a few millions a year, at foreign courts, in support of this venerable, antique, useless ministry of Diplomacy.

The Union Advocate.

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AGRICULTURAL.

ALEX. GIBSON, Esq., a gentleman famed for his enterprise and liberality, has done a good thing for the agriculturists of York in the erection of a splendid four mill at Marysville. This establishment is equipped with the very best machinery, and it is confidently expected that Mr. Gibson's mill will be able to turn out an article equal to that produced anywhere. This is a move in the right direction. The agriculturists in the Lower Provinces are giving more attention to wheat growing than formerly, and it is expected that the area of land to be devoted to the culture of this cereal in 1880 will be largely in excess of previous years. And it has been clearly proven that wheat can be grown with much success in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The secret of the success which has attended wheat growing in Ontario and other countries is not we believe that the soil is so much superior to that of New Brunswick and the other Provinces, but is rather attributable to the care taken in the selection of seed, and also to frequent changes of seed, one farmer exchanging with another, and by obtaining seed grown on different soil, thereby avoiding to a very great extent those deteriorating circumstances that have made wheat growing with us not a very profitable undertaking in years that are gone. Many of our farmers have in the culture of wheat kept too closely to seeds raised on their own lands, and those who ought to know give expression to the opinion that this is the reason why our farmers have not been so successful in wheat raising as those who follow agricultural pursuits in Ontario and other countries. The importation of our great food staple into these Lower Provinces has been a rather serious drain upon the finances of our people, and any efforts to promote wheat growing, which will result in keeping among our own farmers even a part of the immense sum annually sent to other sections, will be regarded with the deepest feeling of satisfaction. During a tour made through these Northern Counties last fall by a member of our staff it was found that quite a number of farmers had raised wheat in much larger quantities than formerly, having in many instances considerable for sale after retaining sufficient to supply their own households until next season. Several parties were very successful in what raising in the Kemps Road Settlement, on the Quebec side of the Bay Chaleur, and everywhere there seemed to be a determination to enter upon wheat raising during the coming season with considerable energy. Should wheat growing in these Lower Provinces next season be attended with fair success, the prospects are that with the expected

rise in the lumber trade, there will be a "bum" in every section which will give a buoyancy to commercial affairs generally, and drive away "dull care" from the hearts of many who have suffered not a little from anxiety during the depression which has been world-wide, but out of which Canada is slowly but surely emerging.

Fish Shipments.

The following statement shows the quantity and variety of fish exported from the Port of Newcastle, N. B., to the United States and Great Britain for the year ending 31st December, 1879, with names of shippers, for which we are indebted to the gentlemen connected with the Customs. T. & H. P. CROCKER—These gentlemen shipped 88,272 lbs. fresh salmon, 7,884 lbs. bass, 1100 lbs. smelts, 4,300 lbs. mackerel, 75 lbs. alewives, 1000 pairs partridges. TOZER & M'DONALD—20,044 lbs. fresh salmon, 25,824 lbs. bass, 680 pairs partridges. JOHN BETTS—24,819 lbs. fresh salmon, 2,780 lbs. bass. THOS. VEE—23,563 lbs. fresh salmon, 17,343 lbs. bass. R. & A. ADAMS—24,980 lbs. fresh salmon, 13,442 lbs. bass, 980 pairs partridges. D. MORRISON & Co.—12,155 lbs. fresh salmon, 150 lbs. smoked cod, 4,390 lbs. bass, 14,900 lbs. smelts, 200 lbs. mackerel. A. G. WILSON—19,305 lbs. fresh salmon, 214 lbs. smoked cod, 11,166 lbs. smelts. B. F. LAPHAM—2,270 lbs. fresh salmon, 350 lbs. smoked cod. A. A. UNDERHILL—6,445 lbs. bass. JOHN JOHNSON—4,400 lbs. bass. GEO. BURCHILL—1,739 lbs. bass. JOS. VEE—1,077 lbs. fresh salmon. THOS. LAMONT—1,821 lbs. smelts. CHAS. VEE—1,460 lbs. fresh salmon. J. HAINES—562 lbs. fresh salmon. SAMUEL RUSSELL—900 lbs. fresh bass. CONNOR & Co.—890 lbs. smelts. J. RUSSELL—160 lbs. fresh salmon, 2,184 lbs. smelts. J. MORRISON—5,316 lbs. smelts. P. MORRISON—1000 lbs. smelts. Wm. ANDERSON—2,245 lbs. smelts. To United Kingdom.—ROBT. BAIN—48,680 lbs. canned lobsters. W. WILSON & Co.—25,520 lbs. canned lobsters. To the United States.—Smelts, 1,482,687; Salmon, 219,841; Other fish (fresh), 17,443; Canned Lobsters, 144,650. To United Kingdom and France.—Canned lobsters, 146,086.

S. Mary's Church, Dalhousie.

The Christmas decorations in this Church, though not so extensive as in other years, were nevertheless none the less pretty and effective. Much time had been spent during the Advent weeks by the members of the congregation in making an entirely new text for the main body of the building. On six separate frames ran the words—"His name shall be Wonderful—His Principle—Mighty God—Everlasting Father—Crucifier of Peace." The lettering was of various tints, and the several capitals being in gold, and the whole had a bordering of deep blue shaded every four or five inches with golden stars. The whole looked very well, and was much admired. Over the chancel arch was suspended a large wreath of evergreen which was festooned down as low as the top of the Rood Screen. The screen itself was also much admired. Across the top was the text, in white letters upon a red background, in two different divisions, "A Child is born—A Son is given; while on either side of the screen, made of the same material were the sacred monograms Alpha and Omega, Chi and Rho. A Maltese cross being between the several capitals. Over all was the Star of Bethlehem. On the East wall and over the window, in evergreen letters with a bordering of the same, was the text—"The Gift of God—while immediately below in two divisions on either side of the window on a painted scroll, were the words "Glory to God in the Highest." Banners were also suspended on the Eastern wall. The Altar was, of course, in its festive attire, and, as usual, looked remarkably well. The first of the Christmas Services began at 11.30 P. M. on Christmas Eve. The ordinary Evening-song was sung, and hymn 47, A. & M. song, when the Rector proceeded to the Chancel and commenced the Communion office. After the Nicene Creed the Rector announced to the congregation that the birthday of the Saviour had once more arrived, and, as their Pastor wished them all a Happy Christmas, and invited them to sing a welcome to the New Born King, Hymn No. 60 (A. & M.) was accordingly sung. The Holy Communion was then celebrated. The second service was at 10.30 A. M. The usual Christmas hymns were sung. The sermon, preached by the Rector, was from St. Matt. I. 23. Even-song was said at 5 P. M.

Moncton Notes.

MONCTON, JAN. 5. NEW YEAR'S DAY here was celebrated in the usual way. The weather during the day was very fine, and the sleighing was considered splendid. Quite a few took advantage of it, and engaged in driving (or in other words) horse-racing. There was a few victims of "King Alcohol" during the day, and said to say, one of the number, Mr. Noah Hotchford, a native of Charlottetown, P. E. I., but lately of Point Du Beue, who imbibed so freely in no lying in his grave, having been frozen to death while going to the house of a friend, some two miles from Moncton, in the evening. The usual watch night services were held in the different churches on New Year's Eve and were largely attended. The Grand Fancy Dress Carnival, which took place in the Columbia Skating Rink on New Year's night, proved a financial success, the attendance of spectators being very large, larger than on former occasions. Amherst, Hillsboro, Shediac, and other parts were well represented among the skaters and seemed to add greatly to the success of the Carnival. THE GREATS here seem to "laugh heartily" over the change that has taken place in the Government Railway shops—be 8 hours per day—but the laugh will be on the other side of their mouths when they find that it is only a temporary arrangement and will only continue until there is day-light enough to admit of ten hours work, the gas being a great expense. THE MEMBERS of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of this place held their fourth anniversary entertainment in aid of the poor of the town in the Temperance Hall, Sledman street, on last Friday evening. The hall was

Temperance.

The meeting of the Newcastle Reform Club on Friday evening last was a very pleasant one. The audience was small. A very entertaining programme was presented. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Steel. Music by the choir. "It is well." Rev. Mr. Bain addressed the meeting. Duet and Chorus "I'm going back to Dixie." Remarks by Rev. Mr. Steel. Song—"Nancy Lee." Instrumental Music. Choir "Wine is a Mocker." Miss Thompson's rendition of "The Curfew shall not ring to-night" was listened to with breathless attention and well deserved the round of applause it received. Song—"Be true to me." Choir Watch "Ppy," and closing with God save the Queen. At the close of the meeting the officers and others interested remained to decide what was to be done with the property owned by the society and how to settle up its affairs. This society has been in existence for two years, and there is no doubt that good has been accomplished by its efforts, and it is a matter of regret that the public during the last year did not seem to appreciate these efforts put forth to provide a regular intervals of pleasant evening's entertainment, by giving a sum sufficient to pay the current working expenses. Yet so it is, and the result is that the meetings have come to a close and the society has been disbanded. There is about \$50 due for rent, to offset which there is property on hand, consisting of the benches in the Hall, a number of chairs, and the piano. These matters have been left in the hands of a committee to effect the best possible arrangement.

The Hon. Robert Marshall.

The New Brunswick Local Government have done a very wise thing in the selection they have just made of a new councillor. Mr. Robert Marshall is an unquestionably able man, shrewd politician, and a gentleman of splendid intellectual attainments. He has already distinguished himself in the local politics of his native county, and his name is inseparably connected with the present school law of the province. Through Mr. Marshall's efforts some very important modifications were introduced into the bill, and though at first he suffered at the polls on this very question, he had the satisfaction of seeing his suggestions adopted later on. He has been made a member of the Cabinet, without office, and filled a vacancy which has remained unfilled for nearly twelve months. No better choice could be made, and we congratulate the Ministry on the good sense which they have shown in inviting Mr. Marshall to a seat in the executive. It will greatly strengthen their position.—Quebec Chronicle.

Masonic.

Officers of St. John Lodge, No. 27, N. B. Registry, Bathurst: Wm. Mann, Sec'y; Wm. B. Howard, Treas.; W. G. Merseure, J. W.; G. M. Duncan, Chap.; W. H. Mann, Sec'y; W. P. Gillespie, Sec'y; Geo. H. Grenney, P. M.; John R. Doran, S. D.; Robt. Young, J. W.; Jas. A. Gammon, J. S.; Jas. Hickson, P. M.; H. G. Carter, I. G.; Patrick Walsh, Tyler. Officers of Miramichi Lodge, No. 18, Chatham: John S. Benson, W. M.; Wm. B. Howard, I. P. M.; James Gunn, S. W.; James V. Benson, J. W.; John Johnston, Sec'y; David T. Johnston, S. D.; William Johnston, S. D.; Albert Johnston, S. D.; Edward Johnson, J. S.; W. B. Howard, P. M.; Hugh Marquis, I. G.; Wm. C. Smythe, Tyler.

Recent Publications.

HARPER'S ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE for January has come to hand and presents the following table of contents: "The Eve of St. Agnes"; "Old Bathurst and its Merchants"; "The Fans of forty years ago"; "The Shepherds of Ayr"; "The Old Woman with a Bag"; "Compulsory Education in Brooklyn"; "Christiana"; "Ferdinand de Lesseps as a Traveller"; "The Old Man and the Sea"; "Christiana"; "The Ghost of the Nineteenth Century"; "The First of the Atlantic"; "Mary Annerley"; and "The usual Editor's Department." Harper & Brothers, New York.

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well filled, and an enjoyable evening spent. The admission to the hall being a pound of provisions, and for a good object, there was a large number took an interest in the affair, and favored them with their presence. J. S.

Bathurst Notes.

A correspondent of the Advance says that the chief event in Bathurst on Christmas Day was the marriage of J. A. Freeze, Esq., to Miss Mary Dawson, daughter of the late John S. Dawson of that place, which took place at the Methodist Church at nine p. m. Quite a large gathering had assembled to witness the ceremony, and the wait during the long interval of an hour and a half between the close of the evening service and the ceremony, seemed to be preferred to the chance of losing a good seat. The bride was dressed in a travelling suit, and looked very pretty. The bridesmaids were Miss Frances Dawson and Miss Annie Dawson. Samuel Dawson, brother of the bride, performed the part of "best man." Mr. Freeze was Principal of the Bathurst High School for three years, and is now Principal of the St. Stephen Academy. During his stay in Bathurst he was for himself not only a partner for life, but also many warm friends and admirers, who now congratulate him most heartily upon this interesting event of his life. The young couple left in the midnight express for St. John, carrying with them the warm and hearty wishes of the people of Bathurst. The happy and prosperous journey through life.

STERLING MONEY ORDERS.

The Postmaster General has given notice in the Canada Gazette that the commission to be charged on sterling money orders issued in the Dominion of Canada, payable in the United Kingdom, has been reduced as follows: On orders not exceeding £10s. sterling, 20 cents; exceeding £10s., and not exceeding £50, 20 cents; exceeding £50 and not exceeding £100, 20 cents; exceeding £100, 20 cents.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

The pupils of the Convent Schools, under the superintendence of the Sisters of Charity, gave a Christmas Festival here on Friday night last at the new R. C. Temperance Hall. The programme consisted of songs, dialogues, charades, etc., and was well carried out. The general idea of the festival was to give a sum sufficient to pay the current working expenses. Yet so it is, and the result is that the meetings have come to a close and the society has been disbanded. There is about \$50 due for rent, to offset which there is property on hand, consisting of the benches in the Hall, a number of chairs, and the piano. These matters have been left in the hands of a committee to effect the best possible arrangement.

Matters in Kent.

A SERIES of lectures for the benefit of St. Mary's Church has been arranged to be given fortnightly. The first one in the course is announced for Tuesday evening, Jan. 6th, in the Temperance Hall, by Rev. H. H. Barber, of Newcastle. "An hour's talk about the Tower of London." The course extends to March 17th. ST. MARY'S CHURCH held a festival last evening in the Sunday school. After the usual service the children were treated to a long list of pleasantly written sketches and stories by well known writers, and most of the articles are well illustrated. The preliminary summary of the contents of the February number which promises to be of particular interest. Published by Scribner & Co., 745 Broadway, New York, at \$3.00 per annum.

WIDE AWAKE.

WIDE AWAKE opens the new year with an excellent number, and will be well and closely studied by the little folks. We have not space to give any extracts but shall next week in our children's column copy a "wide awake" from the new issue. The "Snow" as a specimen of the matter printed for the education of the readers of this magazine. Published by D. Lothrop & Co., 30 & 32 Franklin Street, Boston, Mass., at \$2.00 per annum.

ENGLISH LUMBER TRADE.

Recent advice from the North of England, per Cunard mail, states that the improvement in the timber trade keeps increasing. The arrivals of wood-laden ships at the north-eastern ports during the past week have been very limited, and the importation for the season may now be considered terminated. Telegrams received from Norway and Sweden during the past week state that the winter is exceptionally severe in those countries, and that almost all the ports are closed with ice. The prices of wood are consequently advanced exceptionally high prices, particularly boards, which are scarce. The best brands of red wood deals have advanced about 10 per cent. The advance in the price of props and minding timber has also been maintained, and there is now every prospect of higher rates being obtained, as stocks are very small and the demand good.

BRIDGE BUILDERS.

BRIDGE BUILDERS will find something of interest to them in our advertising columns. The Chief Commissioner advertises for tenders for building and repairing four bridges on the Great Road between Chatham and Shediac. In order to give our mechanics an opportunity to see what is required without having to go to a distance to do so, our representative in the Government, the Hon. M. Adams, has very considerably had placed at the disposal of D. Macchian, Esq., Chatham, copies of plans and specifications of the Kingston and Buctouche Bridges, where they can be examined and other necessary information obtained. Interesting Watch-Night Services were held in the Methodist Churches at Chatham and Newcastle, which were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Teed and Rev. George Steel respectively.

LUMBER.—A prominent lumberman in the employ of Guy, Bevan and Co. ventures that the figures of 1877 will be very closely approached this season. The recent rise in lumber as chronicled in Provincial papers has given a very great impetus to the trade, and parties at Bathurst who have in a measure held aloof are now making great exertions to send additional gangs of men to the woods. We are informed on good authority that about 5,000,000 feet of spruce will be cut on the Tobique river this winter. The wooded sections of the Tobique are chiefly clothed with forests of maple, and the increasing interest that is being taken in agriculture in that region can afford but little check of the revival that has taken place in the lumber trade.—Star.

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NEWS BRIEVES.

Date your letters 1880. Buy, friends, buy with care, Buy from the liberal advertiser. A large number of Nullists have been arrested at Warsaw. A wall paper manufacturer is shortly to be started at Montreal. Gas stocks are declining, caused by Edison's Electric Light inventions. Baroness Burlett Counts has spent \$15,000,000 for philanthropic objects. The Princess Louise will return to Canada towards the close of this month. The Dominion Parliament is to meet for the despatch of business on the 12th proximo. Famine has appeared in South-Eastern Russia, and many people have already perished. At Alliance, Ohio, eight boys broke through the ice while skating, and three were drowned. The Bank of Yarmouth has declared a half yearly dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum. Hon. Mr. Letellier, De St. Just, is so seriously ill that his recovery is considered very doubtful. At St. Paul on Christmas Day the cold wave caused the mercury to run down to forty degrees below zero. The store of Alex. Gibson, Esq., at Marysville, was recently entered at night and robbed of goods to the value of \$200. Robert Mitchell, a wealthy furniture dealer of Cincinnati, gave ten members of his family \$50,000 each as a Christmas present. Edison Electric Light stock which a month or two ago was quoted at \$100 to \$200 per share lately reached \$4000 per share. The Rev. R. Wason, Methodist minister at Digby, was recently made the recipient of some valuable presents, including \$600 in money. The Bank of England has voted \$25,000 towards the fund instituted by the Lord Mayor of London for the relief of the distress in Ireland. The customs receipts at Montreal for December were \$282,558, or \$66,710 in excess of the returns for the corresponding month of previous year. Mr. W. W. Street has retired from the agency of the Fire Department of the Western Assurance Co., and has been succeeded by Mr. W. W. Frink. A man named Fret, convicted in Westmoreland, N. B., Circuit Court of setting fire to a school house, has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. On Christmas afternoon at Rideau Hall, the Governor General entertained a party of four hundred children of the New Edinburgh Sunday and Common Schools. Affairs are again quiet in Afghanistan. The Military Commission to try the parties charged with being concerned in the attack upon the Embassy has resumed its enquiry. The Washington Capital remarks: "Some of our slow subscribers, who may not find our paper in their mail, understand that its absence is due to their unremitting kindness." J. S. Carvell, Esq., of Charlottetown has been appointed to the seat in the Senate recently vacated by the elevation of the Hon. Mr. Howland to the Lieutenant-Governorship of P. E. Island. The Sun says that two boilers are being made at St. John for the new tug now being built at Chatham for J. B. Snowball, Esq., the dimensions of which are—length 10 feet, diameter 6 feet. J. A. Freeze, Esq., Principal of the High School, was the recipient of a handsome piece of Rogers' statuary from the teachers of the St. Stephen schools on the occasion of his marriage.—Courier. Wallace Ross, it appears is more successful with his legs than with his arms, for we notice that in a recent walking contest with the champion athlete of Maine he defeated his antagonist, and won \$150. At Ottawa on New Year's Day some fun-loving scamp placed cards bearing the words "Small Pox" on the entrance of residences of several prominent individuals, the Mayor among the number. Early callers were in consequence scared away. James Devine, who was sentenced for five years in the Penitentiary for breaking into Mr. George Phillips' Exchange office, St. John, has been discharged after serving nearly four years of the term, owing to injuries received from a fall during his imprisonment. Capt. W. Smith, of Ottawa, has received further information from the executor of his uncle, as to his having accomplished a fortune of \$200,000. One million is in cash, and the balance is real estate. The executors ask for power of attorney and letters of administration. The Excise Duties collected within the Inland Revenue District of St. John, (which includes St. John, St. Stephen, Fredericton, Woodstock, Moncton, Miramichi, etc.) for Dec. 1879 amounted to \$20,193.08, or a gain of nearly \$800 as compared with the corresponding month in previous year. From July to December, 1879, the increase over the corresponding six months of previous year was \$819.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT BAPTIST MINISTER.

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DESTRUCTION OF WESLEY'S CHAPEL.

DESTRUCTION OF WESLEY'S CHAPEL.—The Wesleyan Methodists will learn with regret that John Wesley's Chapel, sometimes called the Centre of the City, has been almost totally destroyed by fire. It is situated in City Road, and the foundation stone was laid by Wesley himself in 1777. A year ago the chapel was celebrated with much enthusiasm. The chapel was full of monuments raised to the memory of distinguished preachers and other identified with the earlier history of Methodism. Unfortunately a good many of these are destroyed. The Wesleyan Chapel, erected by Mr. Samuel Waddy, M. P., at a cost of £1,000, to the memory of his father, who was an eminent and successful preacher, has however been preserved. City Road Chapel is the best known of all the Wesleyan churches in the city. It is historically so precious to the Methodist, no other appeals so powerfully to his imagination and to his affection.

General Intelligence.

The King Unmoved but the Young Queen Greatly Agitated. POPULAR DISCONTENT IN SPAIN.—THE POLITICAL SITUATION DESCRIBED AS VERY CRITICAL AND AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN CAMPOS AND SAGASTA. Madrid, Dec. 31.—The attempt to assassinate King Alfonso was made as he was taking his evening drive to the Prado with Queen Christine. The carriage was an open lattice drawn by the King, with two footmen behind. As the carriage arrived at the palace gate, a young man was seen to advance from the garden in the centre of the Plaza del Arriente, in which the royal palace stands. An instant later a report was heard, and the Queen felt something whizz by her head. The King was not hurt, but the Queen was shaken to his feet. Then it was ascertained that a shot had been fired, and the would-be assassin, who was little more than a boy, was seized by the King's footmen, the police and the bystanders. The ball, which had flattened against the palace gate, was picked up on the pavement. The King showed himself as cool as when he was in the carriage in the Calle Mayor last year, but the nerves of the young Queen were shaken, and for some hours last night she was in great distress. The arrested youth said that his name was Gonzalez, and his age 19.—He is a waiter by profession and a native of Galicia. It is believed he had accomplices. The King's name has been arrested on suspicion. Gonzalez had been lying in wait about the door of the royal palace and fired from the corner of the street. He was shot by the police and the bystanders. The ball, which had flattened against the palace gate, was picked up on the pavement. The King showed himself as cool as when he was in the carriage in the Calle Mayor last year, but the nerves of the young Queen were shaken, and for some hours last night she was in great distress. The arrested youth said that his name was Gonzalez, and his age 19.—He is a waiter by profession and a native of Galicia. It is believed he had accomplices. The King's name has been arrested on suspicion. Gonzalez had been lying in wait about the door of the royal palace and fired from the corner of the street. He was shot by the police and the bystanders. The ball, which had flattened against the palace gate, was picked up on the pavement. The King showed himself as cool as when he was in the carriage in the Calle Mayor last year, but the nerves of the young Queen were shaken, and for some hours last night she was in great distress. The arrested youth said that his name was Gonzalez, and his age 19.—He is a waiter by profession and a native of Galicia. It is believed he had accomplices. The King's name has been arrested on suspicion. Gonzalez had been lying in wait about the door of the royal palace and fired from the corner of the street. He was shot by the police and the bystanders.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C. JAN. 1st, 1880. To-day's New-Year calls, in Washington, were a repetition of the familiar programme. The President, Cabinet officers, Judges of the Supreme Court—nearly everybody, of fact and non-official, received and every body called. The New Year responses at the Capital are good, if for nothing else, to the Army and Navy. It has been the policy of our government to bring the chiefs of the services to the Eastern cities, to impress them with the strength of our population,

Religions.

A new Reformed Episcopal Church has been organized in Denver, Colorado. It will be called "Unity Church." The Rev. John Bedford, one of the ex-presidents of the English Wesleyan Methodist Conference, died recently in Manchester, aged 75. The Paper Consistory, originally announced for the middle of December, and then postponed till Christmas, is further postponed till the 15th of January. The American Protestant Episcopal Church boasts of one bishop a convert from Judaism, namely, the Right Rev. Dr. Schevchewski, the Bishop of Shanghai, in China. The Record states that Rev. G. L. Mackay, Presbyterian missionary in Formosa, is on his way home for rest. He will be cordially welcomed. Few men have worked harder than Mr. Mackay has for the past eight years. The Rev. Mason Gallagher, of Newark, N. J., has accepted a call to St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Chicago, as the assistant to Bishop Fellows, and is frequently called away on Episcopal duties. Dr. Gallagher will also be an associate editor of the Appeal, the organ of his Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church, U. S., had, according to the statistics received as of July 30, 1879, 30,000 members, 11,453 itinerant preachers, and 1,696,873 members and probationers. There are 444 presiding elders, and 684,987 members held since the organization of the Church. The Fiji Islands, which are now a district of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, now have 81 chapels, and 291 other preaching places, 1,000 missionaries, 48 native preachers, and 23,274 members, exclusive of 89 European members held since the organization of the Church. Mr. Spurgeon is said thus to address every person seeking admission to membership in his parish church, "Well, if you are received what individual will be going to take up and carry on for the Lord?" As a result he has now engrafted in his parish church 1,000 members, who represent just so many willing workers under his leadership. He saves his own strength by doing nothing that his parishioners can do equally well.

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DEATH OF A PROMINENT BAPTIST MINISTER.—Rev. Dr. James C. Hurd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Toronto, Ia., died in that city after a few hours' illness on Monday, 22nd inst. He was a native of Nova Scotia, where he began his career as a minister a quarter of a century ago. He also for a time labored as pastor in St. John, N. B., and in Brantford, and St. Thomas, leaving the latter place for Iowa about four years ago. In the Lower Province, as well as in Ontario, Dr. Hurd ranked among the foremost and most distinguished in the pulpit and on the platform he had few equals. He possessed a clear and strong intellect, and his sermons and lectures were recently distinguished by his reasoning eloquence. In addition, the Doctor was a trenchant and vigorous political writer, and, like nine tenths of the Baptists of Canada, was a member of the Liberal side. He was fifty years of age.—Toronto Globe.

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DESTRUCTION OF WESLEY'S CHAPEL.—The Wesleyan Methodists will learn with regret that John Wesley's Chapel, sometimes called the Centre of the City, has been almost totally destroyed by fire. It is situated in City Road, and the foundation stone was laid by Wesley himself in 1777. A year ago the chapel was celebrated with much enthusiasm. The chapel was full of monuments raised to the memory of distinguished preachers and other identified with the earlier history of Methodism. Unfortunately a good many of these are destroyed. The Wesleyan Chapel, erected by Mr. Samuel Waddy, M. P., at a cost of £1,000, to the memory of his father, who was an eminent and successful preacher, has however been preserved. City Road Chapel is the best known of all the Wesleyan churches in the city. It is historically so precious to the Methodist, no other appeals so powerfully to his imagination and to his affection.

General Intelligence.

The King Unmoved but the Young Queen Greatly Agitated. POPULAR DISCONTENT IN SPAIN.—THE POLITICAL SITUATION DESCRIBED AS VERY CRITICAL AND AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN CAMPOS AND SAGASTA. Madrid, Dec. 31.—The attempt to assassinate King Alfonso was made as he was taking his evening drive to the Prado with Queen Christine. The carriage was an open lattice drawn by the King, with two footmen behind. As the carriage arrived at the palace gate, a young man was seen to advance from the garden in the centre of the Plaza del Arriente, in which the royal palace stands. An instant later a report was heard, and the Queen felt something whizz by her head. The King was not hurt, but the Queen was shaken to his feet. Then it was ascertained that a shot had been fired, and the would-be assassin, who was little more than a boy, was seized by the King's footmen, the police and the bystanders. The ball, which had flattened against the palace gate, was picked up on the pavement. The King showed himself as cool as when he was in the carriage in the Calle Mayor last year, but the nerves of the young Queen were shaken, and for some hours last night she was in great distress. The arrested youth said that his name was Gonzalez, and his age 19.—He is a waiter by profession and a native of Galicia. It is believed he had accomplices. The King's name has been arrested on suspicion. Gonzalez had been lying in wait about the door of the royal palace and fired from the corner of the street. He was shot by the police and the bystanders. The ball, which had flattened against the palace gate, was picked up on the pavement. The King showed himself as cool as when he was in the carriage in the Calle Mayor last year, but the nerves of the young Queen were shaken, and for some hours last night she was in great distress. The arrested youth said that his name was Gonzalez, and his age 19.—He is a waiter by profession and a native of Galicia. It is believed he had accomplices. The King's name has been arrested on suspicion. Gonzalez had been lying in wait about the door of the royal palace and fired from the corner of the street. He was shot by the police and the bystanders.

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