

to comply with his request, although the executors had little faith in his success. The mother, perhaps, turned the scale when she gave her boy a good character for perseverance, adding that 'he was always a good lad to his mother.' The next morning when it was announced that 'the young master' was to try and carry on the business, a hearty cheer rang through the place. 'I'll help him,' cried one. 'And I will,' cried another. From all in the house, from foreman down to the errand boy, 'And I will,' was heard. God's blessing from that moment seemed to attend everything done under the management of the youthful head. All worked with willing hands and with willing hearts. At the end of the three months the executors met, and on examining the debtor and credit accounts, they were surprised and delighted, and could only say, 'Young friend, go forward, we can clearly trust the concern in your hands.' Years have rolled over, and the business has rolled on as well, for now it is fourfold in magnitude to what it was in the father's lifetime, and is the support of both 'widow and fatherless ones.' The 'persevering youth' is now married, and has a happy young family around him. I met him recently, and gave him a warm shake of the hand, adding, with feelings of deep thankfulness, 'Has not God blessed the dear lad of whom it was said, "He was always a good lad to his mother"?'

T. B. S.

THE CONQUEROR CONQUERED.

Mrs. Childs, the celebrated authoress, writes as follows:—"I have read of a certain regiment ordered to march into a small town (in the Tyrol, I think) and take it. It chanced that the place was settled by a colony who believed the Gospel of Christ, and proved their faith by their works. A courier from a neighbouring village informed them that troops were advancing to take the town. They quickly answered, 'If they will take it they must!' Soldiers soon came riding in with colours flying, and fifes piping their shrill defiance. They looked round for an enemy, and saw the farmer at his plough, the blacksmith at his anvil, and the women at their churns and spinning-wheels. Babies crowded to hear the music, and boys ran out to see the trainers, with feathers and bright buttons, 'the warriors of the nineteenth century.' Of course none of these were in a proper condition to be shot at. 'Where are your soldiers?' they asked. 'We have none,' was the brief reply. 'But we have come to take the town!' 'Well, friends, it lies before you.' 'But is there nobody here to fight?' 'No, we are all Christians!' Here was an emergency altogether unprovided for by the military schools. This was a sort of resistance which no bullet could hit, a fortress perfectly bomb-proof. The commander was perplexed. 'If there is nobody to fight with, of course we cannot fight!' said he. 'It is impossible to take such a town as this.' So they turned the horses' heads about, and the innocent animals carried the human beings out of the village, as guiltless as they entered, and perchance somewhat wiser."—*The Family Friend*.

CURRENT EVENTS.

DOMESTIC.

The custom house detectives have been making raids between Weymouth and Green Cove during the past week.

Two illicit stills were seized by preventive officer Bourinot, at River Inhabitants and West Bay, C. B., last week.

The people of Victoria County are agitated over a proposition to build a railroad from Porth to the Tobique Plaster Rocks.

The Scott Act was carried by large majorities in the counties of York, N. B.; Huron, Bruce and

Dufferin, Ontario. In Prince Edward County, Ont., the Act was defeated by a majority of 126.

Death is announced of a lady well-known and greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends. Mrs. Botsford had been in ill-health for some time, but her demise came more rapidly than was anticipated. She was a Scottish lady, whom Dr. Botsford first met when a student at Edinburgh.

A meeting of the committee appointed to prepare the details of work for the Scott Act Association was held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, St. John.

On motion of Rev. Job Shenton, it was resolved that a committee of seven be appointed to prepare a call for and obtain signatures thereto of the citizens of the City and County of St. John and that they be empowered to call a public meeting at such time and place as they may determine.

The *Telegraph* says, on Friday, when the train from McAdam Junction was within about three miles of St. Stephen, eight cars jumped the track, within a hairbreadth of being precipitated down a steep embankment, which must have been attended with serious consequences. There were, besides the train hands, fourteen or fifteen passengers, who escaped without any injury saving the fright and a little shaking. The brakes were promptly applied and the disaster averted.

The train hands did everything in their power to assist the passengers, a large proportion of whom were ladies, and one a blind man. The passengers were transferred to the engine and safely brought to the town.

In the Centenary church school-room, October 30th, a convention of Sabbath School workers representing ten counties in the Province of New Brunswick assembled for the purpose of organizing a Provincial S. S. Association.

The report of the secretary to the committee of organization, which was instituted at McKeuzie Corner, August 14th, during the ninth annual session of the Carleton County S. S. Convention, was submitted. The report embodied the following statistics:

Number of S. S. in New Brunswick	569
Number from which reports have been received	266
Number of teachers	1,726
Number of scholars	16,176
Average attendance	11,814
Number of church members connected with schools	3,241
Number of books in libraries	30,581
Number of Sabbath S. papers distributed monthly	10,894
Number of S. S. using the international lessons	188
Number of schools kept open all the year	206
Amount of money received during the year for S. S. and missionary purposes	\$6,222.72

Benjamin Trefry, residing at the eastern branch of the Tuskent River, left his home last Saturday week to visit a young lady to whom he was soon to be married. The residence of the latter was about eight miles above Tuskent village. As nothing was heard of him for several days suspicions of foul play began to be entertained and a vigorous search was instituted throughout the woods in the neighbourhood, but without success. The circumstances of the affair caused suspicions to fall at last on a man named Absalom Hurlburt, between whom and Trefry ill feeling had existed for some time. The latter was at last arrested. The prisoner confessed and asked for a piece of paper, and on obtaining it wrote the following:—

"Northeast of the ledge, in Wilson's Lake, you will find the body."

This place is directly opposite Hurlburt's house. The friends of Trefry, on searching for the remains took Hurlburt out on the lake to the place indicated by him, but, though he took the bearings and pointed out the spot where the body would be discovered, it was not found, and has not been yet.

This morning Hurlburt said his statement was made on the strength of a dream. The prisoner was removed to the town of Yarmouth, and lodged in jail. He has made no further statement than the foregoing.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN.

The cholera is now regarded as practically extinct in Italy.

Persistent rumors are again current that Khartoum has fallen before the Mahdi, and that Gen. Gordon was taken prisoner.

The Parisian police, on Thursday, closed three gambling halls—the Paris Club, the Circle Cluny and another in Rue Desmartges, where ladies were admitted.

The plan for Gen. Lord Wolseley's expedition to Khartoum, as finally settled, furnishes him a total force of 8,500 English troops. He will take 5,000 to Dongola, leaving a reserve corps of 3,500 at Wady Halfa. The Mudir of Dongola has promised to furnish a contingent of 3,000 men, to be composed of members of tribes near at hand.

UNITED STATES.

It is reported that seventeen cattle thieves were captured by vigilantes on Gore mountains and lynched.

By collision on the Wabash road a car containing 44 Italians was thrown down an embankment. Fourteen persons were seriously injured, but it is thought none fatally.

Thousands of acres of woodland in Camden and Atlantic counties, New Jersey, have been swept by fires, entailing an aggregate loss of \$250,000. For two weeks a reign of terror has existed in great wooded regions and the many little hamlets have been enshrouded in smoke, while the air is filled with cinders which constantly menace everything in the shape of habitations. No rain had occurred for two weeks until yesterday.

MARRIAGES.

HARKER-FRASER.—By Elder D. Crawford, on the 9th of October, at the St. Lawrence Hotel, Charlottetown, Mr. George Harker, of Cavendish, P. E. I., to Mrs. Emily Fraser, of Lower Stewiacke, Nova Scotia.

STEVENSON-BINNY.—By the same, at Clyde Cottage, New Glasgow, P. E. I., on the 11th of October, Mr. James C. Stevenson to Miss Clara Binny, both of New Glasgow.

DEATHS.

WISDOM.—On the 11th ult., in the City of Halifax, N. S., of heart disease, John Wisdom, of Dartmouth, in the 78th year of his age.

Bro. Wisdom, in about his usual health, crossed that morning over to Halifax, on business, and was standing opposite the Parliament Buildings talking to a friend, when, suddenly, placing his hand over the region of his heart, said: "I feel very badly," and instantly fell. He was carried to a drug store near by, and a doctor soon arrived, but to no purpose, he died in a few minutes. May the tender mercies of a loving Saviour abundantly bless our beloved sister and family in this their sore affliction.

T. H. C.

CALLBECK.—At Tryon, P. E. I., on the 15th of August last, Sister Eliza Callbeck, in her 81st year. In her early life she gave her heart to Christ, and became a member of the Baptist Church. When she heard the Disciples preach, and understood the way of the Lord more perfectly, she joined the Christian Church in Tryon at its first organization, and continued a faithful member until her death. Being well established in the faith of the Gospel, and trusting wholly to her Saviour, death had no terrors for her. She waited with rejoicing hope till the message came to call her home to be with Christ.

MCLEAN.—At Graham's Road, New London, P. E. I., on the 22nd of September, Bro. Daniel McLean, in his 28th year. He began preaching in Colorado, nearly three years ago. Having lost his health, he returned home a little more than a year before his death. Although in feeble health, and very lame, he preached with much acceptance in Summerside, New Glasgow, and Tryon, for some months after his return to the Island. In the beginning of December last, rheumatism, with its accompaniments, prevailed, and he was laid on a bed of pain. He struggled nobly to rally, but grew weaker, gradually, until it was all over, and passed to be with Jesus.

Bro. McLean's talents were of a high order, and his preaching had a grand effect, especially on the young. He had a strong desire to recover, that he might spend his life in the noble work of rallying men to the Cross. But when death approached, his confidence in Christ and His finished work was such as to leave him without a fear for the future. His conversations with his numerous acquaintances who kindly visited him, in his sufferings, it is believed will be long and profitably remembered.

D. C.