

NEWS AND INTELLIGENCE.

THE RAILWAY CATASTROPHE AT HAMILTON.

Our young readers will have been startled by the news of the awful railway accident, by which owing to the breaking down of a bridge, over the Desjardins' Canal, so many people were ushered into the presence of their Maker. In the first car, which plunged down the abyss, nearly every person perished. Among the escaped were two children, who lost their father and mother and other relatives. This is the story of their rescue: "a woman, who lives near the scene of the disaster, and who was the first to witness it, gives some interesting particulars about the two children—the Doyles—who so miraculously escaped. She rushed down the hill to the cars: indeed the poor woman literally rolled down, for it was so steep and slippery she could not keep her feet; and the first object that met her attention was the poor little girl, about eight years of age, on a cake of ice. The little thing said, "oh, don't mind me, save my brother;" and the poor little fellow was at the moment with his chin barely above water, at the top of one of the windows, imploring some one to drag him out. The woman, though the ice was broken some distance round the car, managed to reach him; and after rescuing him, rushed up the hill with one child in her arms, and got a passenger who was himself badly wounded, to carry the girl on his back. She put them to bed; and strange to say, they got up with scarcely a mark." This terrible event tells us in loud tones, that we are, but pilgrims here. Whither are you journeying young reader? Do you bear about with you the pilgrim spirit?

DEATHS OF DRS. SMITH AND KANE.

Two distinguished Americans have recently passed away. Dr. Eli Smith died lately in Syria. He was an oriental scholar and missionary. He was engaged in translating the Bible into the language of the Koran and left it unfinished.

Almost simultaneously with the intelligence of Dr. Smith's decease, it was announced that the heroic explorer of the Arctic regions, Dr. Kane had also yielded to slow disease and breathed his last in the soft air of a tropical island.

THE JOHN WILLIAMS.

This missionary ship safely reached Cape Town on the 1st of October after a pleasant and prosperous voyage.