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THE MONTH.

Bram will probably be re-tried in March for the murder of Capt. Nash and wife, of the Herbert Fuller.

The Christian Endeavor Society celebrated the seventieth anniversary of its organization on Feb. 2nd.

Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, who arrived in New York on Jan. 15th, is now on a tour of inspection of the Army in Eastern Canada. He was in St. John on the 18th ult.

Lt. Henry Somerset has been compelled through ill health to resign the Presidency of the British Woman's Temperance Association, and retire from active temperance work.

A Toronto despatch of the 26th ult., says:—"A new fire insurance company has been started here, of which Hon. Geo. E. Foster is president. The new company will not join fire insurance underwriters' associations."

The N. S. Fruit Growers' Association held its annual meeting in College Hall, Wolfville, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

We notice that J. S. Bishop, of Auburn, presented a paper on Friday entitled "Review of the Cranberry Situation." Mr. Bishop has come to be recognized as more than a local authority on cranberry culture.

Sanford F. Doleman, of the Junior Class at Acadia, was found dead in his room in Chipman Hall on Saturday morning, Jan. 22nd. The deceased was a highly respected Christian young man, a material student and business manager of the *Athenaeum*. Appropriate services were held in the Assembly Hall on Sunday afternoon and the remains forwarded the next morning to the home of his parents at Lockport.

The Right Hon. Charles Pelham Villiers M. P. for South Wolverhampton, and known as the "Father of the House of Commons," having sat continuously in the house since 1835, died at London, Jan. 16th. He was born in 1802.

Lieut. General Sir Frederick Dobson Middleton, keeper of the crown jewels, died at London on the 25th ult. He was born Nov. 4, 1825. He was in command of the forces during the Riel rebellion in the Northwest Territory of Canada in 1885.

The annual report of the President of the Kentville Board of Trade shows that body to be a vigorous one. The many matters of interest and advantage to the town dealt with in President DeWolfe's report suggest that a similar organization might be of great practical benefit to a place like Aylesford.

William Henry Theodore Durant finally paid the penalty on Jan. 7th of the crime of which he was more than two years ago found guilty. He steadily asserted his innocence until the last, and died in the arms of the Roman Catholic church, which faith he had embraced. Even a professed Baptist turns Romanist when he becomes a murderer.

On the 18th of January the D. A. Ry. gave notice to the Yarmouth S. S. Co. that on and after the 26th the traffic arrangements between the two Companies would be cancelled. President Baker of the latter Company at once proceeded to Ottawa to interview the Minister of Railways upon the subject. The result has been a withdrawal of its orders by the D. A. Ry. and a continuance of the old arrangements.

The *Windsor Tribune* which since the fire has been printed each week at the *Register* office, Berwick, was issued for the first time from its own office in Windsor on the 14th ult. The glowing description given of its new quarters by its editor, is calculated to have a bad moral effect upon the fraternity, and will, we fear, incite some less favoured brother of the quill to incendiarianism, in order that he may rise from ashes to similar heights of prosperity. Brother Woodworth cannot be too highly commended for his pluck and enterprise. We wish him the prosperity he deserves.

England's Indian war is now practically at a close. Although finally successful in subduing her enemies, the mournful fact cannot soon be forgotten that it has been at the cost of the best blood the British service boasts of. Perhaps the best known victim of the bloody war is Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, whose treacherous murder near to the close of the year has detracted much from the feelings of satisfaction with which every loyal son of Britain has regarded the successful termination of the Indian border trouble.

The European war-cloud once more growsthrreateningly black. Russia and Germany have been active for some weeks past in a concerted attempt to coerce China into granting them special trade concessions, while Great Britain and Japan have been silently centralizing their naval forces in Chinese waters preparatory to a more pronounced protest against the movements of Russia and Germany. In a public address at Swansea on the 17th ult., Sir Michael Hicks-Beach affirmed that the British Government was "determined even at the cost of war that the door of Chinese commerce should not be shut to Great Britain." Since that date prominent leaders of both parties in the British Parliament have expressed publicly their readiness to stand by the government's policy, and the press of the country seems also to be practically a unit to the same effect. Indeed it would seem that the national feeling finds but one form of expression, and it now remains for the other nations to say whether it shall be peace or war.

The many friends of the Rev. H. Alford Porter, B. A., the late pastor of the Baptist Church in this town, will be pleased to learn that he is distinguishing himself as a student at Rochester, N. Y. At the recent examinations of the half year's work which embraced a number of subjects, his marks averaged from 90 to 100. This standing entitles him to a fellowship of \$150. When it is remembered that the Theological Seminary at Rochester has a higher standing than any similar institution in America, and is attended by hundreds of students and the examinations are particularly severe, it will be seen that Mr. Porter has certainly done splendid work and reflected much credit on his native province. This is another instance of a bright Canadian attending an American University and taking a leading position. Mr. Porter has also been preaching in one of the first churches at Rochester.—*Kentville Advertiser*.