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Calendar.

JANUARY 1880.

Sunday	4	11	18	25
Monday	5	12	19	26
Tuesday	6	13	20	27
Wednesday	7	14	21	28
Thursday	1 8	15	22	29
Friday	2 9	16	23	30
Saturday	3 10	17	24	31

PHASES OF THE MOON.

	d.	h.	m.	
Last Quarter	5	2	24	a. m.
New Moon	11	6	15	p. m.
First Quarter	19	2	16	a. m.
Full Moon	27	5	47	a. m.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

FISH:—Mr. Nicholas Barden offers a nice line of fish for sale—See his advt.

MUSIC:—Hereafter a stock of the newest sheet music will be kept at the Miramichi Bookstore.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. Snowball, Muirhead and Harris, of Chatham, reached England on Sunday last, having left Halifax the Saturday previous.

1879-80.—By an oversight of both printers and proof readers the date "1879" was left in the ADVANCE of last week.

A HANDSOME specimen of color and gold printing reaches us from the St. John *Globe* office in the form of a Carrier's New Year card.

"LAW CLUBS":—The Sackville *Transcript* says Annapolis has a law club. Chatham has two. Policemen Wilcox and Reynolds carry them.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS take place to-day. Secretaries will oblige us by forwarding, as promptly as possible, short reports of the meetings in the different districts.

FISH SHIPMENTS:—Our thanks are due to the Custom Houses of Chatham and Newcastle for statistics of the fish shipments from the Miramichi for 1879, which will appear next week.

IMMANUEL R. E. CHURCH:—Rev. Mr. Howell is expected to arrive in Chatham this week and hold the regular services in Immanuel R. E. Church, morning and afternoon, on Sunday dext.

THE QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY which was arranged in the regular order to take place this evening at Masonic Hall is postponed until next Thursday evening—this being the "Week of Prayer" observed by many who are also interested in the assemblies.

SHIPPING.—The number of vessels on the registry of the port of Halifax is 14 less than a year ago, and the registered tonnage is 8,139 tons less. Obviously this important branch of our national industries is not booming under the N. P.

LABRADOR HERRING:—A few barrels of those prime Labrador Herring brought here by Capt. Boucher of Newcastle last fall are for sale by A. D. Shirreff, Esq. Parties requiring a first class article should apply at once as the supply is limited. There are both barrels and half barrels in the lot.

A SOIREE AND DANCING ASSEMBLY is to be held on Tuesday evening next under the auspices of Chatham Head Lodge, U. T. A., at the new Hall of the Lodge, Dancing to commence at half past nine. The object is a good one—viz., to assist in clearing off a balance due on building account and the price of the tickets—twenty five cents each for ladies and fifty cents for gentlemen—ought to attract a large number of patrons. Should the weather be unfavorable the Soiree will be postponed until Wednesday evening.

"FOREST AND STREAM."—Charles Hallock, Esq. founder of *Forest and Stream*, New York, has severed his connection with that excellent paper after having succeeded in establishing it in the foremost position among journals of its class. He is engaged in writing a new book and will spend much of his time in travel. While we join with him in wishing *Forest and Stream* continued prosperity, we also wish our old friend, himself, all the enjoyment of his future life to which his usefulness in the past has so well entitled him.

TRAINS DELAYED:—The day train from St. John on Friday afternoon last was delayed several hours by the breakdown of a cattle train for Halifax near Coal Branch Station. On the same day an accident occurred on the Intercolonial at Oakfield, N. S. by the break down of the engine of the English mail train and the Express from Halifax was delayed the same day by the last named breakdown, and the Eastern bound train from St. John was delayed waiting for the Halifax train to "cross"—but it's all right, now that Mr. Brydges is out of the way.

REV. MR. BENNET'S LECTURE:—The Rev. James Bennet, D. D. of St. John will deliver his famous lecture on "This Country of Ours" in St. John's Church, Chatham, on Thursday evening of next week, beginning at 7.30 o'clock. Admission to the lecture will be free, but a *silver collection* will be taken up at the close. All who wish to get a clear idea of what our country and its resources are ought to hear this lecture. Dr. Bennett is one of the best thinkers in the Maritime Provinces and cannot fail to give an interesting and instructive lecture.

CAPT. H. F. PERLEY of the New Brunswick Engineers, being removed to Ottawa by the Government, bade farewell to his Company at St. John on last Friday evening, when he was presented with a memento, consisting of photographs of all the members of the Company, in a frame—a well-arranged and valuable souvenir of his connection with that efficient and creditable organization. Other presentations were also made as our columns show. By Capt. Perley's removal St. John loses an excellent citizen, the Active Militia a first class officer and the Province its ablest civil Engineer.

ATTRACTIVE LECTURE:—It will be seen by advertisement that Rev. Jas. Mackie, M. A., formerly of Scotland but now assistant Minister of one of the largest Presbyterian Churches of Montreal is to lecture on the subject of "Robert Burns," in Masonic Hall, Newcastle, next Monday ev'g., commencing at 8 o'clock. Mr. Mackie is personally acquainted with the birthplace of Burns, as well as places which the great Scottish bard has immortalised. He was also identified at home with several of the demonstrations in honor of Burns' memory and is, therefore, in a position to place many things before his audience in connection with his subject, that they will hear for the first time. The lecture is delivered by request of a number of prominent citizens of Miramichi. The tickets have been placed at a low figure and there should be a large attendance. If the evening is fine Chatham should contribute a large proportion of the audience. Tickets are we understand for sale at the Miramichi Bookstore and Mr. John Brown's store Chatham and at Mr. Street's drug store Newcastle.

DISCIPLINE ENFORCED:—It is gratifying to know that the rules of discipline for the government of pupils conduct at St. Michael's Commercial and Classical College, Chatham, are not a dead letter, as such rules are, practically, in some educational institutions. Last week a student was expelled. He was sent to the institution from York County by his parents and soon gave evidence of a disposition to break the rules. He was detected in having smuggled intoxicating liquors into the College and was in the habit of not returning to the College at the proper time when permitted to go out of it. His conduct was considered a dangerous example and finding that he could not be reformed without his presence and conduct having a tendency to affect other students injuriously the Director Bro. Louis, was obliged to expel him. It is to be hoped that the young man will learn and profit by the lesson he has received and make a manly struggle against inclinations which threaten to wreck his future prospects. Life is still before him and he should strive to profit by his experiences of lost time and opportunties for good that have been wickedly neglected.

Acknowledgment.

Mrs. J. A. F. McBain has received the following letter which explains itself:—

To the Secretary of the Miramichi Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society.

LONDON, E. C. 22nd Oct. '79.

DEAR MADAM.—Your esteemed favour of Oct. 9 reached me this morning and this afternoon an advice from Messrs. Williams & Co. tells me that your free contribution of fifty pounds has come to hand. Kindly convey to the Ladies' Auxiliary at Miramichi the assurance that our Committee value the support afforded to their general operations, which comes with such unfailing regularity from Chatham. Please mention when next writing whether the supplies of Reporters and Gleanings at present sent are adequate. I am, dear Madam, yours very truly,

CHARLES FINCH,

Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, London.

Week of Prayer.

Owing to an oversight, which we are assured was unintentional, none of the clergymen interested thought of furnishing us with the programme for the present "Week of Prayer," during which, we understand, some of the church organizations are combining for united effort with, a view, we presume, of making up for neglected duty in the matter. The subjects for the week are:—

Thursday, Jan. 8.—Prayer for Christian education; for the family, and institutions of learning; for Sunday schools, and Christian Associations.

Friday, Jan. 9.—Prayer for nations, rulers and people; for peace and religious liberty.

Saturday, Jan. 10.—Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions; for the outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh, and the conversion of the world.

Masonic.

Following is a list of officers of St. John's Lodge No. 27, F. & A. M., Bathurst, for 1880:—

Wm. Mann, W. M.
Robt. Miller, S. W.
G. W. Mersereau, J. W.
G. M. Duncan, P. M., Chaplain,
C. H. Mann, Treasurer.
W. R. Payne, Secretary.
G. H. Gremley P. M., S. D.
John R. Horan, J. D.
A. E. Alexander, S. S.
Jas. H. Gammon, J. S.
Jas. Hickson P. M., D. of C.
Hiram C. Carter, I. G.
Patrick Welsh, Tyler.

Off The Track.

A special train running from Campbellton to Moncton got off the track yesterday afternoon about a mile above North Cold Branch. There was a consequent delay, and the regular accomodation train coming along got off the track also, a short distance from where the special went off the irons. Five cars of the accomodation went off lodily, and it was probably late last night before they were got on the rails again. The special, however, did not fare so badly, and the passengers, baggage etc., were transferred thereto from the accomodation, and it then proceeded on its way, the passengers thereby arriving in St. John about 40 minutes late. The special was bringing seven or eight cars of cattle through from Campbellton to Moncton. Noboby was hurt, and but little damage was done, the most serious being that to the van of the special, which was pretty badly smashed, and was run off on the siding. The box alone was broken. The cause of the accident is unknown, but it is thought it was caused by a bolt or bolts working loose, and the rail turning over, as the iron on one side was turned over for a distance of about 300 feet.—*Sun.*

One would think that the superior management of Sir Charles, assisted by those costly "nut locks" and rendered absolutely perfect by the absence of Brydges, would obviate any turn-over of rails or cars.

Poultry Show.

The St. John Poultry and Pet Stock Association announces its second annual Exhibition, which is to be held in Berryman's Hall, St. John, on January 20th, 21st and 22nd. It offers four premiums on every variety of poultry named in the American Standard of Excellence. Pigeons, Cage birds, Rabbits, and other Pets will have their places in the Exhibition and receive premiums. The Officers of the Association are Lt.-Col. Blaine, President; R. M. Magee, Vice President; W. Snider, Treasurer; H. W. Wilson, Secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of Messrs. W. B. Drake, L. A. Wetmore, W. A. Jack, Alfred Lordly, Robert Magee. Miramichi should send some contributions to the Exhibition. The Secretary, Mr. H. W. Wilson will be glad to answer any enquiries from intending exhibitors and any person interested may see the prize list, rules &c. at the ADVANCE Office.

Festival.

On Tuesday evening the teachers of St. Mary's Church Sunday School, assisted by members of the congregation, held a Festival in their School House, Chatham. The attendance was large, the children present numbering about eighty. A table extending from the platform down nearly the whole length of the building was filled twice by the little ones, who seemed to enjoy the good things provided, to the fullest extent. After tea they were allowed a half hour for play and they crowded a great amount of romping and childish fun into the time, their sport becoming infectious and their proceedings being imitated, to some extent, by the "children of a larger growth." As soon as the table could be removed a magic lantern exhibition was given accompanied with music, the little ones seeming to be delighted with the whole programme.

Before the close of the entertainment the scholars whose names are given below were presented with prizes for regular attendance. Preceding the presentation of rewards, the Rector gave a short address, expressing his hope and confidence that the zealous endeavors of all who had provided for the success of the festival had resulted in a general happiness and enjoyment. He trusted that the scholars would always look back with pleasure to the present festive occasion, not *chiefly* because of the bountiful provision for their enjoyment, made by their parents and teachers, for which they should indeed be thankful, but because so many had merited the prizes they were about to receive. He assured them that they could not have deserved these rewards in connection with the discharge of a higher duty than that of faithful attendance upon religious instruction. This they should esteem as one of the foundations of their happiness in time and in eternity. So he hoped they would prize their rewards, not according to their value in themselves, which might not be great, but that they would esteem them as mementos, of their success in the discharge of a great and important duty. He would urge upon all the great importance of making a faithful use of the especial advantages of their position, which supplies many reasons why scholars should be not only regular in attendance to instruction, but faithful in the preparation of their lessons, and why parents should be careful that both these duties are attended to. He earnestly desired that each one would endeavour to cultivate such habits of faithfulness in connection with the duties of the Sunday School as would in after life influence and adorn that christian profession and its doctrines which they ought so highly to value, and which was so full of blessings, for all who are faithful, both in time and in eternity.

He wished them all a "Very Happy New Year," and hoped it would be attended with much progress in all things connected with their temporal and eternal welfare.

The following is the list of scholars who obtained prizes for the year ending 1st Sunday in Advent 1879:—

Willie Fenety,	Sadie Gillispie,
Susie Gillispie,	Rupert Blair,
Ernest Blair,	Freddie Howard,
George Howard,	Lulu Howard,
Amanda Fliegher,	Watson Searle,
Bertha Pallen,	Melbourne Goggin,
Stafford Goggin,	Fred. Green,
James Green,	Willie Green,

Robert Coulson.

After the scholars had received their prizes, the Rector presented G. A. Blair Esq., who has lately been obliged to sever his connection with the Sunday School, with a handsome volume, in recognition of his long and faithful services as a Sunday School teacher. Mr. Blair made a suitable reply, expressing his pleasure that any unworthy efforts he had made to be useful had called forth any recognition such as the volume wherewith he had been presented, accompanied with the Rector's kindly expressions. He had endeavoured to perform his duty without anticipating any such reward as had now been presented to him and which he highly prized. He hoped that his humble efforts would not be without advantage to those whom he had endeavoured to instruct, and it had always been a pleasure to him in the past, and had not circumstances prevented, it would have given him satisfaction as it was his desire to have continued to devote himself to the all-important work of educating and establishing the children of the Church in their Holy Faith. He thankfully accepted the testimonial with which he had been presented.

The National Anthem was then sung and the proceedings of this highly enjoyable Festival were brought to a close.

Afraid of the Facts.

The *Advance* appears to have become morbidly sensitive. We have no doubt that it published both accounts of that Caraquet small pox case in good faith.—*Freeman.*

It is really not our fault that the *Freeman* still appears to misunderstand the Caraquet small pox case. The account we published first was sent by a correspondent who represented the matter as it then stood.—Captain Poulin was then believed to have died of small pox, because a person claiming to be a regular physician so declared and the passengers and crew of the schooner were in quarantine where they were placed by the proper authorities. The *Freeman*, although it ought to be acquainted with Gloucester matters, seemed to know nothing of this. It subsequently appeared to the authorities at Caraquet that the disease of which Capt. Poulin died was not small pox and the passengers and crew of the schooner were relieved from quarantine. This we also stated in our news columns. The *Freeman* attempted to contradict us and asked some "impartial" person to send it the facts. We understand that an "impartial" person did send it the facts and it is not our fault that the *Freeman* is displeased because they tally exactly with what we stated. Why does it not either remain silent on so small a matter or publish the facts which were sent in response to its public invitation? We published both accounts in good faith—the *Freeman* publishes neither, "and yet it is not happy." It ought to be in better temper during the holidays

Presentation.

The St. John *Globe* of 31st. inst., says: Last evening the members of St. John the Baptist Society, Carleton, waited upon Rev. W. C. Gaynor, President of the Society, and made him the recipient of a handsome cane and the following address:

Rev. and Dear Father,—

It is with feelings of pleasure we approach you, on this, the eve of a New Year. When we look at your untiring zeal towards the reform of the youthful portion of this community, it fills us with emotions of gratitude, and when we see the success that has crowned your efforts as President of our Society, our gratitude is still the deeper. It therefore becomes us to avail ourselves of this opportunity, to bestow upon you some token whereby you may see that the interest you have taken in us has not been in vain.

Accept, therefore, Rev. and Dear Father, this gift, insignificant as it is, as a mark of our esteem, and as an appreciation of your worth, wishing you the compliments of the season, and that the New Year may be to you a happy one, and hoping that you may be long left in our midst to continue the good work you have so successfuly commenced.

We have the honor to remain,
Very sincerely,
DAVID NEVILLE,
MICHAEL DINEEN,
JEREMIAH NOONAN,
JOHN ROSSITER,
} Committee.

The rev. gentleman replied that the presentation was a surprise to him—a great surprise indeed. When the Committee waited on him the evening before, he said, they had informed him that some very urgent business was to be transacted, but little did he think that this was their object in bringing him here. He thanked them sincerely for their kind sentiments in regard to the interest he had taken in them, but, he assured them, owing to ill-health, he could not take the interest in them that he would wish. Wherever he might go he would carry this gift as a souvenir of them. He heartily reciprocated their compliments, and hoped that the New Year might be to each and every one of them a happy and prosperous one.

The address was engrossed on parchment by Mr. John Rossiter. The cane which is a very handsome one, is of ebony, with a a massive gold head and mountings.

[Rev. Mr. Gaynor is, as our local readers know, a native of Chatham, and his many friends here will read the above with pleasure.—EDITOR]

General Notes and News.

PICTOU LEATHER: Messrs. R. Campbell & Son Pictou, shipped on December 20th, leather to England to the value of $3,000.00, and to Newfoundland, to the value of $1900.00.—*Herald.*

THE PAPAL DELEGATE.—The Most Revd. John Baptiste Scamella, of Gibralter, whom His Holiness Leo XIII. has chosen as successor to the late Monsignor Conroy, will leave Rome about the first of April for Canada and Newfoundland. Dr. Baptiste Scamella was born in Gibralter on the 13th of Sept. 1821, was educated in the Propaganda, Rome, and was raised to the Episcopacy 28th April, 1857.

WHAT IT COSTS:—The Toronto *Globe* having stated that the tariff increases the cost of a thousand ton ship $800, the Yarmouth *Tribune* remarks:—

"This may be correct for Quebec, where ships are built principally for sale, and after the cheapest fashion, but in the case of Yarmouth, where ships are constructed in the most thorough manner, and carefully finished, the increase in cost, under the present tariff, of a 1000 ton ship, will not be less than $1,800."

HONOR TO A ST. JOHN BOY.—Mr. Geo. Stewart, Jr. has just been elected an associate member of the L'Association Literare International of Paris. Victor Hugo is President of the Society, and its other members, it is stated, include the following: Tennyson, Beaconsfield, Gladstone, Emerson, Longfellow, Bancroft, Vann Lawns, Casttelar, the Prince of Wales, Grevy, (President of the French Republic,) Froude, Anthony Trollope, Leslie Stephen Blanchard Jerrold. The sociecy next meets in Madrid.—*Transcript.*

AN ANSWER:—The Toronto *Mail*, a few days ago, propounded the following question:—

"There is just one point on which we ask for information, viz: had the free trade party been sustained in September, 1878, what would they have done?"

The London (Ont.) *Advertizer* furnishes our contemporary with the following pithy and pertinent answer:—

"To answer this properly would require a good deal of space, but our esteemed contemporary may rest assured that there is one thing they would *not* have done—they would not have levied seven millions of additional taxes to collect two millions of revenue."

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.—The number of *The Living Age* for the week ending January 3d has the following valuable contents: The Letters of Charles Dickens, *Fortnightly Review*; "He that Will Not when he May," by Mrs. Oliphant; The Development of the Color Sense, *Macmillan*; St. John's Eve, by the author of "Patty"; First Impressions of the New World, by the Duke of Argyll, *Fraser*; A Deadly Feud, a Tale from France, by Rudolph Lindau, *Blackwood*; The Literary Calling and its Future, by James Payn, *Nineteenth Century*; A Hindu Almanac, *Saturday Review*; Some Victims of French Diplomacy, *Pall Mall Gazette*; together with the usual choice poetry and miscellany.

This number begins a new volume (the 144th) of this standard weekly magazine. Two new serial stories, one by Mrs. Oliphant, and the other by Mrs. Parr, the author of those thoroughly charming stories "Dorothy Fox" and "Hero Carthew," have been recently begun in *The Living Age*, from advance sheets, and the publishers present to new subscribers for 1880 the six numbers of 1879 which contain the opening chapters of both these serials. The present is therefore a favorable opportunity for subscribing.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year), the subscription price ($8) is low; while for $10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, including the extra numbers of the latter, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Correspondence.

Who is Responsible?

NEWCASTLE, Jan. 2nd 1880.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR:—There is quite a little tempest prevailing here over the withdrawal of the grant of $300 in aid of our High School. Of course there is a good deal of froth and fustian in the whole outcry and the matter will, in the end, be satisfactorily settled. I write, not for the purpose of entering into the particulars of "the outrage," as some of our frothy friends term it, but to direct attention to the howl raised in the *Advocate* against Dr. Rand, who is Chief Superintendent of Education and an employee of the Government in which the *Advocate's* pet representative of the County holds a portfolio. Now we know that the Board of Education is composed chiefly of the members of Government. Mr. Adams is a member of that Board. Why heap abuse on Dr. Rand and make no mention of Mr. Adams' responsibility for the alleged "outrage?" Is the *Advocate* afraid to speak out honestly and place blame where it belongs? Is the servant to be considered more responsible than the master? Without a word of comment the *Advocate* publishes poor Dr. Rand after the following fashion:—

We find by a School circular issued by the Board of Education, or, which probably means Dr. Rand, that it is his intention to destroy our High or Grammar Schools in connection with the Public Schools working under the present law, a change which came into force the 1st Nov., last, which indicates that our High School with all its venerable associations are to be numbered with the things of the past.

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By these manipulations of the Board or Dr. Rand, our High School is gone, unless the ratepayers step in and say emphatically they will not submit to it.

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Now any one acquainted with the Schools here, knows that the Grammar School is an institution that we have enjoyed for a long period, dating back perhaps for 30 or 40 years and that Dr. Rand by his precious tinkering at our Schools and School System, should be in a position, and has succeeded in taking away this privilege is indeed mortifying in the extreme, that he has been so long in a position to elaborate his pet educational theories without let or hindrance, and how he hopes to introduce a cast iron rule into our school System to suit the varied necessities of each and every School in the various localities of our Province is more than we can understand, but the fact exists that he is and has been for a long time doing it, that he is likely to air his pet theories for some time yet seem apparent, unless a superior power is shortly brought to bear. It is well known that Dr. Rand's educational propensities were not approved in Nova Scotia, and we think that our Government should have been chary of him, that is if our Government were really as anxious about these matters as they pretended to be.

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In the meantime under this Policy—our pupils are left in the predicament of, live horse and grass will grow—until Dr. Rand gets legislation on the subject. This is rather a strange proceeding, when his legislation on the subject is not in advance of his intentions and the necessary school requirements.

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We have hopes that there is more spirit in the Ratepayers and Parents of children in this community than to allow Dr. Rand to deprive us of this boon, insignificant though it may appear in his eyes. By this legislation he has taken away the grant of $300, which was the government allowance to the Principal of this School by his holding a Grammar School License.

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In the meantime, we hope our Trustees will not act hastily or rashly in this matter, until the matter is brought up for public consideration, at our next School meeting, that they will not hastily, or meekly acquiesce in Dr. Rand's or Inspector Cox's pressure to obliterate this School, until the expressed wishes of the Ratepayers have been obtained is desirous. The disposition to quietly smuggle the change upon us, without giving the public here an opportunity to discuss the subject is to be reprehended, and we think it was the Inspector's duty to have called a Public meeting ere this to discuss the contemplated change, rather than seek to enforce it, without as much as saying by your leave.

It has been whispered here that a certain member of the Government has determined to weaken Dr. Rand's influence in educational matters and it may be that the above has been written or inspired by said member. If so is it because he fonnd the Doctor too much for him at the Board, and thinks it better to have revenge in an obscure way rather than to have none at all? Or, if he looked upon the withdrawal of the $300 as an outrage why remain in a Government which pays no respect to his remonstrances in a matter affecting the interests of the community in which he resides? What has Mr. Cox to do with the question? Are we to infer that even the Inspector of Schools for a district has more influence with the Board than a member thereof, who is also a member of Government? But looking at the subject in the light of whisperings that have been heard in certain quarters, is it true that certain members of the Government knew nothing of the contemplated change until after it was effected? The *Advocate* has thrown a boomerang for the purpose of shielding the Hon. Mr. Adams, but its action proves either his complicity with Dr. Rand in the "outrage" or his incapacity as a member of the Board of Education, even in matters affecting Newcastle. Perhaps he will attend our annual school meeting and explain what he knows about the "outrage" or confess the extent of his ignorance of what was going on. It is a pity that his private Secretary who was here recently has gone back to Fredericton as he might assist in getting him out of the dilemma.

Yours G. OMETRY.

Church of St. John the Evangelist.

MR. EDITOR:—This handsome little church at Bay des Veuts does not need a great deal of decorating to make it look beautiful. The decorations for Christmas were as follows:—The windows in the Nave were hung with wreaths of fir and hemlock. At the entrance to the Chancel a temporary rood screen was erected upon which was the text, in evergreen letters on a white ground "Glory to God in the Highest." The reading desk was dressed with festoons of hemlock. The Lectern—an oaken eagle on a plain standard—was also festooned with hemlock, the, standard having a spiral above it. The base of the Lectern was covered with white wool, with small pieces of evergreen upon it. The pulpit was dressed with a double row of festoons, and the pillars of it with spiral trimmings. The top of the Font was surmounted with white wool and green sprigs, while the sides were hung with festoons and spirals of hemlock.

The service on Christmas day began by the congregation singing from Hymn A and M No. 61, "Christians awake; Venite, Gloria, Te Deum (Helmore) and Jubilate by the Choir. Hymns, "O, come all ye Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels sing," While Shepherds watched," etc. The Curate, Rev. E. P. Flewelling preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation from Luke 2nd Chap. 9 and 10 verses. Miss. Russel of Douglastown was organist on the occasion and she deserves more than a word of thanks from the congregation, as she contribituted to make the service on Christmas morning a real hearty one such as has not been heard in this Church since the days of the late lamented Rev. James Hudson. This Church has never been decorated at Christmas since the days of Mr. Hudson a period of not less than 15 years.

TEAZER.

Bass River Notes.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

DEAR SIR.—We do not often see our section noticed in your columns since your former correspondent ceased to enlighten your readers upon the subject of our progress and capabilities. But you must not suppose we are stationary. In fact, this section of the country is making more real and substantial progress than most other parts of the Province. Our people are going into farming and are finding a ready market for their products—as the superior quality of Weldford oats and potatoes is now well known both in St. John and Halifax. Our farmers are very wisely holding their oats, as from the high value of all farm products now in the great markets of world, it is evident that oats must soon touch on something like former prices — 40 to 50 cents per bushel of 34 lbs. A quantity has, however, been sold at 34 cts.

Fishing is again actively engaged in, but little Bass is taken, smelts, being the chief catch. One of your so-called respectable firms in Miramichi contributed somewhat to this. They agreed with some parties in this section to catch and ship them some bass. In the quantity shipped was some small fish; illegal to catch or ship. The parties bought them at a specified price. But in the spring, they, taking advantage of the law on the subject, refused to pay for any of the fish, big or small. For a cool calculating swindle on a small scale this can compare with those of even New York sharpers. It is hoped a full expose of the operations of this firm may be made so that the public can appreciate the character of the people in whom a former Minister of Marine interested himself to obtain remittance of fines very properly imposed.

A very pleasant affair took place Christmas Eve at the Manse, Bass River,—Supper and entertainment, consisting of music, singing, dialogues etc. ending with an amusing farce, was given by the ladies of Bass River congregation in aid of the Manse fund, and brought out the fact that some of our young people possess considerable dramatic talent.

RUSTICUS.

Bass River, 1st Jan. 1880.

We once heard an old-fashoned Methodist preacher, when called on to preach, say that he had not expected to, but that it was the duty of a Christian to be always prepared. This we presume was the case with a certain prominent lawyer, who the other evening at a social party was called on to ask a blessing. It was a part of the practice he was not familiar with, but it never does for a lawyer to intimate that there is anything he does not know, and so Mr.—lowered his head and asked a blessing as follows; "O, Lord, forgive us, we know not what we do. Amen." There was scarcely a dry eye around the table.

Highlanders have the habit when talking their English, such as it is, of interjecting the personal pronoun "he" where not required, such as "the King he has come." Often in consequence a sentence is rendered extremely ludicrous. A gentleman says he lately listened to the Rev. Mr.—, who began his discourse thus: "My friends you will find my text in the first epistle general of Peter, fifth chapter and eighth verse: 'The devil he goeth about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.' Now my brethren for your instruction I have divided my text into four heads. Firstly, we shall endeavour to ascertain who the devil he was. Secondly, we shall inquire into his geographical position, namely, 'Where the devil he was and where the devil he was going?' Thirdly, who the devil he was seeking. And fourthly and lastly we shall endeavor to solve a question which has never yet been solved—what the devil he was 'roaring about.'"

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