FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1879.

THE CHILD JESUS.

exhaustible.

cates that when the Messiah would come the heart of the fathers should be turned to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers. How remarkable that in the birth of Christ, and in his helpgreat means for the continuous fulfillment of those words of the Hebrew seer.

In every Christmas season there is a symbolical fulfilment of the ancient prophecy-the hearts of the parents are turned toward the children. As wise men brought their choice gifts of gold and fran'incense and myrrh and presented them to the promised and promising babe. so, now, everywhere, throughout all Christian lands, do parents, in honor of that babe of Bethlehem, make this season the most joyous of the year, and crown its joys by presenting gifts to the growing children of the day.

The incidents connected with the incarnation are thrillingly wonderful. How strange that birth in poverty, and that cradle in a manger. How suggestive that there was no room for Mary the mother of Jesus in that wayside inn. How remarkable that no lodger of that crowded inn had offered his apartments to Joseph and his young wife on that Decemper night. An inn is supposed to welcome and to entertain all comers; and vet neither for Joseph, nor for the young mother of Jesus, nor for the babe who was Immanuel-God with us, was there any welcome, or entertainment, or room in the inn.

The same Jesus comes again. He has of bacchanalian gatherings. been coming through the ages. He comes to us. He comes now. Are not our hearts like an inn? Do we not welcome and entertain many a guest? Jesus has stood at the door and knocked. Have onr hearts been so filled with other guests that there has been no room for him in the 19 All round the world, at this of Fredericton, and who, also, was a France, Russia, Austria, Italy, and to a season, and in almost every land, the imagination of mankind is stirred, the emotions are excited, and the heart beats quicker, because the mind of man has grasped the truth that God, in Christ the babe of Bethlehem, was manifest in the ffesh. It is not enough, however, that men intellectually shall receive the glad announcement. It is with the heart that man receives the Saviour unto righteous-Have we welcomed him to the guest?

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS.

PASSING AWAY.

This issue of our paper is the closing number of another year, and of another volume. The last hours of the year 1879 are rapidly passing away. Such a season must, to the thoughtful mind, suggest the essential transitoriness, brevity, and decadence of the things of this life. From the contemplation of these swift-flying moments we should look upon our life, our purposes, and endeavours in the light of the eternal world. What is our life? Is it simply an every-day struggle for food and raiment, for the acquisition of property and position, for the gratification of selfish aims and desires; or is it an unceasing striving after better things, and the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth?

member that for us, as individuals, there things. How are we affected by our connection with these things that perish with the using? When we look upon the pic made another call, where, again, was a dents, or "captains," of the mines are ture that rises up before us, do we recog- young lady acquaintance presiding over Cornish men, and brothers, namely, Capnize, as its background, the eternal and the drawing room, and over the wine cup, tain John Bryant, and Captain Nicholas and permanent things; and what the ing wine. Here, likewise, he declined. The buildings in which are the blast failing interest.

gard those things that we see as the sparkling bowl. He still declined. "But," the top of the blast furnaces, and of wit- lines of traffic. things that are real and permanent. How same, "you will drink just one glass nessing the depositing of ore, coal, coke, many things appear to us to be immu- of wine with me-George, wont you?" and limestone at the top of the furnace. table. We speak of the "everlasting on power on the tempsing drink. She We saw also the molten liquid drawn hills," of the "unwasting sun," of the handed it to the frail young man. Before from the lower end of the furnace, and "unchanging natural laws." Those the tremendous power of that terrible then cast into moulds, thus making what is things that we can appreciate with the crisis, his resolution and his manliness called pig iron. eye, and the ear, and the touch, we think gave way. George broke down: he ignoto be real. But when one year is passing bly fell; he drank the fatal wine.

away, and another year is coming, we oracles of God.

This issue of the Wesleyan will find There is an important sense, of course, its way into the hands of several thou- in which the things of this world are real sands of its readers on the day set apart and are important. But "passing away" by the Christian world as that of the is, nevertheless, written upon every thing Saviour's birth. We can never, by study of earth. The things that are invisible, and contemplation, too fully comprehend that belong to the spiritual realm, that the divine love, the infinite wisdom, and mould human character, that affect the the surpassing wonder which are appar- destiny of man-the things that eye can ent in that scene at Bethlehem. The in- not see, nor ear hear, nor hand touchspiring theme must continue to be, to the these are of transcendent importance, and mind and to the heart, ever tresh and in- of eternal interest. Do we estimate aright the fashion of this world which passeth The closing prophecy of the Old Testa- away? Have we learned so to look upon ment is peculiarly significant. It indi- those things as to be saved from bondage and fear and trembling concerning the future? How brief to all of us is the journey of life. How unexpectedly short is time to some of us. How thick throng the coming changes. How many voices less infancy, as the opening records of call to us, as another dying year is passthe Gospels show, we should have the ing away, to prepare to meet our God. Every tick of the clock strikes off an emphatic homily. Every beating pulse tells that the end is drawing on apace. Blessed are they who, when the bridegroom cometh, have the lamp trimmed and burning.

WHO SLEW THEM?

The Order of the Sons of Temperance was introduced into New Brunswick in April 1847. York Division, Number Two. was instituted on the fourteenth day of that month in Fredericton. A few months later another branch of that Order known as Brunswick Division, was organized there: The summer and autumn of that year were remarkable because of the inslaves of intemperance. The wrecks that longed to every class, and to almost every age, in the community. There were old to a large extent, the products of Europe. men there who were tottering on the American gold was sent in immense quanbrink of the drunkard's grave. There tities to pay for European products. Now was nearly run. And there were young and Canada have become much greater men who once had high hopes, bright prospects, and manly vigour, but who few years ago. Their grain, their cattle, had learned to drink of the sparkling cup, and other products, conveyed by quickand to revel amid the perilous excitements sailing steamers, can be landed on the

the inebriating cup, and to secure enrol- compete. The gold of Europe must, therement in the membership of the youthful fore, come to America, in increasing quan-Order. Amongst this number was a tities, to pay the balances of the trade. young Englishman whom we will call The martial attitude of Europe is one George, who, at that time, was a resident of its most deplorable features. Germany, somewhat notorious drunkard, and who, great extent England, are bristling with gates of the grave in delirium tremens. taken from the plough, and the work-George was then only about three and shops, of those nations, amounts to severtwenty years of age, He had unusually al millions. Those millions of men are favourable, social, and educational ad- not only non-producers, but are a terrible town had fairer prospects than might have they see that the nations of Europe been his. But he, so early, had become a ought to be so united in a commercial, Is he now with us an abiding drunkard. Earnest temperance workers and political, Zollverein, or federation, secured his admission into Brunswick Di- that a war between any of those countries vision. The reclaimed youth determined would be really a civil war, against which now, apparently, with earnest purpose, to every civilized land should lift its voice in enter upon a career of sobriety, and honour, and usefulness. Month after month, all went well, Those days, for temperance workers, and for many a reformed man, were what we called palmy days.

On the first day of January, 1848, lady, at whose residence he had called that day, invited him to take a glass of have come. wine. He declined, with thanks, stating that he had not drank a drop for months, and intended to drink no more. The young lady did not press her invitation; but, wisely, commended him for his worthy purpose.

In a few minutes more George had called at the residence at another young lady. an earnest toiling for the upbuilding of Here he was again invited to take a glass et wine. He again declined with apolo-When we realize that another year is gies. This young lady, knowing his weakpassing away we can scarcely tail to re- ness did not urge her temptation; but, is manufactured is of a very valuable like the former one, also complimented will come, ere long, the end of all earthly him upon his noble resolution, and ex-

invisible world? What to us are the real Here, also, he was asked to take the flow Bryant. things of lesser value, and of tading and with thanks the proffered beverage. This furnaces, puddling furnaces, rolling mills, the details of this useful work which conyoung lady, however, with fascinating etc., are very extensive. We had the How great the danger that we shall re- persuasiveness, pressed upon her guest the pleasure of ascending, by the elevator, to the vastarmy of men engaged upon these figure in the anna s of almost many of the pleasure of ascending, by the elevator, to the vastarmy of men engaged upon these

may give ourselves to contemplative was drinking brandy in a Regent Street furnaces, and rolling mills. Here we moods, and seek to test the relative value | bar-room. Within another fifteen minutes | saw the pig iron melted; puddled; conof the seen and the unseen, by those modes he was staggering in the crooked ways of verted into balls about the size of a half busof measurement which we find in the the drunkard on the snowy streets. With- hel basket; then put through the rolla sorrowful listener tingle.

George was reinstated in his member- usual kinds. ship in the Order. But he quickly broke

There was another one-a fair young mills. heart whose life seemed bound up in him, A considerable quantity of the iron is and in his fate, who thereafter refused to sold, in its "pig iron" condition, for be comforted, and who nevermore appear-foundry purposes, in different parts of the to do. In six months more her strength the business of the Mines may be interred had failed, and her heart was broken, and from the fact that the company pays the mains into the resting place of the dead, 000 per month, all the year round, for as, in the previous May, we had helped freight of coal, and other materials, to to perform the same sad office for her Londonderry. This amount does not inlover. We have never once, since then, clude charges for freight of iron from seen a fair hand pass the wine cup to ant the works. The present population of Alother, without thinking of those friends of bion Mines village is about three thouour youth, and of their fate; and of how sand five hundred. About six hundred bitter a tragedy may grow out of a New men are employed by the Company. Dur-Year's call, and a glass of wine.

Who slew those young persons?

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

The situation in Europe, as the year gathering, into those organizations, of 1879 is approaching its close, is far from many persons who had long been, more being satisfactory. The whole continent or less completely, the victims and the is suffering from the effects of poor harvests, and unremunerative labour, and strong drink had made in that town be- commercial depression generally. A few years ago the American cities consumed. were middle-aged inebriates whose race a change has come. The United States producers, relatively, than they were a shores of the old world, and can be put Many of those who had been wounded upon its markets at prices with which the by strong drink, were induced to abandon old world producers can not successfully

several times, had been brought to the bayonets. The number of men who are He was a general favourite in the circles those countries. When will those nations in which he moved. No young man in the learn to have war no more? When will intelligent and emphatic denunciation?

When those mighty armies shall dwindle into a few skeleton brigades, and the millions who are now building fortresses, and gethering together the munitions of war, shall turn to the avocations of peace-George followed the custom of the place ful industry, then, indeed, to that continin making New Year's calls. A young ent that now almost trembles beneath the tread of its armed hosts, will better days

ACADIAN MINES.

We visited the Acadian Mines on Saturday 13th inst. This locality is about two miles from Londonderry Station, on the Inercolonial Railway, and is in a picturesque valley of the Cobequid Mountains. It is the centre of the operations of the Acadian Mines Iron Manutacturing Company. A branch railway leads from Londonderry to the mines. The ore from which the iron

quality, containing a large percentage of iron, and is taken from two mines, one at pressed a hope that he would never fall. the east side of the village, and the other Again, in a short time more, he had at the west side. The two superinten-

containing the blast furnaces are the spat I they have charge.

Within fifteen minutes thereafter George cious structures containing the puddling in another hour the sad tidings of the ing process; then drawn out between the downfall of George-the first known viola- wheels of various kinds, and sizes, into tion of the Sons of Temperance pledge in bars of round iron, varying in thickness Fredericton-had made the ears of many from a quarter of an inch to six inches. and into bars of flat iron of the several

In June last, owing to the depression away again. He was again placed upon in the iron business, the Company sushis feet in the brotherhood. Nothing, pended their works at the mines almost however, it appeared, could save him. entirely. The recent a lyance in the The winter passed away. The spring price of iron, has led to a resumption of time came. In the month of the following the business. And now the work is May, demoralized, and despairing, he, thoroughly manned, and the business is under the overmastering power of deliri- being carried on extensively, day and um tremens, plunged into the waters of night. The blast furnace turns out about the Nashwaaksis River, near Fredericton, fifty tons of pig iron per day. From twenand thus met the untimely fate of the ty-five to forty tons per day pass through the puddling turnaces, and the rolling

ed to smile as she had hitherto been wont. Dominion. Some idea of the extent of we, with others, lowered the lifeless re- Intercolonial Rankway an average of \$10,ing the last two years Mr. Jamme has finits or flowers, should take a paper exbeen the chief manager of the works. He | clusively devoted to these subjects, as is has the reputation of being not only thor- "Purdy's Fruit Recorder, and Cottage oughly devoted to the interests of the Gardener,"—a monthly of 16 press, at stock holders of the Company, but of be- \$1.00 per year, published in that great ing highly esteemed by his many em- Flower City and fruit section, Rochester, ployees, and of being very popular in the | N. Y., but controlled and edited by community generally.

> at 'he head-quarters of this extensive having over one hundred acres into fruits manufacturing and business industry, to flowers, &c., and editing his paper from a find posters announcing that the price for practical daily experience, and years of tickets of admission to a lecture, on that | close observation and study. Send to him, evening had been fixed at twenty-five at Palmyra, N. Y., for a specimen copy. cents each, and forty cents for reserved. It will speak for itself. Or by sending on seats. We were even more astonished to the subscription price now (\$1.00) you find, on going to the half, that it was fill- get the full volume for 1880, and either of ed, at those rates.

> there, Rev. R. B. Mack, had his Anniver- three last numbers for 18,9, or Purdy's sary Missionary Sermons preached on the | 64-page Small Fruit work, or either his last Sabbath. The financial results were beautiful Fruit or Flower piece, 13x16 highly satisfactory.

THE RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND.

pidly. The Halifax South Circuit list | ana, or 25 strawberry plants of the best shows a total of \$999 50. The Andorer sorts grown for this latitude, or six assort-Circuit list, Conference of New Bruns- ed hardy rasberry plants, or six best hardy total of \$15.37. There are upwards of 600 circuits yet to be heard from.

The Treasurers have received since former acklowledgements, from Charvantages. He was attractive in manners. burden upon the toiling tax-payers of lottetown, per Rev. H. P Cowperthwaite. \$200.00; from Halifax South, per Rev. S. B. Dunn. \$304.00.

> The cash receipts to date are within a fraction of \$20,000.

CHRISTIAN WORK BY AND FOR RAIL-ROAD MEN, OR CHRISTIAN MEN

The International (Y. M. C. A.) Committee have just issued an interesting document in the shape of a Report of the recent Conference of Railroad Young Men's Christian Associations held at Altoona, Pa. 116 Christian Railroad men from all grades in the service were present.

Papers approving and advocating the work were read, from Messrs. C. Vanderbilt of the New York Central; F. R. Myers and R. F. Smith of the Penna System of Roads, and other prominent R. R. Managers. The aim of the International Committee has been to organize Christian Railroad Men, at the leading R. R. Centres, and to open Reading Rooms, placing them, and the social and religious work conducted in them under the charge of competent Christian men called Railroad Secretaries.

There were present at Altovna, Secreturies and Delegates from New York, Chicago, Cleaveland and Columbus, Indianapolis, Louisville, Detroit and other Railroad centres.

Full reports were made of the methods and usefulness of the work, and this pam phlet gives account of seventy of these organizations of Christian Railroad men.

No one who reflects upon the vast interests represented by the Railroads of the country can fail to be interested in templates the benefit and best welfare of

So strongly does this work commend itself wherever it is wisely prosecuted. that in almost every instance were Railroad Secretaries are employed the Rail. human life. An article by Prot. Alexroad Companies and Officials co-operate in the support, and in the maintenance of A few hundred feet from the buildings the social and religious work of which the data of physical science, and on which

We would call attention to the advertisement of the Rural New Yorker in another. column, (which is a 16-page illustrated agricultural weekly.

Every subscriber to that paper will receive a package of the plants and seeds of the great Seed Distribution.

A full illustrated description of the seeds and plants will be sent to all who apply for a sample copy to the Rural New Yorker, New York City. Below we give a condensed list of the seeds and plants that are offered:

FIRST-The Cuthberth Raspberry-Two Plants E. P. Hoe, says of it: "As far as I can now judge, it seems to me the most valuable Raspberry, and I have planted five times as many of this variety as of all others put together." Judge Parry says: "The Cuthberth is far ahead of all others in abundance of fruit, size of

berry and hardiness." T. S. Force says: "No Raspberry can be more highly recommended for general purposes SECOND-The Telephone Pea. The new Eng. lish Pea. At present held in England at \$30 pe bushel at wholesale.

THIRD-Mold's Ennobled Oats. Mr. Mold of England, is the introducer of this variety. On the farm of the Rural New Yorker it yielded last season, at the rate of 86 bushels per acre. FOURTH-Ables Sibirica -One of the hardiest

and most beautiful evergreens known. FIFTH-Seeds of Magnolias, Soulangeanna, Lennei, Acuminata, Frascri, Glauca and Umbrel

SIXTH-Seeds from Seedlings of the new Iris Kæmpteri. Hardy SEVENTH-Seeds of the splended Pape Vine-Aristolochia Sipho. Hardy

Eighth -Seeds of the Man Root. Ipomora lea tophylla. Hardy. NINTH-Seeds of Bebb's Now Aguileginsbearing the largest flowers of any of the Colum-

TENTH- Hybrid Pentstemous. New beautiful herdy.

N.B.—The above rare collections of seeds are estimated to be worth \$2.50. Many of them cannot at present be purchased.

EVERY PERSON, engaged in growing A. M. Purdy, of Patmyra, N. Y., a We were somewhat startled on arriving slife-long fruit grower and florist, and now the following premiums, post paid, now Our energetic and successful minister, or next spring, as you may choose. The inches, or four assorted pot grown roses. or tonr assorted geraniums, or ten papers assorted choice flower seed, or one strong root of the most beautiful, hardy, and The circuit lists are now coming in ra- fragrant Honeysuckle grown - the H le-

In the North American Review for Jan-

uary, M. Ferdiand de Lesseps examines

the different schemes that have been pro-

posed for the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. He pronounces the Nicaragua Canal project to be inadequate, and insists upon the necessity of a canal baving one level of water from ocean to ocean. The Nicaragua route is in the first place too long, being two hundred and ninety-five kilometers; then, its twenty-one locks would make navigation so slow that there would be practically no saving of time, and great steamships could more profitably go round Cape Horn. Even were the Nicaragua Canal to be constructed, M de Lesseps holds that it could never be anything else than a channel for inferior navigation : it could never accommodate the large vessels which now carry the world's commerce. The second artical is by Francis Parkman, who reviews the arguments adduced in lavor of woman-suffrage by five advocates of that measure in the November unmeer of the Review. When the great mass of womankind demands the right of suffrage, it will be accorded, says Mr Parkunn; but with all the agitation of this questi a during several decades, the female sex is still content to be represented in political affairs by their male relatives. November less, woman may exert a very great pow r in the commonwealth. If they are s und in body and mind, impart this soundness to a numerous offspring and real them to a sense of responsibility and duty, there are no national evils that we cannot overcome. Mr. Froude, in the latter half of his article " Romanism and the Itish Bace in the United States," recount the history of Euglish rule in Lenand. The hat of is, according to uim, a successor of bid ders on the part of the success ve English governments. The one English rulet whose policy might have resulted in zond both to England and to I can , was Oiver Cromwell. If the Irish people and been subject to such int a sa plator te generations, they would in a disculberal Lave followed the examination of the Hilanders, and become Calvins, Herry James, Jr., contributes an archeen d life and letters of the emment French cutic Cainte-Beuve, one of the most interesting author ana yzes with rare senithe minici constitution of rainte Beuve, exhitting the remarkable combination of quarties possessed by him, namely, a passen to scholar hip and an intense sympatry with ander Wincheli on "The Metaphysics of Science" goes to demonstrate the existhe principles of science are dependant

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