

our present disgraceful dilemma. But the ship of state has not yet foundered; she has encountered fierce storms; has been in imminent peril; on her beam-ends; but by the temperance, intelligence, and good management of some of her officers, and by the grace of God, she righted and rode out of the storms. Let us not again put to sea with unworthy seamen. We can have the best as cheaply as the worst, and in the end they prove much cheaper; for in the latter case there will be no plundering, stealing, or robbing, and we shall not live in the constant fear of shipwreck.

"Weed them out." In all communities, in all societies, among all bodies of men, there will be found moral delinquents, intellectual imbeciles, and social lepers. They must be weeded out and cast aside, lest they choke or contaminate the true and the pure. Then look out for the future, to see that only good men be chosen to represent us, make laws for us, and attend to our public affairs. We want only *trustworthy, temperate, capable and judicious* servants, and if we are wise we shall have them. Let no more drunkards, corruptionists, public thieves, libertines, or vagabonds disgrace us or our legislative bodies.

KEEP SOME FOR HOME.

Why is it that we so often treat those we love best with indifference? Is it because we are ashamed to show our love, or that we think they must know how we feel toward them, and it is unnecessary for us to give them the little attentions that we are careful to give to those for whom we have a slight regard. Is we only knew how frequently we hurt the feelings of those whose happiness is more to us than our own happiness, we would weigh well our actions, or, more properly, our lack of action. If we have not time to do acts of kindness and consideration for the general public and our own loved ones, by all that helps to make life worth living, let us neglect the general public and care for those who look to us for happiness and consideration.

When we are away from home, and time is limited for correspondence, do not give that time to the one whom you fear will be annoyed if you do not write, but to the one who waits lovingly, longingly for the message of remembrance, and who, if it does not come, will invent scores of excuses for its non-appearance, and give no expression to their disappointment. There are souls whose affection, like some flowers, flourishes under neglect. But many friendship buds of bright promise have never reached maturity because they were not prized, not cared for properly. But who can tell of the love that has been blighted in our own immediate circle, of the heart-aches carried through life, of the ones who have drifted outside of home and kindred for the sympathetic courtesy and attention that was denied them because "they are one of ourselves?"

Do not be afraid to show your love by acts of kindly attention and thoughtfulness, and learn to value fully the love within your grasp.

HOW TO KILL A PRAYER MEETING.

1. Forget all about it until the hour arrives.
2. Come ten minutes late and sit near the door.
3. Drag the music. Slow, painfully slow singing is so appropriate for a dead prayer meeting.
4. When the meeting is begun, wait for others to speak and pray.
5. When you take part occupy about twenty minutes.
6. Be sure and Lewail the low spiritual condition of the church.
7. When the meeting closes go out as

from a funeral. You can speak with your brethren or the stranger at some other place.  
8. If you mention the meeting during the week tell how dull it was.  
If this does not kill the prayer meeting stay away entirely for six months or a year.  
—Etc.

CURRENT EVENTS.

DOMESTIC.

Mrs. Robertson, of Lot 49, P. E. I., is hale and hearty and now in her 106th year.

The steel works of Acadia Mines (N. S.) are being lighted with electricity.

Steamer "State of Maine" is expected on the Boston St. John route on the 10th inst. Her reappearance will be gladly welcomed.

Prince Edward Island is moving in the matter of securing improved winter communication with the mainland.

A telegraphic message has now been sent from Winnipeg to Montreal entirely through Canadian territory. Complete railroad communication will only be a few months later.

The losses of all vessels, British and foreign, reported as having been lost in Canadian waters during last year was 199. The lives lost were 209. The most notable instances were the "Amsterdam" and the "Daniel Steinman." The lives lost the previous year were 259.

The English Government has conceded to the colony of Newfoundland the privilege of negotiating directly with the government of the United States for the renewal of the fishery clauses of the treaty of Washington, independently of any action or negotiation by the Government of Canada.

Despatches received here this afternoon from New York and Ottawa announce the death of Hon. Isaac Burpee in the former city. Although Mr. Burpee was known to be in a critical condition for some time past, his death was unexpected, and the sorrowful news was a great shock to the community. Mr. Burpee was only fifty-nine years old.

March was ushered into existence by a series of snow squalls, followed in the evening by thunder and lightning and a heavy rain storm,—rather lion-like than otherwise. The rain continues to descend to-day and the snow is fast disappearing. Since the storm began over an inch and three quarters of rain has fallen. The general direction of the wind has been south west.

A telegram to Messrs. A & W. Smith, of Halifax, received on Saturday, states the crew of the barque Eriana, of Maitland, N. S., recently seen abandoned at sea, were taken off by the steamer Deerhound from Hull, and landed at Fortress Monroe. Two of the barque's crew were lost.

At the approaching session of the Local Legislature, a bill will be presented by a number of business men on the Miramichi asking for the necessary legislation to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing and operating a marine slip on the Miramichi River so that vessels of 1,000 tons burthen can be hauled up and repaired there. The company will have a capital stock of \$30,000 about half of which is now subscribed to do a good business in the line of reclassing vessels. The site for the slip has not been decided.

A man named Belonie Theriault, of Madawaska county, killed his infant child by choking it to death with a strap. It appears that some of Theriault's children went to the barn to feed his cattle, and as they were absent an unusual length of time, Theriault suggested to his wife that she had better go and ascertain if anything was wrong. She did so, and left her infant child in the house with her husband, who, during the mother's absence, procured a strap and tied it around the child's neck and pulled it until it caused its death. The child was dead when the mother returned to the house. Theriault was arrested and is now in custody of the sheriff. The man is insane, and returned from the Asylum last fall, where he had been confined times before. He will be again taken to the Asylum.

The delegation which came to St. John from Quebec to obtain, if possible, the influence of St. John with the Dominion Government to secure the adoption of the proposed short line railway through their city, met our people at the Court House

yesterday afternoon, 2nd inst. Their views at Halifax had a successful issue, and the views of Quebec were sustained. In St. John the result is different, for now, as ever, she calls loudly for the construction of the Megantic Line.

FOREIGN.

The London News hears it is contemplated to open the River Gambia, in Western Africa, to the trade of all nations. The river hitherto has been open only to English and partially French trade.

Steamer *Allegheny*, from Cardiff for Gallci, has been lost. Her crew numbering thirty persons were drowned.

Queen Victoria has ordered Mr. Boehm, sculptor, to make a bust of Gen. Gordon for Windsor Castle.

*La France* describes the reports of the meeting of the dynamiters' convention as a hoax. The paper says no such meeting has been held in Paris.

The London Government has ordered a thorough medical inspection to be made at once of every regiment in the British army, in order to make a correct estimate of the number of men in each command actually fit for active service in the field.

A large house at Cosenza, capital of the Italian Province of the same name, was wrecked on March 2nd by the fall of a floor. Sixty persons were in the building at the time of the disaster and were all injured more or less severely. Twenty of them are not expected to recover.

The police at Strasburg have discovered a number of English recruiting officers in civilian dress alleged to be secretly enlisting men for service in the British army. General Mantonuffel, Governor of Alsace-Loiraine, has issued orders to prevent such enlistments in future and the recruiting agents have been warned that unless they desist they will be liable to summary arrest and expulsion from the province.

The medical inspection of every regiment in the British army was ordered yesterday, or is in progress to-day. It is undoubted in some circles that war with Russia hangs by a thread. Negotiations between Russia and England respecting the Russo-Afghan frontier are said to have reached a very delicate stage. M. Lessar, Russian commissioner, has urged such sweeping demands that England cannot accept anything approaching them, and the complete collapse of the delimitation project and early advance of Russia's troops towards Herat are expected.

The situation in the Soudan has been greatly relieved during the week by the strange inaction of the Mahdi. General Buller's retreat was really a run for life in forced time instead of a dignified withdrawal, as it was originally described to be. Gen. Brackenbury is almost within touch of Abu Hamed, where he will stay for a time and the first campaign will thus come to a standstill. The total loss of the British in the desert campaign since leaving Korti in killed and wounded is 30 officers and 450 men. The diaries kept by Gen. Gordon during the siege of Khartoum have been sent by Wolseley to London and will be received next week. They comprise six manuscript volumes. The government has already arranged for publishing extracts in a new blue book.

The British troops will remain in the vicinity of Korti during the summer and be lodged in straw huts. The greatest fears are entertained concerning the effects of the torrid heat, and the most conservative think the mortality among the troops will be large, although, perhaps, not as great as during a continued retreat under the desert sun. The Arabs are undoubtedly fully aware of the existence of numbers of hidden wells in the desert, and this knowledge, it is thought, will enable them, despite the destruction of public wells by General Buller, to follow and harass the British with large forces.

UNITED STATES.

Two attempts were made Wednesday night by discharged employes, to burn the Ohio blind institute at Columbus.

The Kentucky state college at Lexington, is in a state of rebellion over the discharge of a student who failed to attend the recitations. Sixty-three marched out with him.

Gen. Grant's condition is reported unchanged. The general was during the day as usual, but his physicians and friends have given up all hope of his recovery. His doctors say he is gradually sinking. There were many callers at the house to-day.