GOVERNMENT REPLY

To the Memorial Presented by the Lumbermen

Of the Province in Regard to the Stumpage Question—Propose to Double the Charge for

Renewal Licenses.

The following reply from the provincial government to the memorial presented by the lumbermen and limit holders association at Chatham on ted to the legislative assembly for September 29th, has been received: Messrs. Hilyard, Kilgour Shives, W. B. Snowball, John A. Moore, G. G. King, E. Hutchinson, R. A. Lawlor, committee of the lumbermen and lim-

it holders association, Gentlemen,—I am directed to inform you that I submitted to the executive touncil your memorial of the 29th September last, and to say that the matters therein referred to have received my careful consideration.

As you have made recommendation reference to the administration of the crown lands which are very important, it will perhaps be well to refer to them in detail, and to acquaint you with the views of the government In respect thereto, under the different

1. The question of allowing tops to be removed without payment of stumpage is one involving serious difficulties and after consultation with the officers of the department, who are fully competent to judge upon these matters, the executive council has reluctantly been forced to the concluslon that it cannot accede to your views. You will remember that this matter was brought up before the department of crown lands some years ago and the surveyor general endeavbred to meet the views of the lumber men in this regard, but, finding that advantage was taken throughout the different sections of the province by for this and other reasons it is not considered advisable in the public interests that the present policy in this

2. While the executive council is im-

pressed with the view put forward in

the several paragraphs of your memorlal with reference to the increased cost attending the procuring of lumber and getting it to market, yet it should be borne in mind that the province has In recent years expended large amounts of money in the building of railways, which have very considerably lessened the cost of taking the supplies to the head waters of the rivers where lumbering operations are carried on ,and this fact, as well as the reduced cost of supplies, should be taken consideration in determining what would be a fair rate of stumpage. It must also be borne in mind that since the adoption by the government of the policy of granting the licenses for 25 years, the value of the holdings of licensees has increased enormously. Many licensees who purchased at the upset price of \$8 per square mile, now hold their lands at \$100 and upwards; and while it may be true that the cost ber lands of the province have been the of the executive that the price of

procuring lumber, difference in freights executive

ceptional cases should any reduction

No. 5, the executive council recognizes that there are throughout the province certain areas under license upon which the timber is not likely at any time, when cut, to become what would be termed merchantable; but the same remarks as made in reference to No. 4 must apply to these cases, namely, each case must be the subject of special application and receive the sanc tion of the executive, upon report of an officer of the crown land depart-

6. With regard to the recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of the memorial, the executive council has decided that new regulations shall be made for the better protection of the forests from fire and that ample

timber lands throughout the province. 7. The recommendation contained in paragraph 7 that all persons going i the woods during the dry season shall

Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario and DR. AGNEW'S OINTMENT CURES EO-

The executive council is, however, opinion that the scales and rates of stumpage and renewal charges in the provinces of Quebec and On-tario do not afford a safe guide upon which the government could act in the discharge of its duty to the people of this province. The charges to be made for the public property must be based upon the conditions existing in New Brunswick, and it is the duty of the executive to improve such rates as the state of the lumber business from time to time will reasonably war

rant. After the very fullest and most careful consideration the executive council has determined that a fair rate to now improve would be for renewal licenses the sum of \$8 per square mile, and that the stumpage rate should be \$1.25 per thousand upon spruce, pine, fir and cedar, and a proportionate rate on other lumber The above rate of stumpage will be exacted upon the cut of the present season, and the increased mileage

charge on renewal licenses will be enforced on all future renewals. Regulations will be made to carry this decision into effect and any legislation which may be deemed necessary by the executive to bring the propose changes into operation will be submit-

enactment.

9. With reference to the suggestion of your committee contained in paragraph 9 of the memorial, that in case of is the intention of the government to raise the stumpage, the term of the present leases should be extended for period of 25 years from the date of the increased stumpage, the executive council would call your attention to the fact that at the time the policy of granting long leases was determin ed upon, it was clearly understood by the lumbermen that the right was reserved to the government at any time to increase the stumpage, and also the mileage rate; and in view of this fact the government does not think it de sirable that the question of granting a further extension should form an element in considering the amount of stumpage and mileage rate to be paid. 10. Referring to paragraph 10 of the nemorial, while the executive council recognizes to the fullest extent the great desirability of preserving from encroachment of trespassers the li-censed crown timber lands of the province, yet it cannot accede to the prothey are under license, not be opened fying to that gentleman as well as to for settlement. The policy of the govalue was in any way interested in Mr. Weaver has associated with him whose parents were not aware that the whose parents were not aware that the manual policy of the govalue was the school had a first least and consequently and conse ernment is that whatever suitable it, to know that the enterprise is like lands for settlement are available ly to prove successful beyond their Reid and Mr. Prince, all of whom have This child, along with several others, bertain operators who claimed that a control operator operators who claimed that a control operator operators who claimed that a control operator operator operators who claimed that a control operator operator operator operators who claimed that a control operator opera opportunity should be given to bona tailed account of the acquisition of the applicants to settle upon such lands. The department, however, will be careful in the future, as in the viding of efficient instructors, has all distinct classes, with pupils ranging a school of this kind, and the rooms

> 11. As to the statement in paragraph 11 of your memorial, the government intends to introduce an act relating to the survey and exportation of lumber, so as to meet the difficulties suggested in this paragraph.

12. The suggestion made in paragraph 12 of the memorial merits favorable consideration, and it is the intention of the government, as far as are no less than seventy-five to one sent under Mr. Weaver's direction, possible, to have base lines run over hundred deaf children of school age, were for a short time in attendance at all the crown lands, so that the evil in the prevince of New Brunswick. complained of may be remedied.

see its way clear to make any general sion many certificats bearing testimony ago, can now be heard quite plainly ation allowing for the cut of log of a smaller size than that already In conclusion, the executive council

desires me to say that the preserva-

owing to the higher rate of wages now eration, recognizing as it does, the prevailing, it is within the knowledge great importance to the province of er in the local markets has very industry. The executive council is preserving and encouraging this great largely increased, and is in many cases fully aware that the policy which was nearly fifty per cent higher than it adopted in 1893 of granting long leases was ten years ago. These facts can- has been an important feature in this not be ignored by the government as direction, having given an incentive trustees of the public in determining which did not previously exist to the licensees to take all possible means to 3. The question of having different protect their holdings. The question rates of stumpage in different sec- of whether or not it is desirable to still tions of the province is a very imfurther extend the terms of the licportant one, and the executive council enses, thereby ensuring greater perfelt that a great deal could be manency of tenure, is one of great imsaid in favor of discriminating in this portance and will receive the most regard, having reference to the acces- careful attention. In this connection sibility to markets, the facilities for it may be proper to observe that the and other circumstances, but it has equitable claims of those who have incouncil recognizes the been decided to acquiesce in the views vested large amounts of money in the put forward by you in behalf of the erection of mills, the building of booms, nbermen and continue the uniform wharves, etc., in connection with the carrying on of lumbering and milling 4. In respect to recommendation No. 4 operations, to hold lands for the purcontained in your memorial, the execu- pose of supplying their mills. tive council feels that it would not be Upon the other hand, your committee in the interests of the province that a will readily recognize the obligations tively in use in the Roman Catholic regulation of general effect should be which may be urged and which would made regarding the reduction of naturally have weight with the people stumpage to operators cutting on of the province against permanently Helen Gould, through her secretary, burnt districts, but has decided that in cases of this kind application must be made to the surveyor general and in cases of this kind application must first affording an opportunity to all Irvington yesterday, "is to make people be made to the surveyor general, and persons to acquire an interest therein, give the subject some thought. There as March 1, 1904, will be admitted. A letter announcing the forwarding of if they saw fit to do so. In considercouncil for decision, and each case will ing this question, it must be apbe dealt with upon its merits; but the proved from the standpoint of the general opinion is that only in very exto protecting the large number of persons throughout the province who color or nationality. 5. In regard to your recommendation are engaged in this industry. The government recognizes the great importance of speedily ariving at a proper conclusion, and your committee may

rely upon the subject receiving the fullest consideration. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, A. T. DUNN.

Surveyor General Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 4, 1903. MODERN HIGH LIFE.

"Has Mrs. Dash decided not to coninue her suit for divorce?" "Yes. Her engagement to Percy Specie is off."-Brooklyn Life.

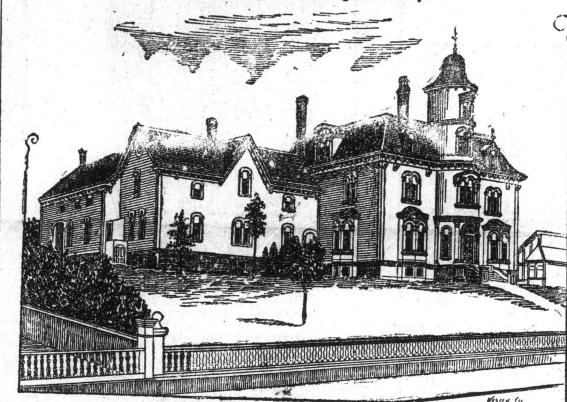
means will be employed to protect the YOUR FAITH WANTED FOR 30 MINUTES.

the woods during the dry season shall first have to secure a license from some person duly authorized for that purpose, would be difficult of enforcement, but the executive council will carefully consider as to what can be done in this particular.

3. The executive council has given full consideration to the comparative statement of the scales and rates of stumpage in the provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario and

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

New Brunswick Institution Only Open Two Months, but Already shows Signs of Prosperity---Started With Twenty-five Pupils, Now Thirty-one Enrolled With Good Prospects for a Further Large Increase Very Shortly --- Everything is Running Smoothly.



That the New Brunswick school for to the high character and conspicuous and are making good progress in the spot for a provincial institution for the the least homesick since they arrivdeaf. The school opened some two ed at the institution, for the kindness months ago, with about twenty pupils and motherly care of the lady teach-

the deaf, which started a short time ability which he has shown during his artriculation classes. Perhaps a large

increased to thirty-one, and the indi- the hearts of these little ones. The cations at present are that the num- next class is composed of somewhat ber in attendance will easily exceed older children, who are apparently forty at the beginning of the new year, very proud of the work they are learnfor according to the best reports there ing to do. A few of the pupils at preare no less than seventy-five to one sent under Mr. Weaver's direction, the Fredericton school for the deaf and

many years of service in schools for majority of the people throughout the ago with every prospect of a successful and useful career, is proving to be all that it was maintained it should be many years of service in schools for the people unroughout the deaf. He is an excellent disciplinarian, and to a Sun representative who arian, and to a Sun representative who arian arian, and to a Sun representative who are all that it was maintained it should be

past, to scrutinize all applications, in ready appeared in the columns of this from six to twenty-three years of age. are kept neat and tidy as wax, giving order to determine that they are bona paper, and it is only necessary to say One of these classes is particularly infide, and will only approve of applications that are made in districts where to be congratulated upon the selection class, and of the three little tots which ing room is in the basement and adthe land is suitable for agricultural they have made, for everything is in compose it, one is only six years of age. Joining it is a large and spacious kitgood repair and altogether it is an ideal Strange to say none of them have been chen. The upper flat contains the sleeping rooms of the children and instruc- and grows large quantities of wheat, tors. The matron, Mrs. Noah Barnes, in attendance. That number has now ers especially, have endeared them to Mr. Crawford, solicitor general of New of Hampton, who is a sister of the late dinary gifts and natural capacity for executive work.

scribed for the necessary expenses of the summer and autumn in Winnings ther subscriptions are earnestly solic-

BIBLE CONTEST.

Miss Goul. Hopes It Will Throw Great Light Upon Subject.

Conditions of Competition Are Made Public—Exhaustive Study of the Vulgate Will Be Required of

the Competitors.

(N. Y. World, 2nd inst.)

for the best essays regarding the oriand Protestant Churches," said Miss is absolutely no religious or personal letter announcing the forwarding

biblical origin was raised among peowho should understand their Bible dictionary there was a woful degree of ignorance, and it seemed to me that a fund of information could be derived from a competition of essays, and at the same time there might be a possible settlement of a question that has so frequently been raised. While I may have my own opinion in the matter it will not in any way enter into the contest. The details have all been left to Dr. W. W. White, president of the Bible Teachers' Training School, and I am satisfied that he will so conduct the competition to a final decision that it will be perfectly free from any implication of bias. I know that he will make the best arrangements that can be made to obtain all sources such indisputable proofs that the matter may be dis-

posed of finally and to everybody's sat-CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETI-TION.

are as follows: 1. This contest is open to all, with-

the president of the Bible Teachers' only should appear on the outside of from Canada to Great Britain to deliv-Training School, No. 83 East Fifty- the envelope and at the top of the first er lectures for the purpose of encour-3. It should be carefully observed will not be opened until after the demistake in confining their lectures to that the subject of the paper is a cision of the judges shall have been the cities. The result is that factory double topic, viz.: The origin and history of (1) The version of the Bible

made. Care will be taken that no
hands who know nothing whatever
about farming come out to Canada, authorized by the Roman Catholic church; (2) The version of the Bible

10. All papers submitted shall be

can Standard Edition. This topic may Training School. be treated in two parts or otherwise, as the writer of a paper may elect. Contestants should keep in mind the two statements made by Father Farley, viz.; (a) "The authentic version of God's words as authorized by the church has come down to us unchanged from the time of Christ Himself;' (b) "The Protestant version goes back only to the days of Henry VIII. of England, and was then gotten up for obvious reasons." A part of the duty of the writer of a paper will be to ascertain and clearly set forth what is the authentic English version authorized

by the Roman Catholic church. 4. Contestants should note that it is desired to secure not only a thorough but also a popular statement of the "My only object in offering prizes facts for general use. The judges, therefore, will have regard not only to the historical accuracy of papers submitted, but will also be much influenced in their decision by the adaptability of a paper to the average reader. The presentation must be accurate and

must be conducted upon a basis that of the sending of the paper. Papers will permit the participation in it of may be sent if ready, before March 1. all persons without respect to creed, 6. No paper snan contain most all persons without respect to creed, 5,000 words, exclusive of illustrative "I found that when this question of diagrams, five of which are permiss ible. Diagrams, if employed, must be simple and clear. Each diagram should aim to set forth distinctly a single important fact or series of facts. should be especially noted that the introduction of diagrams is entirely optional; also that the paper may con-

tain less than 5,000 words. AUTHORITIES MUST BE QUOTED. 7. A bibliography should accompany each paper. This will not be regarded day. as part of the manuscript. It should contain not merely a list of the books have gone home. Hon. Messrs. Pugsand authorities consulted in the preparation of the paper, but also an ex-haustive and accurate setting forth of A number most approved methods of modern sci- Fredericton. entific research, so that every statement made in the paper shall be based upon evidence, back of which no one

8. Papers should be typewritten. Use business letter size—that is, paper measuring 8x111-2 inches or there10. All papers submitted shall become

ers' Training School and afterward in the knowledge already obtained by book form. 12. Contestants shall be subscribers o the Bulletin of the Bible Teachers'

concerning the contest will be given from month to month. The price of the Bulletin is \$1 a year. 13. Only those inquirers who inclose 14. Address all correspondence to

New York City. VULGATE MUST BE STUDIED. "We shall publish the conditions of the contest," said Dr. White yesterday, "as a supplement to our regular Bulletin, which will be issued in a few days. This offer will make thousands of students take up their Bible dictionaries again and go to the bottom of this question. It will necessitate an exhaustive study of the Vulgate which was produced by Jerome in the fourth cen-The primary object of this contest is to gather valuable Bible studies. There is no bias and there will be none in deciding who has written the best

essay.' THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Premier Tweedie came down from Fredericton last night. He is at the Royal. The government will give the umbermen today an answer with respect to the lumber stumpage business. It will be handed to the solicitor of the lumbermen's association, R. Lawlor of Chatham, who is in the

The commissioners of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum will meet here to-Hon, Messrs, Labillois and Sweeney ley, McKeown, Dunn and Farris are A number of appointments were deoriginal sources, according to the cided upon by the government at

> The asylum investigation recently begun by the premier, will probably be resumed here this afternoon \$27,500 FOR HUSBAND'S LIFE. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 3.-A jury

in the United States district court has abouts, and write on one side only. Let rendered a verdict against the Southern TION.

The conditions of the competition for which Miss Gould offers money prizes are as follows:

The pages be plainly numbered. The sheets should in no way be attached to each other. Papers must be sent in this state. In the suit of Mrs. Cora flat (not rolled or folded).

Vernon against the railroad company Vernon against the railroad company 9. Accompanying the paper, attach- for \$60,000 as compensation for out respect to creed, color or national- ed to the first page, should be a sealed death of her husband, who was killed envelope containing the real name and in a wreck near Martinez on Dec. 20, 2. Notice of intention to write a address of the writer, together with a 1902, the jury returned a verdict awardpaper should be sent without delay to fictitious name. The fictitious name ing Mrs. Vernon \$27,500.



GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Britishers Who Have Taken Up Farming

In Western Canada, Will Lecture in the "Old Country" on the Possibilities of Our Great Dominion.

vince, yet it cannot accede to the proposition which is suggested in the 10th paragraph that the vacant lands of this province should, simply because now an assured fact, and it is grating that the had gained their confidence and co-operation.

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| Continue of the institution of the institution of the institution of the pupils seemed alert and cheerful, shownow and assured fact, and it is grating that he had gained their confidence and co-operation. Grand Union Hotel are a number of reports as follows: winter. Thirty-six of them delegation to lecture among the people of the British Isles on the resources of Canada. They leave this morning John George, one of the number, is

a native of Salisbury, Wiltshire. Fifteen years ago he came out to Canada and was for some time employed by Manitoba, on his farm, situated 103 miles way has since then increased the acreoats and barley.

Mr. George, after severing his con-Mr. Crawford, solicitor general of New nection with Mr. Greenway, took up a farm of over 200 acres in North Dakota and accumulated considerable money. But while a good beginning has been and moved his family to England. He made, and a considerable amount sub- and his son returned later on and spent the school, more is yet needed and fur- He intends to bring his family out J. A. Weaver, the principal of the dumb, but the majority of them have ited in order that the school may keep Winnipeg. He says that the land in 13. With regard to the suggestion school, is recognized as one of the never been at school before. Pupils on growing so rapidly that it will ever Dakota is as fertile as it is across the contained in the 13th paragraph of the memorial, the government is unable to sound when they entered two months the educational system of the province markets for the last few years have But he made the change, Mr. George says that those who go

preferring to be in British territory. page of the manuscript. The envelope aging emigration to Canada, make a known as the Revised Version, Amerithe property of the Bible Teachers' en in the rural districts of Great Bri-11. The prize papers will be published emigrate to Canada where they would tain men accustomed to farming would first in the Bulletin of the Bible Teach- find ample opportunities to benefit by

> LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE. Training School, in which information The sufferer from nervous exhaustion is generally blue and discouraged He looks on the dark side of things accordance with divine teaching. And self-addressed stamped envelope may persistent use of Dr. Chase's Nerve the day time, and not a man worked or insanity. All this is changed by the the next week. She took in cargo in Food, which gradually and naturally or a deal went on board at night. The

years of experience.

FROM "LALLA ROOKH." (By Thomas Moore.) Oh! ever thus, from childhood's hour, "I've seen my fondest hopes decay; "I never loved a tree or flower, "But 'twas the first to fade away." I never nursed a dear gazelle, "To glad me with its soft black eye, But when it came to know me well, "And love me, it was sure to die!

"Poor race of men!" said the pitying Spli "Dearly ye pay for your primal Fall— "Some flow'rets of Eden ye still inherit, "But the trail of the Serpent is over th

FAMOUS NURSE DEAD. She Was 110 Years Old and Cared for

Three Mexican Governors. Mercedes de Odorico, known to be not less than 110 years old, and who nursed in their infancy three of the

territorial governors of California long since passed to their rest, was burned to death in her hut on the outskirts of San Luis Obispo, Cal. With the elderly woman were burned Victor Dorome, a great-great-greatgrandson, aged 10 years, and her faithful dog.

Mercedes de Odorico was born of Indian parents near what is now Ventura, and she had served as nurse in many of the old and aristocratic families of this part of the state. For years she lived apparently unchanged in San Luis Obispo and its vicinity, and visited in apparent good they find him in some new territory. health and spirits a neighbor's house only a day before the accdent. The county had for many years made the

Or. Chase's Ointment

GERTIE.

(Chicago News.)

Me lamps is red and bleary wit'
De tears dat I have shed,
I set me pins ter make a hit
An' got bowled out instead.
I'm jest about de glummest mus
Dere is in dis yere town;
No wonder I pull out de plug
Sence Gertie's trun me down.
De good mazuma I have blowed
Upon dat giddy goil
Was suthin' fierce. I never knowed
She was as slick as oil.
She worked me fer a perrysol,
A feather lid and gown,
I t'rew me coin at dat dere doil
An' now she's trun me down.
I've got no relish for me hash,
I've lost me taste fer booze,
Enudder guy is spending' cash—
I lately got de nooze.
An' w'en she meets me on de street
I git de chilly frown.
Say, wouldn't rat jest frost yer feet?
Yes, Gertie's trun me down. (Chicago News.)

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR.

Contributions Received From August 1902 to November Last.

The Rev. S. Weston Jones, who was appointed by the board of governors of King's College as their agent for obtaining of subscriptions for the main-tenance and endowment of the collega,

Moneys collected from August, 1902, to November 13, 1903, for King's College, Windsor, N. S.:

Sept., 1903
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Cash in hands of agent 50.00 Cash in hands of friends of King's.. 320.00

When it is remembered that last year the contributions and pledged subscriptions for the most part were not received until the month of May, it can be seen how much larger an amount than the above will be presented available before the close of the Last year their reports and re-for the most part reports.

IMPRISONED IN THE ICE. The str. Urania arrived at Snowball's mill wharf on Saturday, Nov. 21st, when it looked like freezing up in a night, and everybody concerned in ship and cargo proceeded to take things leisurely. She lay idle all day Sunday. A ship in this port at so late a date is surely on a level with the scriptural ass in the ditch, and to have gone to her rescue would have been in then nobody seemed to be in any hurry President Bible Teachers' Training rekindles and vitalizes the waster result was that which, are rekindles and instills new vigor and part of a cargo on board, she started nerve cells and instills new vigor and part of a cargo on board, she started out, she got stuck in the ice and could proceed no farther. There wasn't, apparently, much of an effort made to cut her way through. While the ferry steamer was crossing, and tugboats moved at will, this great iron steamship was helpless. Manager Bullick of the M. S. N. Co. asked the agent what he would give to have the steamship cut out, and he offered \$100. The offer was not accepted. A request was sent for the Stanley or Minto to come to the rescue. The Stanley entered the mouth of the river Tuesday night, anchored and departed this (Wednesday) morning, having probably found more ice inside than she wanted to tackle, or else no pilot in waiting. And so the good ship Urania is imprisoned for

the three Always Bought Bears the

the wnter.-Chatham World.

THE DOGFISH.

(Mahone Bay Signal.) If the dogfish is guilty of all that is charged against him these days he should be ashamed to show his nose in any respectable gathering of the Inny tribles. Fishermen accuse him of cutting up their nets and each year He is blamed not only for frightening away the staple fish, but also the small ones used for bait. Lately an expert, quaint old woman its pensioner.—New Irving Field, employed by the United York Journal.

States bureau of fisheries, from a study of his habits and examination of the stomachs of dogfish learns that the Wobster is one of his principal articles of diet, and the disappearance of this crustacean from many beds is added o the sins of the dogfish. How to deal with this nuisance is a hard probtem, but apparently it must be dealt with if our valuable fishery industry is to be saved.

THE DECEM-

Beautiful Stars an stellations on in the Sky.

In Addition to Orion in the S tion May Be Seen the Grou Twins With Castor and H -The Other Display

On the 22nd day of the last

the year the sun enters th Capricornus and the astrone ter begins. We tell it therm ly because the mercury dro sun comes north, the old ada that as the day lengthens strengthens. On the date al the sun touches his utmost southern declination, the da their minimum length, and t of night no longer encroace the light of day. The pat winter sun lies low in the hea short days hasten somewha to their close, the sable pal falls darkly over the earth. ing of desolation mingles w over the receding light, lesse ever, in a measure by the th Santa Claus has begun load baskets in readiness for happiness of the Christmas It is only for a little while sun seems to stand still in A change soon comes, a min ed to the shortest day! That cious minute of sunlight binger of physical life, the heavens that the laws that universe will not fail, the fi in the combat between light ness. The change, invisible detected in a few days by a gering in the glow of twiligh a few days more there is no doubt, the sun has returned ing face northward, the da have perceptibly lengthened. When December closes, utes have been added to miles nearer the sun than in starlit December sky is sup is graced by the most beau and constellations that are by mortal eyes, and when the ber moon "runs high" th picture is ennobling and Every observer whose soul mony with the grand specta out above will pay tribute to in the eloquent words of the

In addition to magnificer who greets us two or three ter the close of the evening we have in the same section sky, only further to the no the beautiful group of the Tw Castor and Pollux shining spicuously. Still higher a horizon, and a little soutl Twins, is the Bull, with the orb Aldebaran marking his ey A little lower than Orion, ther north is the Lesser Dog, first magnitude star Procyon the horizon and further sou Greater Dog, which contabrightest and most beautiful fixed stars. This is the dazzlir High in the northeast is Car deading brilliant in the con of the Charlot. In the sou Altair, the middle and most star of three arranged in a line, which compose the mos nent part of the group

Hebrew prophet: "Seek

with night."

maketh the Seven Stars a

Well down in the northwes Lyre, having Vega as its barier. East and south of the the Swan, or the Northern Cr the bright star Deneb not its centre. Almost due north ily recognize our old friend per, with its "pointers sho way to the Pole Star. On t site side of Polaris is the Lad Chair with its five fairly bri aranged somewhat in the sha expanded V. In this general are the Lynx, the Chariot and Also not very far off are th

Horse and the great square The last full moon for comes on the 4th, followed phase of last quartering on The December new moon con the 18th and the first quarter the 26th, a day too late for ing. The epact for the follo the difference between t and the solar years, or, in oth is is the age of the moon at t ning of the calendar year. forms an important feature mining the Golden Number things depending upon it th often try to puzzle out in part of our Prayer Books du

sermon when we are supposed attention. The planet Neptune plays prominent part on the coards. He is in conjunct the moon on the 6th, and clos the phenomena of the year in opposition with the sun of The scenes, though, in which takes part will strongly rem Hamlet when the famous Dan where, for we all know now tune is too far away to be to unaided vision, brilliant zling though he may be. Jupiter proudly lords it other stars in the evening sl the 7th reaches the half-way

ween opposition and conjunctive sun. He is in conjunctive the moon on the 25th, and that be too much clear sky the two to prevent its being attraction, although the moon rather too full for proper sce Venus and the waning cres 14th, and, in fact, close e