

river one night last month. It is known that 65 lives were lost during the overflow. An hotel, containing 15 or 20 persons, was swept out into the bay, and all the occupants were drowned.

At New York, Oct. 29th, the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty was unveiled with imposing ceremonies in the presence of the President of the United States, the French Delegation, and an immense concourse of spectators. The ceremony was made the occasion of warm and fervent demonstration in favor of Republican France. Regarded here the honor paid to the statue and to M. Bartholdi is an honor paid to the French Republic.

TOOK THE PRIZE.—The buggy that was awarded the first prize at the Dominion, Quebec Provincial Exhibition at Sherbrooke, Que., was ornamented with the Improved Concord Axle. This axle, together with the Adjustable Sand Box attachment, is undoubtedly the greatest acquisition to carriage builders known for many years, consequently should receive attention from owners as well as builders of vehicles of any description. The above improvements are favorably and well known already. See ad. on 2nd page of cover.

THE LOCAL ELECTIONS for the Province of Quebec seem to have resulted in about an even balance of parties. The *Toronto Mail* claims a tie, while the *Globe* affirms that the liberals have a majority.

A LONG CAMPAIGN IN BURMAH.—Advices from Rangoon say that the officials of Burmah state that it will be impossible to subjugate that country under four years, and that a large army will be needed to restore order.

DR. BURNS' Call for help to Bohemia deserves notice.

SOUTH CAROLINA still continues to be visited with shocks of earthquakes, of more or less severity.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE.

ONE of the marvels of the past fifty years has been the rapid spread of the English language and of English speaking peoples. The following is the most complete and comprehensive statement of the facts in the case which we remember to have seen in so small a compass:—

“The language in which Shakespeare and Milton wrote was the language of but five or six millions of people in their day, and as late as 100 years ago English was spoken by not more than 15,000,000. At the same period French was the mother-tongue of at least

30,000,000, and German, in one or another of its forms, was the language of from 25,000,000 to 40,000,000 of people.

“This state of affairs is now completely reversed. Between forty and fifty years ago the English language equalled the German in the number of those who spoke it, and now the latter is left far behind in the race. German is spoken by 10,000,000 persons in the Austro-Hungarian empire, 46,000,000 in the German empire, 40,000 in Belgium, 2,000,000 in Switzerland, and is the native tongue of some 2,000,000 in the United States and Canada. This gives a total of about 60,000,000 persons who speak German.

“With the French the case is much the same, but the gain during the past century has been smaller than that of the German. French is now spoken by the 38,000,000 people of France, 2,250,000 in Belgium, 200,000 in Alsace-Lorraine, 600,000 in Switzerland, 1,500,000 in Canada and the United States, 600,000 in Hayti, and 1,500,000 in Algiers, India, the West Indies, and Africa; in all about 45,000,000.

“English is now spoken by all but some 500,000 of the 37,000,000 persons in the British Islands, 53,000,000 out of the 56,000,000 inhabitants of the United States, 4,000,000 persons in Canada, 3,000,000 in Australia, 1,700,000 in the West Indies, and perhaps 1,000,000 in India and other British Colonies. This brings the total to nearly 100,000,000, which cannot be very far from the truth.”

If your Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine or Poultry are expected to pay a profit, or improvement in their general condition desired, feed them with the V. C. Stock Feed and Condition Powder. Best in the world. See A. F. Miles advertisement on 2nd page of cover.

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Foreign Mission.

Additional from Toney River.

Miss Sophia McDonald, Col. :- Mrs. John M. Donald, 25c; Miss M. E. Falconer, 25c; Mrs. E. Rose, 25c; Mrs. Arthur Falconer, 25c; Mr. Alex. McDonald, 25c; Rod. McDonald, 25c; Daniel McKenzie, 25c—\$1.58.	
Total for Cape John	\$24
Total for Roger's Hill	54
Total.....	\$78

Received for the MONTHLY RECORD by the Editor:—Rev. A. J. McKichan, Barney's Hill \$8.75; Rev. W. Stewart, McLellan's Mt., \$11; George A. Douglas, Esq., New Glasgow, \$27; Ferguson, Gairloch, bal., 50c.; Duncan Balfo Westville, \$21.