## Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH CHOIR, Chatham, has secured the services of Mr. S. W. Farnham, as instructor.

PUMP-AUGUR, with patent bit and reamers, for sale. Apply to R. A. Russell, Black Brook.

WATCH NIGHT:—There will be 'Watch Night" service in St. Luke's Methodist Church, Chatham this Thursday evening, beginning at half past ten o'clock.

MRS. SINCLAIR, who is invariably made sensible of the appreciation of her boarders at Christmas time, was again remembered by them on Friday last, when she was made the recipient of some articles of both utility and value.

A LITTLE MIXED:—Somebody belonging to the Moncton Times, who does not appear to be very clear-headed, has been writing about a trip over the Canada Eastern railway, which he calls the "Northern and Eastern" and says is in first-class order, "considering that it is a branch line. He found a station called Blissville on this "branch line" and, evidently, had a "yellow valise" with him.

THOUGH THE ICE:—Mr. Robert Whelan, carpenter, of Chatham, had a narrow escape from drowning on Tuesday. He was walking on the ice in the harbor, off the lower part of the town, near the Canada wharf, and broke through. He remained in a dangerous position for some time alone, and finally got out, considerably chilled and exhausted.

NARROW ESCAPE:—Two boys, sons of Capt. Alex. McLean of Black Brook, had a narrow escape from drowning on Tuesday. They went on thin ice off Black Brook shore, in the main river and broke through. They were seen and, after much difficulty, rescued, in an exhausted and benumbed condition. It was feared for some time that one of them would not recover, but both were all right again yesterday.

THE MATTEO R's crew, after they arrived in Pictou from Escuminac, made a fire of coals on the ballast in the hold, and being exhausted, fell asleep around it. The ship's boy visited them during the night and went to the captain and reported them all dead. An examination showed that the boy was not far astray, as they had inhaled the gas from the coal and were nearly suffocated. The boy's timely visit was, however, the means of saving their lives.

BIG BEAR:—A monster bear—as fat as he was big—was discovered last week by some of Mr. Henry Thompson's camp men who are lumbering for Mr. Snowball on the lower South Branch of the Tracadie river. The animal had a snug den under the root of a big tree, where the men attacked him with axes, and after a tedious and wary fight he was killed. He turned out to be an old and almost toothless male—one of the scientific blueberry pickers of that remote region.

CAPT. HEATER SKIPS OUT:—The agents at New York of the schooner "Maggie Willett" advise Messrs. Bonnell & Cowan that the vessel has been ready for sea since Friday last, and that Capt. Heater has failed to show up. Heater drew the inward freight, amounting to about $500, before he disappeared. He joined the vessel only a short time ago. Heater was formerly in command of the sch. "E. Walsh." Capt. Ludlow has gone to New York to take charge of the "Maggie Willett."—St. John *Globe*, 23rd inst.

PEOPLE AND PASTOR:—The manse of Black River was visited on Tuesday evening, 22nd, by some of the people residing in Lower Napan and Point aux Carr. They brought with them a quantity of produce and other useful articles of various kinds. Tea, with a profusion of edibles, was provided by the ladies. Mrs. Robertson was presented with a handsome set of crystal, &c. Rev. Mr. Robertson received a purse of money, in payment of stipend, and partly as a donation. A very agreeable evening was spent at the manse.

KILLED IN THE WOODS:—News reached the family of Mr. George D. Grant, of Chatham, yesterday, that he had been killed in the woods about seventeen miles from Doaktown, where he was engaged in "swamping" in connection with Mr. Wm. Richards' lumbering operations in that locality. It is supposed that he was killed by a falling tree. He was sixty eight years old and has a grown up family in Chatham, and one of his sons, who was in the same camp, was expected home with the body on last evening's Canada Eastern train. The family came here from Bathurst a year or two ago.

THE BIGGEST LOG:—Surveyor Robert Loggie reports a single log cut by foreman Haynes' men in a Snowball camp on the Lord and Foy stream, Tracadie, that is the biggest of which we have yet heard on the North Shore. It is a sound, clean pine twenty two feet long and of thirty-six inches diameter at the small end. It will, therefore produce 1236 feet of merchantable lumber, according to the New Brunswick scale. None of our mills are calculated to cut such a large log, so this specimen will be made into timber. It is hauled out and now lies on the bank of the Lord and Foy.

PERSONAL:—Messrs. R. H. Lee Young and C. Hubbard of Caraquet are en route to Europe via New York.

Mr. Stephen Finlay, formerly in charge of Mr. Geo. McLeod's shipping business on the Miramichi is visiting Newcastle friends. He is prospering in the hardware and lumber business in Aspen, Colorado.

W. Montgomery Campbell and Mrs. Campbell of Apohaqui and Messrs. Hansard of St John, are spending the holidays with their relatives—the family of F. E. Winslow, Esq., Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Blair, of Moncton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Neale of Pensacola, Ernest Blair of the St. John Sun office, R. G. Blair of the C. P. R. and Mr. Fred Blair, organist of St. Andrew's church, St. John, spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Blair of Chatham.

Mr. F. Owens, of the Fredericton Collegiate school, is amongst Chatham's holiday visitors.

Mr. Frank Gillespie of the Dorchester penitentiary staff, paid a Christmas visit to his home, in Chatham.

Messrs. Stafford Goggin and C. McCuiley of Moncton spent Christmas at home in Chatham.

John Harrington, Esq., of Bathurst, is in town.

### Concert and Social Dance.

The Directors of Newcastle Driving Park are making preparations for a concert and dance at Masonic Hall, Newcastle. The event is to take place next Thursday evening. The occasion will be a very enjoyable one no doubt, as the arrangements are in first class hands. See advt.

(From the Daily Globe, St. John, N. B., Nov. 27, 1891.)

### The Fisk Jubilee Singers.

The opening concert of the Fisk Jubilee Singers drew the largest audience that has ever been in the new Opera House. Every seat was occupied and many were turned away. The chief feature of the singing of the Fisk Jubilee Singers is the perfect blending of their voices. They seem as if guided by one mind, so even and well balanced are their choruses. From the opening number to the end of the programme the audience listened attentively, and frequently showed their appreciation by hearty applause. Mrs. Maggie Porter Cole, the soprano soloist, was in splendid voice, and her rendering of the "Staccato Polka," a most difficult solo, fairly carried the audience by storm. Mr. Payne, the tenor, sang "Anchored," with excellent effect, and to an enthusiastic encore he responded with "Scotch Lassie Jean." Mr. J. N. Caldwell, the basso, sang "Old Black Joe" in a manner that evoked the heartiest applause from the audience, and earned him a splendid recall. The accompaniments were excellently played by Mr. H. P. Guy.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers are to appear in the Masonic Hall, Chatham, on Saturday evening next, 2nd January.

### The Bands.

St Michael's Band made a very creditable appearance in their uniforms on Christmas Day, when they paraded on the street about ten o'clock and attended Mass at the pro-Cathedral about 10.30. They played the *Adeste Fideles* before Mass and also a closing piece. After Mass they went to the Hotel Dieu, where they played for about half an hour in one of the hospitable wards and afterwards had lunch which was furnished by the good sisters. In the afternoon they marched out and played through some of the town streets and at the post office square. Among the instruments used by this band on Christmas Day were two new Besson cornets, which with other new instruments previously procured, make their outfit in this respect a first-class one. The leader, Mr. Arch. McEachran, deserves great credit for the state of efficiency to which he has brought the band in a comparatively short time, their music being very favorably commented on by all who heard it.

The 73rd band did not make any arrangements for a parade on Christmas day, as some of the leading members were away for the day or otherwise engaged, but a few of them got together and had a march-out in the afternoon, attracting much attention and interest by their fine music.

### Presentation to Mr. W. H. White.

One of the most pleasant of the Chatham holiday gatherings was that which took place on Thursday evening last at the Leonard hotel, in honor of Mr. Walter H. White, superintendent of the Chatham Electric Light and Telephone services and instructor also of the fine band of the 73rd battalion. The affair was got up entirely by the members of the band, and was for the purpose of manifesting their appreciation of the service Mr. White had rendered them and their regret over the announcement that he was about to remove from Chatham to one of the larger American cities. There was a supper, which was tabled in the satisfactory and satisfying manner usual at Leonard's, the chair at which was occupied by Mr. W. R. Gould and the vice chair by Mr. Ernest Haviland. After the substantials had been disposed of Mr. J. F. Johnston, in behalf of his fellow-members of the band—read the following address:

*W. H. White, Esq.*

DEAR SIR:—Having learned of your intention to take up your residence in another country, we, the members of the 73rd Batt. Band, with which institution you have been so long connected, desire to express our esteem and good-will to one who has done so much towards bringing the band to its present standard, and with whom we have had such cordial relations. We would therefore ask you to accept the accompanying cane as a slight token of our regard. We trust you will be successful in your new home and hope you will think of your old comrades occasionally.

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| E. A. Buckley, | W. A. Loudoun, |
| A. G. Cameron, | C. M. Dickeson, |
| J. W. Loggie, | W. R. Gould, |
| C. T. Craig, | O. Gjertz, |
| P. M. Dower, | E. H. Haviland, |
| J. B. Robins, | J. F. Johnston. |

Mr. White was really taken by surprise, but when Mr. Johnston had handed him the cane, he found his tongue quite readily, and expressed his thanks with an ability and eloquence which were emulated or approached during the evening only by the vice-Chairman and by Mr. O. Gjertz in responding to the toast of the ladies.

After the presentation, the evening was spent in proposing and replying to toasts, the singing of songs, etc., Mr. Gould proving an excellent master of ceremonies.

Pale and sallow cheeks mean disease and a premature death. Rosy cheeks are emblema tical of long life. The use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills builds up the blood and nervous system, and never fails to leave rosy cheeks. Try them.

### The Week of Prayer.

The following arrangement has been made for the observance of the Week of Prayer in the town of Chatham. A series of union meetings will be held according to the programme, the first one to be on the evening of Monday, Jan. 4th, 1892. Each meeting will be presided over by the minister of the church in which it is held; and the collections will be held by the churches in which they are taken up. The meetings will begin promptly at 8 o'clock each evening, and will end as nearly as possible within the hour.

Monday, Jan. 4—In St. Andrew's Church; address by Rev. T. Marshall. Subject:—Confession and Thanksgiving.

Confession of personal, social and national sins; of sectarian jealousy and rivalry.

Thanksgiving for united prayer; for the success of the Florence Conference; and for all the blessings spiritual and temporal. Ps. 51; Dan. 9: 3-19; Ps. 34; Eph. 1: 15 23.

Tuesday, Jan. 5—In St. Luke's Church; address by Rev. N. McKay. Subject:—The Church Universal.

Praise for the real unity of all believers, and the growing desire for its fuller manifestation.

Prayer for a larger comprehension of Christ; a more perfect love and loyalty to Him; a more complete union with Him, and of His disciples in Him; that ministers and all believers may be filled with the Holy Ghost. John 17; Eph. 4: 1-16; Acts 2: 1-22.

Wednesday, Jan. 6. In St. John's Church; address by Rev. Joseph McCoy. Subject:—The Family and the Young.

Praise for the gracious promises to the godly and their children, and for the increasing number of young disciples.

Prayer for a deeper sense of the sacredness of the family relation; for invalids and the aged; for sons, daughters and servants; for the consecration of sons to the ministry; for Sunday schools and all christian associations for young people; for public schools and all educational institutions. Ps. 128; Col. 3: 16-25; Isa. 44: 1-4.

Thursday, Jan. 7. In St. Andrew's Church; Address by Rev. N. McKay. Subject:—Nations and their Rulers.

Praise for the increasing influence of Christ in all human affairs. Prayer for all in authority that they may apply the teachings of Christ to the problems of our times; for peace; for the abolition of the slave, opium and strong drink traffic; and for all needed reforms—temperance, Sabbath, industrial, social and political; that the kingdom of this world may speedily become the kingdom of our Lord. Ps. 67; Rev. 13: 1-7; Isa. 2: 4; Rev. 11: 15 17; 21: 1-5.

Friday Jan 8. In St. Luke's Church; address by Rev. Joseph McCoy. Subject:—The Church Abroad.

Praise for the increased preparation of the world for the gospel; for the increasing number of those who have given themselves to the work of missions. Prayer for a signal manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power; for missionaries and native Christians; for all who are presented for righteousness sake; and for liberty of conscience; for more co-operation; for an increase of intelligent interest in the salvation of the world. Isa. 11: 1-5; Joel 2: 23-32; Matt. 5: 10-12; John 4: 35 38.

Saturday, Jan. 9. In St. John's Church; Address by Rev. T. Marshall. Subject:—The Church at Home.

Praise for a clearer recognition of need; and a growing sense of responsibility. Prayer for a larger apprehension of the mission of the church to save not only the individualist also society; to purify all human institutions and relationships for increased co-operation on behalf of city, country and frontier. Isa. 65: 19 25; Matt. 10: 5 13; Luke 24: 46 47.

There will be a general exchange of pulpits on Sabbath, Jan. 10th, 1892.

Most cases of consumption are of catarrhal origin, and death follows inevitably. Catarrh can positively be cured by Nasal Balm. Thousands who have been restored testify to its merits. Try it

### Letter from Mr. W. C. DesBrisay.

*To the Editor of the Advance.*

SIR:—My attention has been directed to an article in your issue of the 17th instant, headed "Miramichi News Found at Ottawa," wherein my name appears more prominently than, under the circumstances, I consider necessary, and use is made of it to which I take decided objection. I will thank you for a brief space in which to place myself right before your readers. Just here I may say that I have not failed to observe the flippant and contemptuous manner in which the writer of the article alludes to me as "Mr. DesBrisay, who is in some way connected with the Privy Council Office," and elsewhere introduces my name in a way that, if not savouring of ill-will, at least betrays very considerable insolence.

Prof. Smythe and I are very old friends, and correspond regularly, and, since seeing him in Chatham some ten weeks ago, a business matter has occasioned three or four letters a week passing between us. It was in one of these, dated 4th December, that he wrote the paragraph respecting Mr. Adams' departure, and with which he said he enclosed a 'dodger.' This letter I received on Monday the 7th December, but no 'dodger' was enclosed. I mentioned the circumstance to a New Brunswick gentleman, who is also "in some way connected with the Privy Council Office," and who is acquainted with Mr. Adams. We were in the dark without the 'dodger,' and agreed in thinking it nothing more serious than some report which might connect Mr. Adams' departure with the unpleasantness of appearing before an election court. Answering Mr. Smythe that day, I mentioned that he had not enclosed the 'dodger,' and on the following Friday or Saturday, I received another letter from him, with which was enclosed the 'dodger' without note or comment. On receipt, I showed it to my N. B. friend, like myself "in some way connected with the Privy Council Office," and desirous of an explanation; he enquired of another friend, who, he thought, might have heard something. About this time, Mr. Adams arrived in Ottawa, and the circumstance that I had received this 'dodger' came to his knowledge. I do not know what importance he attached to it, but he neither called on me, nor sent for me, to enquire about it. I was waited on, however, by a friend of Mr. Adams' (I know not whether at his request or not) to whom I gave the 'dodger,' and who produced a telegram from a Mr. Lawlor, or Lawless, or some party in Miramichi "in some way connected with" the law, expressing his anxiety to pay $100 for Prof. Smythe's letter. While declining to trade, I read to this gentleman that portion of Mr. Smythe's letter which appeared in your last issue, at the same time assuring him that, in penning the letter, Mr. Smythe was actuated by no unfriendliness to Mr. Adams. I was inclined to be impatient when Mr. Adams' friend asked to be allowed to make a memorandum of what Mr. Smythe had written me, but knowing Mr. Smythe's entire innocence, and that a refusal on my part would be liable to misconstruction, I consented and allowed the extract to be made.

I have since learned the explanation of the 'dodger.' I fancy no one will accuse me of maliciously circulating the slander, although the writer of the article in the *Advance* speaks of Mr. Smythe making a "contribution to the fund of Ottawa scandals," as though I was their custodian. But I sincerely regret that Professor Smythe should have been drawn into this unpleasant notoriety. I have known him intimately for twenty-three years, and, in all that time, I never remember him saying or writing an ill-natured word about anyone, although he has had occasionally ample provocation for retort. That he had not the faintest animus in writing me as he did, is evidenced by the facts that he forgot to enclose the 'dodger' and did not send it until I had written for it and then forwarded it without remark. Indeed, I have had conveyed to me from Mr. Adams an expression of his obligation to Prof. Smythe for having been the unconscious instrument of his ferreting out the author of the slander, and of his assurance that Mr. Smythe's communication to me was made in no unfriendly spirit. I regret that the writer in the *Advance* should seek to prejudice Prof. Smythe with your community; he would discover animus in Mr. Smythe's action because he says the 'dodger' was "a very old chestnut when Prof. Smythe forwarded it to Ottawa," yet he admits a few lines before, that it had only been "recently put in circulation," and if a "chestnut," why was the man of law so anxious to squander $100 in obtaining it and its covering letter?

The writer says that "the business is not a creditable one for the parties concerned." I wish he were a little less vague, because if he includes me among "the parties concerned," and insinuates that I had any share in the "business" to which discredit attaches, or that I am the depositary of Ottawa scandals, or if he imagines that my position in the Privy Council Office warrants him in offering me $100 to part with a private letter to serve his personal ends, I wish to remind him that my name is an honorable one in the Miramichi, and to let him know that I can defend my own honour, and if he has no investment yet for that $100 he can put it up, that, when I take up my pen, I will not come out second best.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM C. DESBRISAY.

Ottawa, December 21, 1891.

[Mr. DesBrisay displays an unreasonable asperity of tone, and fails to do justice to the proverbial good-nature of the ancient and honorable guild of newspaper men who tip the scale at over two hundred pounds. He is in error as to our intention in employing the words "in some way connected with the Privy Council office." There was no personal ill will, much less insolence in the phrase. It was employed only to indicate his identity. We have always entertained a respectful regard for him, and notwithstanding the developments of last session in reference to several members of the Privy Council, have had no reason to believe that he is other than a very honorable and respectable person. We hope he is still in some way connected with it, and in as good and lucrative a position as any other of its officials.

We observe that, after the manner of other gentlemen high in authority, he is "inclined to be impatient." But we hope he will condescend to permit us to explain that it was currently reported here, two or three weeks ago, that Mr. Smith of Miramichi had communicated certain things detrimental to Mr. Adams, to Mr. DesBrisay at Ottawa, and as there are several ordinary, every-day Smiths in the community, they all felt that the public would think meanly of them for engaging—either in a spirit of idle gossip, or with malicious intent—in that sort of pastime. Had it been known, in the first place, that it was Prof. Smythe, the very old friend and valued correspondent of the evidently irate Mr. DesBrisay, the affair would have assumed a more harmless complexion. Mr. DesBrisay will, however, observe that there was an element in it which confounded the plain, ordinary, everyday Smiths with the distinguished professor, and all the trouble has grown out of the fact that the Smiths who never—well hardly ever—gossip, and certainly never employ the private circular method, or go as far around as Ottawa to get at a man near home, were implicated, and justice to so large, eminently respectable and non-gossiping an aggregation of the race demanded that the saddle should be put on the right horse—to wit, Prof. Smythe. We share with Mr. DesBrisay, a sincere regret that the Professor "should have been drawn into this unpleasant notoriety," but think he should have known better than to have himself paved the way for it, by putting the dodger, etc. in circulation at Ottawa without due explanation as to its value—especially after a twenty-three years intimacy with so able, prudent, discreet and diplomatic a friend as our correspondent of the Privy Council office. All concerned will, no doubt, accept Mr. DesBrisay's disavowal of any intention on the part of either Professor Smythe or himself of any unfriendly feeling towards anybody in the matter; but both of these gentlemen will, doubtless, admit that it had a different complexion in its earlier stages and was especially rough on the Smiths.

Mr. DesBrisay, in his excitement, seems to have confused the dodger with its subject—viz., an order of a court—which latter, and not the dodger itself, was what we referred to as "an old chestnut."

On the whole Mr. DesBrisay's explanations, divested of the flourish of metaphorical tomahawks, knives, razors and broken glass bottles, which seem to glint and scintillate all over the closing paragraph of his letter, ought to satisfy us all, including the Smiths, that the whole affair, so far as these two gentlemen (Prof. Smythe and our correspondent) are concerned, was only the outcome of an innocent predilection for gossip connected with public men—to which we are all more or less inclined. As we conjure up, in the embers of our comfortable open fire—which is what the poets do when they are particularly retrospective—the pleasant faces and forms of the two gentlemen, who, like David and Jonathan and Damon and Pythias, have long known and loved each other, and realise how really innocent and genial both of them are, we think of the softening influences of the holiday season—while these and the spirit of the dying year prompt us to place our hands on both of their heads saying "bless you my children" and to forgive our correspondent for the severe things he writes about those remarks of ours in our issue of 17th inst. Yes, we forgive both of them, collectively, and Mr. DesBrisay individually and ask all the Smiths on the Miramichi to do likewise.—EDITOR.]

Women are not slow to comprehend. They're quick. They're alive, and yet it was a man who discovered the *one* remedy for their *peculiar* ailments. The man was Dr. Pierce.

The discovery was his "Favorite Prescription"—the boon to delicate woman. Why go round "with one foot in the grave," suffering in silence—misunderstood—when there's a remedy at hand that isn't an experiment, but which is sold under the *guarantee* that if you are disappointed in any way in it, you can get your money back by applying to its makers.

We can hardly imagine a woman's not trying it. Possibly it might be true of one or two—but we doubt it. Women are ripe for it. They must have it. Think of a prescription and nine out of ten are waiting for it. Carry the news to them!

The seat of sick headache is not in the brain. Regulate the stomach and you cure it. Dr. Pierce's Pellets are the Little Regulators

### Christmas Services in S. Paul's and S. Mary's Churches.

The usual interesting and appropriate services were held in S. Paul's and S. Mary's churches in connection with the Great Festival of Our Lord's Nativity. The 1st service was the 1st Evensong of the Festival and was held at 8 o'clock p. m. on Christmas Eve in S. Mary's Chapel. The Service began with Hymn 59 A. & M. as a Processional and ended with Hymn 60 A. & M. as a Recessional. The 2nd service was a Midnight Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve, beginning at 12 o'clock, and preceded by Hymn 59 A. & M. as a Processional. Gilbert's Communion Service and selected *Kyries*, &c. were used. The different parts including *Credo* by W. B. Gilbert were well sung. There were 18 communicants. After the celebration a solemn Te Deum was sung in honor of the Holy Redeemer. The 3rd service was a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at S. Paul's church on Christmas Day at 8 a. m. Hymn 59 was sung as a Processional, and Hymn 60 before the Offertory. There were 23 communicants. Some had driven 3 miles, and some of those recently confirmed had walked that distance setting out before the dawn of day to be present at the Great Christian Festival. One whose age is about four score years also walked a distance to be present. The 4th service was at 11 o'clock in S. Mary' chapel, and consisted of Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist and Sermon. It was preceded by carol singing by S. Mary's Sunday School children under the leadership of Miss Gillespie. Morning Prayer was preceded by Hymn 59 A. & M. as a Processional, and ended with the 3rd Collect, after which the Christmas anthem "O Zion that bringest good tidings," &c, by Stainer was sung. The Communion Service followed, with music the same as at the Midnight Celebration. The office Hymn was 60 A. & M., and *Nunc Dimittis*, Gregorian, was sung as a Recessional after Benediction. There were 24 communicants. The 5th service was held in S. Paul's at 3 p. m., and consisted of Evening Prayer and Sermon by the Rector. The Hymns were 59 and 60 A. & M., and the anthem "O Zion that bringest good tidings," &c., by Stainer, was also sung.

Both churches were suitably decorated for the Christmas season according to the time-honored custom of the church. In S. Paul's, the interior of which was handsomely restored last spring, the decorations consist of wreaths of evergreen hung on the wall spaces between the windows and on the lectern and prayer desk. The altar was beautifully adorned with calla lilies, roses, etc., from the conservatory of J. Bebbington, Fredericton, and supplied by members of the congregation. In S. Mary's more labor had been expended upon the decorations, which consist of several new designs added to the usual ornamentation with evergreen. There is a new chancel screen composed of two Gothic sections on either side of the central section. At the base of the side sections are panels showing a scarlet ground in which are the words "Alleluia," "Alleluia," "Alleluia," "Alleluia," in raised wooden, gilded letters Across the top of the screen is the text "Hosanna in the Highest" in a scarlet ground in letters the same as those already mentioned. The screen bears a cross over the central section in red and gold trimmed with evergreen. The chancel arch above is trimmed and festooned with spruce. On the wall spaces between the windows there are shields with devices and texts in lettering as above mentioned. There is an effective reredos at the east wall of the sanctuary, and the pulpit, prayer desk, lectern, font, etc., are handsomely trimmed with evergreen, the whole effect being very pleasing and appropriate to the holy season.

The congregations were larger than usual and the offerings which amounted to $23.00, were in aid of the sick and needy.

The Rector was the recipient of a handsome gift from the Sunday school children.

### A Cape Breton Miracle.

A CASE THAT FAIRLY OUTRIVALS THE WONDERFUL HAMILTON CURE.

HOPELESS, HELPLESS, AND GIVEN UP AS "ONE WHO MUST SOON GO"—AN INTERESTING STORY AS INTESTIGATED BY A REPORTER.

Halifax Herald, December 16th.

A few months ago all Canada was astounded by a remarkable cure reported from the city of Hamilton, Ont., and vouched for by the press and many of the leading residents of that city. In the Hamilton case the man (a Mr. Marshall) had been pronounced incurable, and after rigid examination by half a score of physicians, the Royal Templars of Temperance paid him the $1,000 members of that order are entitled to when pronounced totally incapacitated from labor. The remarkable narrative of Mr. Marshall's cure and the remedy to which he owed his recovery were given wide publicity by the press throughout the Dominion, and naturally it brought a ray of hope to others who were similarly suffering. Among the homes to which it thus brought hope was that of Mr. Joseph Jerritt, of North West Arm, C. B., and Mr. Jerritt's recovery may be regarded as even more marvellous than that of Mr. Marshall, and many others whose cures have recently been recorded. One thing, however, is certain, and that is that never before in the history of Cape Breton has medicine wrought such an almost miraculous cure. In the year 1879 Mr. Jerritt received a fall from a truck wagon, the wheel of which passed over the small of his back. Those with him succeeded in restoring him to consciousness and took him to his home which was near by. For six months he was unable to perform any work and even after a lapse of a year was troubled with severe pains and weakness of the limbs. He was able, however, to do light work about the farm, and about a year later shipped on a vessel bound for Charleston, S. C. While on this trip Mr. Jerritt was engaged in furling a sail, when he overreached himself, and felt something start, as though something had burst in his left side. He became almost helpless, and on the arrival of the vessel at Charleston, he was taken to the hospital for medical treatment. Here he remained for over two months under the most skilful physicians. His side became strong again, but his limbs grew weak and frequently the pains were intense. Mr. Jerritt then returned home, he continued to grow worse and the pains never left him. After his return home he made an attempt to work but had to give it up, and gradually became worse and worse until at last he was entirely helpless and was looked upon by his friends as one who not only could not recover, but whose time on earth was short. It was in this condition, depressed in mind, helpless, and continually suffering intense pain, that a last a ray of hope came to him. One day he read in the Halifax Herald of Mr. Marshall's remarkable cure. Symptoms in this case were those of his own, and despite the fact that he had already expended hundreds of dollars in patent medicines and medical treatment, without receiving any benefit, he determined to try the remedy that had restored Mr. Marshall to health. The result is that he is again restored to health and strength. Hearing from various sources of Mr. Jerritt's remarkable recovery the local reporter determined to investigate the matter, and gives his story as told to him. "In my early days," said Mr. Jerritt, "I was one of the strongest young men in our village. Until I received the fall in 1879 I did not know anything about sickness, and after that time I did not know a perfectly well day. I tried to fight the trouble off and to work, and partially succeeded up to the time I received the strain on board the ship while bound for Charleston. Since then my limbs have continued to grow worse until I was compelled to give up work altogether and send for a doctor. I may add that all kinds of medicine were tried but none did me any permanent good. The physicians of our place said my disease was locomotor ataxy and although several of them treated me, none gave much hope of recovery; in fact the impression became general that "poor Joe must soon go." After the failure of doctors' treatment I again resorted to patent medicines of which I believe I have taken $500 worth. Still my disease grew worse and finally I was unable to even move from my bed. I was advised to again go to the hospital in Halifax, and after spending two months there I returned home only to find myself even worse than before. My legs became so weak that I could not stand alone having to use two chairs to steady myself with; I could not bear my weight on them. For five weeks I was between life and death. My left leg swelled to an enormous size and the doctors pronounced it dropsy. My feet and legs have been cold for over five years until the last three months. It was impossible for me to sleep with the pain which would continually be in my legs and body. Mustard drafts were applied, but no sooner would they be taken off than the pain would return. About one year ago I lost all feeling from my legs: they would feel like ice and to move them caused the greatest agony. I prayed that God would take me from this world and give me relief from the torment which I was hourly in. Thus I lived; not lived, but existed, a suffering being without one day's relief from the most excruciating pangs from the disease. How the face of the hitherto sufferer brightened as he began to tell of the release, as it were, from death, and continuing he said:—"But from the blackest day of my sickness a glimmer of hope shone when my little girl who brought home my paper read the advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I got her to read to me the cure effected in the case of John Marshall, of Hamilton. As soon as she read the statements contained therein, I saw at once that his case was similar to mine and I told my wife that I believed I would be a well man again if I only could succeed in obtaining some of this medicine. I sent to our drug store but found none there, I then decided to send to Brockville, Ont., for the Pills, but my neighbors only laughed at me saying that they were just like all other patent medicines, no good. This was in August, I forwarded the money and in a few days received two boxes of Pills, deciding to give them a fair trial. After taking them a short time the pains left me, and to-day I am not troubled with an ache or pain. True, my limbs have not yet entirely recovered their former strength, but it makes me happy to know that if five boxes will enable me to stand with just a little assistance more will continue and complete the cure. Dead legs for a year are not easily made perfectly strong again but," here Mr. Jerritt threw both legs high in the air, "this is something myself or my friends never hoped to see. All my neighbors gave me up for dead, but thank God my strength is returning and after three months I feel like a new man. You need not fear to state my case plainly, as I am well known in Cape Breton, and all the people hereabout know how far gone I was. Scores of the neighbors call to see me and are surprised to find that I am improving daily. My appetite has returned; my strength is renewed and when my limbs become a little stronger I shall be a healthier man than ever. No doubt exists in my mind of complete cure as the worst symptoms have entirely disappeared and I seem invigorated by the medicine. You see," he said to the reporter, "I am to work mending nets as I feel too well to remain idle. Every person who saw me last July, and sees me now can bear testimony to the truth of the story I am telling you. My weight since I began taking the Pills has increased from 125 pounds to 146 pounds and I am heavier now than I have been for five years. I hope what I have told you will induce other sufferers to try this wonderful medicine, and I am sure they will have as good reason to feel grateful for it as I do."

After the interview with Mr. Jerritt, the reporter called on a number of his neighbors, all of whom endorsed his statements, and said they considered his cure one of the most wonderful things that had come within their observation. They, one and all gave the credit to the treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and are naturally enthusiastic in speaking of them.

The proprietors of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills state that they are not a patent medicine, but a scientific preparation the result of years of careful study on the part of an eminent graduate of McGill and Edinburgh universities, and they had for many years been used in his private practice before being offered for sale throughout the country. They are offered to the public as a never-failing blood builder and nerve restorer, curing all diseases such as paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, palpitation of the heart, headache, pale and sallow complexion, muscular weakness, etc. These Pills are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, bearing down pains, chronic constipation and all forms of weakness, building up the blood and restoring the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, over work, or excesses of any nature.

The proprietors deem it their duty to caution the public against imitations. These Pills are never sold in any form except in boxes, the wrapper around which bears the trade mark "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." They are sold by all druggists or will be sent post-paid upon receipt of price, 50 cents a box—by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. or Morristown, N. Y.

A short time ago it was proposed to the Massachusetts Board of Trade to boycott firms which fail dishonestly. One part of the proposition is not to compromise with financially embarrassed persons who cannot satisfy three-fourths of their creditors that their failure was unavoidable. And another part is that no business shall be done by any member of the Board with any person to whom a compromise is refused. The number of persons who fail in order to defraud their creditors is not large; but the number who come to grief through underselling is very large, and it is this class of traders against whom some combination is more needed. One of the best things to do would be to restrict credits. It is the eagerness of the creditor which often leads to wrong-doing on part of the debtor.

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MUSICAL!

Mr. S. W. Farnham will remain in Chatham during the present winter to teach music. Terms moderate to any one desiring private lessons in voice culture.

Meeting of County Council.

The Northumberland County Council will meet at the Council Chamber, Newcastle on Tuesday, 19th of January next, at 12 o'clock noon, for despatch of business.

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D. POTTINGER, Chief Superintendent. Railway Offices, Moncton, N. B. 21st December, 1891.

MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Chatham Gas Light Company will be held on Wednes