paternal sway of the French-Canadian race, and entirely differ with him, and we think it be-

THE WELLAND CANAL.

There having been various complaints as to pellers on this important canal, in some cases to the extent of 7 or 8 days, we have made various enquiries as to the cause of such detentions, and the best method of rectifying them. The following is the result of our investigation.

During the past three months there has been

a vast addition to the traffic on this route, while there has not been a corresponding increase in the number of horses for towing purposes; the proprietors of those animals not being anxious at so late a period of the season, to procure ad-ditions to their stock, which would entail heavy winter expenses in keeping them. In connection with this difficulty, the vessels do not proceed at night, though the canal is prepared for so doing. This is partially accounted for, by the scarcity of horses, for the drivers do not care to weary themselves and their already wearied beasts by preceeding. Consequently about Thorold, at a late hour of the day, there is usually a dense crowd of shipping, which goes on accumulating during the earlier part of the night, as it is a favorite stopping place. During the night there is so much manœuvring

few simple alterations in the rules of the canal, would prevent much of the confusion and delay above referred to. The vessels should be compelled to proceed during the night, and extra sequently should be abolished! horses will soon be forthcoming, when it is found they are absolutely required.

It might probably be advantageous to pro-

cure a few small steam tugs, to run on the long levels above Allanburgh. One of them could pass along rapidly with several schooners in tow, and the increased rapidity with which they would proceed, would, we imagine, compensate for the loss of time in getting half a dozen or so together. We do not assert that they would supersede the use of horses on those levels, but we think that they might prove very useful when there was a concentration of shipping at Thorold, which it is frequently the case, on account of the number of locks, apart from its

does at present, and that too with much saving

The railroad likewise, from Port Dalhousie to Fort Erie, which the St. Catharine's people are fully determined to carry out, will, along with its advantages to St. Catharines and adjacent ports, prove to be, we doubt not, a powerful assistant to the canal, as many kinds of freight can, we think, be safely and economically sent by rail from lake to lake, instead of through the canal. The economy of time would pay for the trouble of unloading and reshipping of many descriptions of freight. criptions of freight.

Last summer in passing through Port Dal-housie, at a time when there was much talk about the Port Railway, we noticed on the castern side of the lock a large basin, which with a little dredging would make an admirable harbour for vessels, while the bank overhanging it, would, we fancied, bean excellent railroad terminus. This was our impression at the time, but, on making enquiry, we found that the adjoining land was involved in a law suit, which been subposed to give evidence in two cases. 12 mile creek, and thence to connect with the Chippewa river, is much discussed. There is Trenor and Bethune came to the conclusion, from we believe every prospect of its being eventually accomplished. We understand the Honourable must have been killed before he was cast into Hamilton Merritt considers it a most feasible the water. scheme. All will be necessary, in order to meet the wonderful increase of traffic on this route—

The circumstantial evidence elicited during the inquest tended to throw the most horrible

"Many staunch voluntaries hold it altogether unchristian, that Ministers should receive any re-

muneration for their labours in the Gospel!!! We remember reading in an antiquated volume called the Bible a somewhat opposite doctrine to that above enunciated. St. Paul, writing to the members of the Corinthian Church, thus ex-

Who goeth a warfare at any time of his own Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?"

The same authority likewise declares: "Do ye not know, that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the alter are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the

One thing is abundantly evident from these quotations, viz: that the great Bishop of the Gentiles was very far from being one of the "staunch voluntaries" alluded to by the North

earliest professor of "staunch voluntaryism, that which connects Hamilton with the rising town

forget his fervid and emphatic declaration: "Base is the slave who pays!" Our old friend Duncan McGurdy of Strathbungo, was one of the "staunchest" holders of this the tressel-work which had been temporarily

exquisitely economical dogma we ever had the good fortune to fall in with.

so convinced was Duncan of the soundness of the doctrine, that he practically applied it to quadrupeds, as well as to "Ministers." Deeming ether unchristian," that his antiquated mare "Jenny Geddes," should "receive any remuneration for her labours," the excellent, orthodox, and savoury "professor," commenced a periodical diminishment of her commons. The periodical diminishment of her commons. The experiment was succeeding admirably, and gave driven along at the rate of thirty or forty miles promise of a triumphant issue, when just as Jenny had reached the frugal allowance of one straw per diem, the obstinate and cross-gained brute took it into her head to die!—Hamilton

ONE of our Toronto contemporaries of the 10th inst., copied some stanzas by a rhymster called quallon, of which the following verse is a sample:

I believe in all that's noble,
That man is not accurst—
That souls are now as beautiful
As when ereation burst!
And that men feel that pure glory
Which time can never dim,
And the glowing burnitg beauty
Of Freedom's golden hymn!

If this be not rampant an unadulterate infidelity, we have yet to learn the meaning of the expression! Never have we met with a more distinct and specific denial of the scriptural doctrine of mans fall, and of the ruin which sin has brought upon his soul.

acceded to, they commenced a violent attack on one of the overseers on the line, treating him

We must confess, however, that we were painfully astonished to meet with it in the print which gave

it a Canadian currency.
Of course the editor gave the obnoxious lines a place in his sheet without being aware of the moral poison which they contained. This, nowever, furnishes no valid excuse for his fault. An immense amount of showy infidelity is at prseent making the rounds of the press in the

in the Daily Patriot of the 9th a short para-graph on the annexation of Dr. Rolph's Medical to them; on their solicitations not being comis new to us, and we observe that our contem- ferred to. Mr. Gray exerted himself very much porary is almost inclined to reject it as being to place the case in as favourable a light as

the Catholic Religion, and Quebec would be the last great seat of the Custom of Paris, and it may be the last refuge of the Inquisition of Spain.—

Quebec Mercury.

entirely unter with India, and we shall to be the last refuge one to watch, lest Dr. Rolph's united audacity and cunning, by the usual underhand trickery, attain their object. The Toronto School of Medicine was acknowledged to be equal to any on the American continent, the Professors being, with one exception, men of long standing in their profession, and of ac-knowledged talent; and the exception alluded knowledged talent; and the exception alluded to, being a gentleman whose undoubted talents fully compensated for any want of experience. That the reverse, with but few exceptions, is the case with Rolph's School, is patent to the whole profession in Upper Canada. We have not the least doubt but that the rumour has been carefully raised to feel the public pulse, and that unless public indignation be instantly and unmistakeably expressed, that a proposal and unmistakeably expressed, that a proposal to endow the school will follow its annexation. Dr. Rolph has found that the destruction of a noble school has only benefitted Trinity College, and he has consequently been compelled to

THE "CANADIAN" ON FASTING.

Our confrere the Canadian laudeth consum edly Lord Palmerston, for his boorish and heathen-like impertinence towards the Presbytery of Edinburgh, recently commented upon in The Canadian, handling the general question

of national fasts, observes, inter alia:-"Jezebel did the thing by royal proclamation

We read in the New Testament that the Pharisees, for a pretence, made long prayers.

According to the very peculiar logic of the Canadian, he should, without delay, commence a vigorous crusade against the practice of prayers, seeing that some men made a mere pretence of their devotions !-- Hamilton Gazette.

THE TORONTO EXAMINER—Is a perfect maniac

when speaking of the Clergy of any denomination but his own; and what that is we don't know, but the editor is himself some sort of a curtail Bishop. Speaking of the Clergy of the Church of England with reference to the proposition of compensating the incumbents of the Rectories compensating the incumbents of the rectories after the secularization of their livingst; that being made a stopping place at night.

We are confident, that by judicious rules and management this canal is capable of doing a much larger amount of business than it even the secondariation of their livingst; that paper holds the following villainous language:

"The proposition that we shall assume the responsibility of meeting a claim which England has so foolishly chosen to assume, is so menstrous. has so foolishly chosen to assume, is so menstrous
—so outrageous, such a libel upon the common sense and public spirit of Canada, that we should hope if any proposition be made to meet it in any shape, it will be to offer to bear the expenses of transporting the whole of the Reserve Incumbents to Norfolk Island, and to provide for them there during their natural lives. This, in our opinion, is the only way in which we can "meet the justice of the case" short of sending them for life to

transportation and the penitentiary, we may rely is not far himself, "if we could meet the justice of the case," from meriting the pie-bald uniform of Norfolk Island, or the penitentiary-Niagrara

Mail (Reform paper) CORONER'S INQUEST ON THE BODY OF JOHN Robson.-The unfortunate man Robson, whose might perhaps prevent its being used for the Tomlinson vs. the Sheriff of the United Counties purpose nature seems to have intended it for. of York Ontario and Peel, in which Adam Break The plan of running an extra canal, for the was the substantial defendant, and in a criminal indictment charging Horatio S. Levins with

The circumstantial evidence elicited during was missed, and it was distinctly proved at the trial that all of the parties were in the city and that they slept in a tavern near the Don Bridge the night after deceased was made away with. Cicero Tomlinson was observed one day during the Assizes to go down to Taylor's wharf, and look under and around it very carefully; this

circumstance in itself was very suspicion A girl named Sarah Campbell, swore that she saw three men going down on the wharf, she thought, on the night on which deceased was missed, the middle one was Robson: after she had gone to her bed she heard some one calling out "oh dont" several times. Joseph Tomlin-son said some time before the trial that Robson was a drunken character and would probably be found near the wharves some day.

The jury found the evidence so strong against the accused as to justify them in bringing in a verdict of "guilty of wilful murder" against the three Tominsons and Levins. They stand over for trial at the next Assizes to be held on the fifth day of January next.

OPENING OF THE CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE That illustrious soldier Ancient Pistol is the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—The Central Division we read of in the annals of England. Who can of London, was opened on Thursday morning last in the most auspicious manner. The cars left the depot at Hamilton at a few minutes before 10 o'clock. The train moved safely over erected over the old canal, and in a short time they passed Dundas, and arrived at the West Flamboro' station. Here was the first demonstration; a large quantity of champagne was provided, and after two or three toasts had been given the cars proceeded on their way to St. George; there, and at the other stations along the route, congratulatory addresses were delivered. The road between Woodstock and Lonper hour. This portion of the road will bear comparison with any road on this continent. For about two miles from the depot, along the line, the sides of the road were lined with spectators. On the arrival of the cars in Lonon, a sumptuous dinner was laid out, of which the passengers and the magnates of London par-

RIOT AND ATTEMPTED RESCUE BY RAILROAD NAVIES .- Our city was thrown Into quite a state of alarm on Friday evening last, owing to the disorderly proceedings of a number of labourers, employed in the construction of the Hamilton and Toronto Railroad. A party of strong, stalwart fellows, numbering upwards of fifty, mustered in front of the office of Messrs Towley & Co., the contractors, on James street, and un der an alleged plea of a legal request not being brought upon his soul.

It would not have surprised us if the metrical heresy we are denouncing had appeared in the spot and endeavoured to quell the affray, receiving in their attempts numerous contusions, and scoffing columns of Mackenzie's Weekly Message.

Sustaining much injury to their habilaments sustaining much injury to their habilaments After a deal of scuffling, and obtaining the assistance of a few civilians, they managed to place four of the ringleaders in custody, when the The case was brought up on Saturday morning, at the Police office, before Capt. Armstrong, Aldermen Ford and Davis associating; when it was adduced that the cause of the riot was owing to shape of man-exalting lyrics, and it is a duty in-cumbent upon every Christian journalist, to scru-from 5s. to 4s. 4½ d per day, and refused to pay cumbent upon every Christian journalist, to scrutinize carefully the pieces which he admits into his "poet's corner."—Hamilton Gazette.

the contractors naving reduced the rate of pay from 5s. to 4s. 4½ d per day, and refused to pay the money due their men until the 15th of the present month, which is the regular pay day. DR. ROLPH'S MEDICAL SCHOOL.—We notice The labourers. it appears, contemplated a strike, ool to the Toronto University. The rumour | plied with, they pursued the illegal course re-

was paid, and the prisoners discharged -Hamilton Gazette.

A University has been established at Quecbec, under the auspices of the Roman Catholics. Its We coppy from the True Witness's

The venerable Seminary of Quebec, entering lic youth of Canada may complete their studies, and qualify themselves for their degrees, without danger to their faith, and morals. Our Most Gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria, has already granted Her Royal Charter to this institution: and to-day we have the pleasure of announcing to you, that, in compliance with the unanimous request of the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province the Holy See has graciously been pleased to confer upon it many precious privileges, in testimony of its good wishes.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN MONTREAL. Loss estimated at about £50,000. (By Canada Grand Trunk Telegraph.) Montreal, Dec. 26, 1853.

Yesterday morning, about 4 o'clock, the large retail establishment of Messrs. J. & D. Lewis, in Notre Dame Street, was discovered to be on During the night there is so much manœuvring among the ve-sels with respect to passing each other and so securing a good start in the morning, that through this struggling, vessels get frequently jammed and entangled together, and great delays result.

We believe from what we have learned, that a way was murdered, and Ahab got the vine-struggling of the result was murdered, and Ahab got the vine-struggling of the struggling was not in a short time the whole block of four storycut stone buildings was in flames. The stores destroyed are as follows:

—Messrs. J. & D. Lewis's splendid retail dry —Messrs. J. & D. Lewis's splendid retail dry goods store, insured for £16,500 in the British and Erna Offices—which it is supposed will about cover the loss; Mr. C. Solomon's fur store and dwelling-house—estimated loss,— £4000, insured for \$1200; Messrs Schwarz & above. We did not hear the amount of loss, but it must be considerable, as they have been only a short time in business in this city been only a short time in business in this city from time to time, it may be necessary for me to issue for the information of my Clergy.

I remain, and their stock is very valuable; their insurance, we believe, is only £1000. Mr. Rice Sharpley's fancy store and dwelling above were the last in the block, and at this point the fire was checked. Mr. Sharpley's establishment was the largest of the kind in this city; his stock is estimated at from £15,000 to £20,000—insured for only £5000. The whole amount of property destroyed is estimated at from £45,000 to £50,000. This is the most disastrous fire that has occurred since the great conflagration of July

> or furniture of the three first-named establishments, and only a very small portion of Mr. Sharpley's stock was rescued, mostly in a damaged state. The extensive retail dry goods establishments of Messrs. W. Benjamin and S. S. Bordeau, and the wholesale boot and shoe is told,"—a life spent as though it were a store of Messrs. Brown & Childs, opposite the burnt block are in imminent danger; but by without profit of fruit; a life passed in an are the well directed exertions of the fire companies the flames were prevented from crossing the street. Mrs. Clark's fancy story, adjoining Mr. Sharpley's, was also in danger, but sustained no

Brigades was promptly on the spot. The sup-ply of water, however, at the first, was rather deficient, but in a short time a plentiful supply was obtained and the firemen exerted themselves in a manner beyond all praise. The engines left the ground at 8 o'clock a. m.; but we observed Mr. Bertram the indefatigable Chief

been the case with nearly every fire since Mr. B. has filled his present office. The ruins were visited by immense crowds yesterday, but as some danger was apprehended from the falling of the walls, a barrier was thrown across the street and policemen stationed to prevent persons passing. The large building is a complete wreck, scarcely anything remains but the front wall-which will no doubt be removed immedi-

LETTERS RECEIVED TO DEC. 28. Rev. E. M. S., Guelph; Rev. W. L., Melbourne, rem.; W. G., Woodstock, rem. (the payment made as stated, in advance for Canadian Churchnan, pays for The Church to No. 13, Vol. 17. The present remittance pays to No. 13, Vol. 18); Rev. J. F., Mono, add. sub

## The Church.

TORONTO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1853.

NOTICE. the General Purposes Fund.

THOS. SMITH KENNEDY, Sec. C. S. D. T.

Sunday in Lent.

School-room, on Tuesday 17th January, end everlasting life. at 12 o'clock, for the election of officers and other business. There will be Divine Service at the Cathedral previously, at 11 has returned from Ireland; but we deeply o'clock. There will also be an adjourned regret to hear that his health is not such as

George's Church, at 7 o'clock. the Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette, twenty years. Mr. Denroche is a man of ing his youthful choir have been, as we are hitherto published at Quebec, Mr. Rowsell great ability and zeal, and this termination aware from personal knowledge, most perhas been encouraged to undertake the of his ministerial labours will be lamented severing; and we rejoice in the great success publication of a similar paper, in conjunc- by the Diocese at large. The Brockville with which they have been attended. It tion with the Church. As a gazette it will Statesman, no doubt, expresses the feelings was our purpose to say more on this head; contain nothing beyond Ecclesiastical in. of the parishioners generally in the follow- but Christmas week is a busy week for the telligence and special notices; and, though ing recognition of his long and faithful ser. clergy; and we must content ourselves porary is almost inclined to reject the as being to pince the day to fine the day to flagrant an enormity for our unprincipled possible, and sought the elemency of the Court. After a few minutes' deliberation the individuals an interchange of that description of news "Rev. Mr. Denroche, Brockville.—The allusion.

were ordered each to pay a fine of £5, which to a considerable extent, there will be no numerous friends of this gentleman will be further connection. Its character may be described in one word, as a monthly record health. We regret to learn that his medical of Church events, (including more particuladvisers will not allow him to again officiate, and under the auspices of the Roman Catholics. Its intentions, and the authority under which it is established will be gathered from the following extract from the Archbishop's address on the occurrence of the Church will be converged by the proceedings of the Church that in consequence of this he has been forced to send in his resignation. The members of St. Peter's Church will be truly pained to hear this. The Rev. Mr. D. has officiated in this town issued on the second Friday of each month, (provided that day be found to be coninto the spirit of the assembled fathers, has undertaken to carry out their suggestion, by the establishment of a University, where the Catholic Currency per annum. On the second Friday in January next the first number will appear; a copy of which will be sent to each of the Clergy in the three Dioceses of Quebec, Montreal and Toronto; whilst ure for want of proper editing. It has we hope that amongst the Laity, also, it merged into Gleason's Pictorial, of Boswill obtain a considerable circulation. The ton, which is very respectably got up, but Bishops of Quebec, Toronto and Montreal abounds with too many trashy tales of an have all been kind enough to express to us intensely Yankee character to render it their approval of the undertaking; from acceptable to any one possessed of a modthe last of whom we have been honored erate portion of good taste. with the following communication:-

SEE House, Montreal, Dec. 17, 1853. determined to discontinue that publication, we have now nothing of the kind of which we can store and dwelling-house—estimated loss,— £4000, insured for \$1200; Messrs Schwarz & Co's. millinery and fancy store, and dwelling tolerable circulation; it will be an acceptable

> Reverend sir, Your ob't faithful servant, F. MONTREAL.

A FRAGMENT FOR THE NEW YEAR.

We do not know that we have ever met with anything more impressive on the value of time, and the responsibilities in-Nothing at all was saved from either the stock volved in the employment of it, than the following sketch, from Hamilton's "Life in earnest," of the harrowing death-bed retrospect of a life which has been without profit or fruit; a life passed in an unreal state, in miserable neglect of the great realities of Eternity.

Sharpley's, was also in danger, but sustained no damage. The goods, however; were removed. The property belonged to the estate of the late Hon. Joseph Masson, and is insured for £7000 in the Globe and Royal Offices.

Of the origin of the fire nothing has been ascertained. We hear that two young men who slept in the back part of Messrs. Lewis' store were awakened by the crackling of the flames, and in getting up discoverd the drapery department of the establishment all in a blaze. The alarm was immediately given, and the fire Brigades was promptly on the spot. The sup-"God gave me one life-time, and it was once Yes! and though you should not need to look back on a life thus sinfully spent it will be sad enough to review a life let idly slip. To think that by a right starting, and a persevering con-tinuance in well-doing, it was once in your power glory in the next: how disconsolate it will render the retrospective evening of your days, should you reach old age! And how different it will make your exit from his, who, looking back upon his eventful career, could say,—'I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept righteous Judge, shall give me at that day.'

Have any of our readers reason to apaffectionate attention, such a retrospect biographies will shortly be published. would embitter all with its impressive fore- The English Press is literally teeming You could not endure such a retrospect, sequence of the rupture between those two if faithfully made, at any time; much less powers. The Clergy are requested to take notice that when vigor and nerve are failing, and the Ramsay of Montreal, already known to could you meet such a review of life, face even for this cheap age. to face, if, at the resurrection of good and Atlas, No. 1, contains six coloured evil, it should start up before you, a dark maps illustrative of the Geography of It is the intention of the Lord Bishop of Throne on the Judgment Day? Thank 2, comprises Modern Geography, and con-MONTREAL to hold a General Ordination God! you are not there yet! There is still tains the following maps: Eastern Hemisin the Cathedral Church on the second time to retrieve the past; still time to phere, Western Hemisphere, Europe, His Lordship also purposes holding of Divine grace, and the fair plants of South America, Canada, England, Scot-

Confirmations for the missions of Vau- evangelical holiness the desert waste of land, Ireland. The judiciousness of this dreuil, St. Andrews, Grenville, Bucking- your life. Lose not a moment in doing selection for this colony, more particularly, ham, Aylmer, and Clarendon early in so. Grasp every moment with the hun- is very applicable.-Price 1s. 3d. the ensuing summer; due notice will be griness of a miser; improve every moment given to the different Clergy of the particu- with usury; live every moment in the fervour, the devotedness, the self-crucifix-The Rev. W. Morris has just been ion of a martyr. Thus, though your days appointed by the Bishop to the mission be few, they will be found sufficient for of Buckingham, vacant by the resignation the work which God hath given you to do. of the Rev. R. L. Stevenson; and the Yea! though you should be cut off in the Rev. F. Wilson succeeds Mr. Morris in bloom of youth, you shall accomplish that the temporary charge of Huntingdon. which, in too many cases, old age leaveth The Rev. A. Allan has also been ap- undone; and though, by affliction, your pointed to the mission of Berthier, vacant days be made "evil"—as were the days by the resignation of the Rev. W. Geyront. of Jacob's pilgrimage—they will not be evil in the sense in which evil is really The General Annual Meeting of the serious and calamitous; they will not be CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF morally evil, but fruitful of good; their but, so far as her most gracious Majesty is QUEBEC will be held at the National occupation, the service of God; and their concerned, the fact is this (we give it on

The Rev. EDWARD DENROCHE, M.A., last. general meeting of the same Society, held to warrant the resumption of his parochial the testimonial to F. W. Barron, Esq., (a in the evening of the same day, in St. duties. He has, in consequence, been com- detailed account of which will appear in our pelled to resign the Incumbency of St. next) for his services in the choir of St. Peter's Church, Brockville, which he has George's Church, give one a great deal of In consequence of the discontinuance of held, we understand, for the long period of saisfaction Mr. Barron's exertions in train-

upon his exertions in God's holy work.

LITERARY ITEMS.

Barnum's Illustrated News was a fail-

Montgomery, the proprietor of the Magazine of Art, is about to issue an illustrated paper in New York, which will be REVEREND SIR,

I shall be very glad to find that you can establish "a Church Chronicle" or "Gazette" on the plan you purpose, and I will subscribe for four copies myself, and recommend it to the Clergy and others in this Diocese. The editor of the Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette having of the Cana ble addition to the newspaper literature of the day. The Illustrated Magazine, for avail ourselves; and it will be convenient and useful to have such a means of receiving important facts and documents connected with the and Ramsay of this city are agents, is de-Church, whether in Canada or elsewhere. If, cidedly one of the best of the American periodicals, though rather of a Whiggish tendency-we use the word "Whiggish" in the English acceptation of the term. It is much less known than it deserves to be. We believe it is issued simultaneously in London and New York. Many of the wood engravings are beautiful specimens

> Harpers' Magazine for December begins a new year with a boasted circulation of 135,000, and it is exultingly declared to be entirely original in its contents, with the exception of Thackeray's work. We dare say the circulation is very great, for in New York it is "crowded off" by zealous book pedlars, at little more than half the publishing price. Any amount of them can be procured there a day or two after publication for fifteen cents a number .-The more original its contents become, the more distateful we may expect the Canadian reader to find them. The Rev. Mr. Abbott's perversions of history, and the Rev. Mr. Headley's tinsel "Rhapsodies," are specimens of the "original" trash the Harpers delight in. The Churchman speaks of Abbott's tissue of slander and folly as a " pretty, spirited romance." We In fear Mr. A. intended it as a real biography. A minute review of it is to commence in the next Anglo-American.

Littell's Living Age is a weekly magazine, filled with the choicest articles from the great periodicals and journals of England. We have never seen a number which did not abound with valuable matter. Arrangements have been made to publish an engraving in each weekly number of 64 pages, without any addition to

the price, which is 71d. observed Mr. Bertram the indefatigable Chief Engineer, on the ground during the whole day. This gentleman is deserving of something more than a mere passing compliment—from the fact that he was compelled to change his apparel severel times during the day, having apparel severel times during the day, having the opinion of many with whom we conversed, that if Mr. Bertram had been furnished with abundance of water, the fire would have been confined to the store in which it occurred, as has every article. Men of title or landed pro-general election, but the article has been with luscious cake or confectionary plum. The Christmas tree is only decked with painted eggyou have secured no inheritance of bliss and is concentrated in the heads of the smart radical reformers-the "men of the people." In his "Child's History of England," King James I. as a sort of dismal tedious joke, is called "his Sowship," through a dozen or so of pages. We think neither children nor adults will be profited by the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the garnished with low epithets, that he gives

of this monarch. Lady Lee's Widowhood, a clever tale prehend that such a retrospect may be published in Blackwood's Magazine, was theirs? Bear with us whilst we utter a written by Capt. Hornley of the Royal word of admonition. Though your old age, Artillery. A Tale of the Great Plague, should you be spared to gray hairs, be by the author of Mary Powell, or The surrounded with every possible earthly Wife of Milton, The Household of Sir comfort, and soothed with all duteous and Thomas More, and similar imaginary auto-

bodings of coming wrath and judgment with works on Russia and Turkey, in con-

accusing spirit, before the Great White Sacred History.-Price 4d. Atlas, No. refresh and adorn with the living springs Asia, Africa, Palestine, North America,

THE "QUEEN'S LETTER."

We perceive that the Globe and the Christian Guardian, under the head of transferred an article, beautifully garnished with the ornaments of party spirit, from the Home Secretary had threatened that | ence among us. he would not advise Her Majesty to grant the usual Royal Letter for collections, to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. What the Home Secretary threatened, or did not threaten, we cannot say; the highly respectable authority of the London Guardian), - The Queen's Letter received the Royal Signature in October

Such occurrences as the presentation of

paper, in his last letter, an account of the late consecration of St. George's Church in this city, followed by a very interesting sertion — of church doings generally in again, after our long "travel by land and by water," in health and safety; and commending

We are very much grieved to have to transfer the following most distressing para-

"Afflicting Catastrophe.—The Cornwall Freeholder says that, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 10th, three sons of the late Rev. Mr Lindsay, Rector of Cornwall, whilst returning from a visit to friends above the town, betook themselves to the Canal with the view of skating home; when the ice suddenly gave way, and the two younger were precipitated into the water; when the elder boy, overcome by his fraternal feelings, rushed to their rescue, and, melancholy to state, fell a victim to his affection. When the account reached town, numbers of people flocked out, but too late to render any assistance, more than to recover the bodies. The young gentlemen were all under the age of fifteen years, and were general favourites with After a brief eclipse thou wert restored with

the following. We concur in the view of good to all mankind. Where thou are honored, it is for the sake of the Babe of Beth taken of the Prayer before Sermon:

CHRIST CHURCH, GRANTHAM.

This beautiful little church was opened on Christmas Day, having been completed dispensed bounty. The widow's heart shall in a most masterly style in less than five months. There were present on the occasion more than two hundred persons, and tradesman also can afford to make merry now that the control of the service was

Herald:

OPENING OF THE CHURCH AT COOKSTOWN .-We are informed that the Church lately erected at Cookstown will (D. V.) be opened for Divine service on New Year's day, being the Sunday next after Christmas day. Sermons will be preached in the morning by the Rev. George Whitaker, M.A., Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, and in the afternoon by the Rev. F. L. Osler, M.A., Rural Dean of the Simcoe Deanery. Divine service to commence at 11 A. M., and

The following item is very gratifying: we have no time this week for further

"At a vestry meeting held on Tuesday, in Christ's Church Cathedral, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese requested from the vestry a permanent grant of £500 per annum, to enable him to make provision for two Assistant ministers in the Cathedral, and announced his intention of creating the Rector and Assistants, together with some of the senior clergy, a regular Cathedral Chapter, consisting of a dean and canons, in accordance with the authority given in the letters patent erecting the See of Montreal.—

We had written some comments on a the day. There is a contemptible truckling have determined not to legislate on the

> gratefully acknowledge the donation of One Hundred agrees of land in the Township of old plaid cloak thread-bare, the very ribbons Hundred acres of land in the Township of on her bonnet have been turned once and again, Adjala, from Mrs. J. S. Baldwin, in aid of the but still with all the womanly instincts of her building fund.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO. THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, the result of scanty fare and a narrow home as CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS, ON BE-HALF OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE are cheerful: the old traditions of Christmas CLERGY OF THIS DIOCESE, APPOINTED TO BE are kept up for the sake of auld lang syne. TAKEN UP ON SUNDAY, 25TH OF SEPTEMBER 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Kingston, St. Pauls.....£0 16 3 

277 collections, amounting to.....£402 5 77

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THOS. SMITH KENNEDY,
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Diocese of Montreal, was presented to the Lord Bishop on Wednesday the 7th December last on occassion of the first meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, after his Lordship's To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

My Lord: We, your Lordship's Clergy have sincere pleasure in offering to your Lorship our hearty congratulations on the return of yourself and Mrs. Fulford and family, in health and Your Lordship's absence has not lessened our

Government blow to Puseyism," have gratitude for your successful labors in this portion forcibly struck with the regular elucidation of the Lord's vineyard, and for much that we all owe to your deep and friendly interest in your lergy's welfare, while it has made us very sensithe London Advertiser, to the effect that ble of the need we have for your Lorship's pres-

To our humble and hearty thanks to the great Protector of all who "travel by land or by water" for your Lordship's restoration to us, as our chief us, for the last three years, may be long continued for the peace and extension of the Church in Your lordship's faithful servants in Christ. •

[Signed by the Clergy.] His Lordship's reply :-

REV. AND DEAR BRETHERN: I am much grayou have just presented.

Your kind mention of the past, as well as the the faithfulness with which it is now served in stition of a Romish Irish priesthood. the present generation. Unity amongst ourselves, Let Canadian Churchmen, then, gladly avail with this brief, and far from satisfactory and the diligent discharge of our own pastoral duties, will, with God's blessing, gather round which a glorious Providence is now trying them,

The correspondent of the New York | us a body of faithful and attached laity, to who Church Journal has communicated to that paper, in his last letter, an account of the

notice-which we have marked for in- sefed to me and mine, and for bringing us back

you all, both in your own families and in you public duties, to God's blessing,
I remain, Rev, and dear Brethren,

Montreal, Dec. 7, 1853.

## Correspondence.

Yours very fairhfully, F. MONTREAL.

CHRISTMAS .- A FRAGMENT. For the Church.

All hail to thee, Christmas-All hail to thy snowy paw erst, decked in thy island home with the shining leaves and scarlet terries of the holly; but here resplendent with the glitterin gems of thy frosty diadems. All hail to the cheerful face "frosty but kindly."—In vain disour puritan and rigid fanatic endeavour teen years, and were general lavourites with a title a site course that were restored other good things to thy wonted honours and accustomed place. All hail to thee, for thou art a joyful remembrancer of glad tidings of good to all marking. lehem, whose name is "Wonderful, Counsello "The unrubrical and unauthorized Prayer in the Pulpit before Sermon has been discontinued at the Church of the Holy Trinity in this city.—
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The unrubrical and unauthorized Prayer in the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Where thou art despised, there the Redeemer's Divinity is denied, and the blood of the cross trampled upon. Once more, the properties of the control of the cross trampled upon. This is right, for the use of such a Prayer either implies that the Prayers, which have been previously offered up go for nothing, or something has been omitted, which the Clergyman takes that opportunity of supplying."

blood of the cross trampled upon. Once more then, hail to thee—thou merry fellow—right heartily we greet thee. Thou hast a good word for all. High and low, rich and poor, make merry at thy coming. The wealthy Christian remembers that now is the time when father than the control of the cross trampled upon. Once more then, hail to thee—thou merry fellow—right heartily we greet thee. Thou hast a good word for all. High and low, rich and poor, make merry at thy coming. dividends are declared; and as a good steward, he is determined that the cottage of the poor man shall be gladdened by a share of his well nearly all parishioners. The service was performed by the Rev. H. N. Phillipps. The Collection taken up in aid of the Building Fund was £16 10s.—Com. We take the following from the Barrie labours. The school boy longs for thy coming and amidst the wonted frolics of this ancient holiday time, forgets the cares and discipline of the academy and school. It is a season of joy and plenty to every class but one; and that the poverty stricken preachers of the Gospel.—
It is true that the holy man rejoices also at this glad season, and he is heartily thankful for the mysteries of redemption at this time revealed;

but he is still a creature of flesh and blood, and has feelings in common with other men. He envies not when he sees the table of his wealthy parishioner groaning with Christimas-fare; but his heart sinks within him as he thinks of the scanty cheer provided for his children's Christmas-feast, which, poor as it is, he is denied the privilege of sharing with them; for, at this season, when other families make it a point to be united under the old roof tree, to enjoy Christmas, the Missionary is from the very nature of his duties separated from his family circle, and Christmas merry-makings are not for him. His house alone lacks the general warmth of the Yule-log; his care-worn wife, as she greets him on the happy morn, ventures a hope that he will be able to return from his distant station before the night closes in, and he lavishly resolves that his sorry nag shall have an extra feed of oats as a Christmas jollification, and as a means of stimulating his exertions so that he may be able to get back that night. The very tinkle of the parson's sleigh-bells lacks that cheerful sound which chimes out so mer-Household Words, is a magazine we letter which has appeared in the Globe from the Hon. F. Hincks, in which he sets fashion to laud it as the great periodical of forth the reasons why the Government of the Christmas festivity, but the stocking of Santa Claus, generally so full and plump, as if the day. There is a contemptible truckling to the worst passions of the mob in almost every article. Men of title or landed proells and other trifles, but yet serves to ma The Churchwardens of St. James's Cathedral | them cheerful and happy. And then they wend sex, she strives to appear neat and cheerful, the children too are all assembled in the holy place; and the neighbours wonder at the stillness of the parson's little ones; but they forget that subdued looks and quiet spirits are as much

> Amid this season, then, of general rejoicing, let not the necessities and the trials and self-to receive the written congratulations of their distant friends; and while the tradesman receives, through the same medium, the bank cheque or rich remittance; the good man of whom we have been speaking, alone resorts thither with fear and trembling. No such remittance expects he; but sundry letters in yellow envelopes demanding in peremptory terms the settlement of the enclosed account, envelope, as he thinks of the prospect before him; but still he endeavours to return cheer-

> > To the Editors of The Church.

MINISTERIAL POVERTY .- TITHES.

REV. AND DEAR SIRS,-In your paper of yesterday week, your correspondent and your-selves make some remarks upon the increased ecuniary difficulties of the Clergy, consequent upon the very unusual degree of prosperity enjoyed by almost every other class of the commuity in our Provinc When reading the facts stated, I was very

which they afford of the deep wisdom manifested in the Divine institution of Tithes. God required the tenth of His people's increase for the support of His Ministers; by this

arrangement the prosperity of their flocks necessarily ensured a corresponding degree of prosperity on the part of their pastors; and it is rthy of very serious consideration, that none Pastor, we add our prayers that the spiritual re-lationship which has so hapily subsisted between sacred ministerial tenth secures this most righteous result.

This alone would go far, I should think, to prove the continued obligation, under the Christian Dispensation, to the payment of Ministerial

O that it might be the honour and blessedness tified, no my return from England, at receiving such an address from my Clergy as the one which privilege in this respect. And let it not be thought that in thus writing we are seeking only assurance you give of your co-operation and cor- to advance the interests of our own order; it is dial support for the future, are both great en- the Church herself that must suffer far more couragements to me a resuming my lobors amongst you; and I most sincerely pray that nothing may occur, and least of all through my principled, thoroughly-informed Ministry; woe! fault or negligence, to alter the feelings with woe! woe! to the best interests of the people, which you are now able to contemplate the spir- | whether for time or eternity, when their priests itual relationship, which, you are pleased to say, has far the last three years so happily subsistee Kings xii 32, &c.,) for then may assuredly be between us. A wide and most important field expected to follow the demoralizing effects of of labor is open before us, and the future pros- socialism and mormonism, the degrading inperity of the Church in this land must depend on | fatuation of spirit-rappings, and the dark super-