Business Notice.

The ADVANCE office is open for business from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. every week-day. It is not open for delivery of papers in the evening. Town and local country subscribers will, therefore, please call for their papers at the delivery window before 6 p. m.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The insertion of advertisements can only be insured each week by their reaching the office before 6 p. m. on Tuesdays.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

A GOOD COMPOSITOR, male or female, is wanted at this office.

DEATH.—Mr. Edward Powell, of Richibucto, died at two o'clock Monday morning last.

"IBIS."—This vessel, concerning which there was some uneasiness felt, is reported as having arrived at Liverpool.

THE "BRITISH QUEEN," Capt. Sloan, is not yet reported as having arrived out, and is about given up for lost.

THE PLANS for the proposed new market house at Moncton have been prepared by G. Ernest Fairweather. It is estimated the building and land will cost $15,000.

ALL DEAD.—The quartette of children, says the *Farmer*, born recently to Mrs. John Howie of Hanwell, York Co., and one of which died shortly after birth, are all dead.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—During a fit of temporary insanity Mrs. Charles Huntington left her home, at Campbellton, on the night of the 28th December, and wandering away on the ice, was frozen to death. The body was found next morning, and an inquest held at which a verdict was rendered in accordance with the facts.

THE SNOW storm of last Wednesday night delayed the express train from the North about 14 hours. It did not reach Moncton until Thursday evening. Two feet of snow fell at Campbelton. The snow turned to hail and blocked the road. The trains from Moncton to St. John and Halifax were cancelled.

THE LICENSE ACT.—The Constitutionality of the Dominion License Act is questioned by Ex-Judge Loranger, Codifier of Statutes of the Province of Quebec, who gives it as his opinion that the license act [illegible] Dominion Parliament is *ultra vires*, [illegible] the Provincial act is still in [illegible]

[illegible]ES OF MR. CHARLES TUPPER.—The [illegible] *News* of this week contains the following: All our readers whether politically friends or foes, will deeply regret to hear of the serious illness of our young M. P., Mr. Charles Tupper. While on his way to Jamaica he became so ill that he was compelled to go ashore at Bermuda, where he now lies suffering from intense pain from sciatica.

OBITUARY.—Mrs. Bartholomew Stapleton, one of the oldest of Chatham's residents, died yesterday. She was a native of Braunton, Devonshire, England, and came to Miramichi in 1837. She leaves a husband and five sons and four daughters who have the sympathy of a very large circle of friends.

ESCAPED FROM THE ASYLUM.—James Ryan, of Bartibogue, escaped from the Asylum at St. John on New Year's day. Ryan was admitted in July, 1857, making the length of his residence upwards of 26 years. During this period, however, he has eloped several times and gone to his home by the way of Fredericton and Douglastown. He has always worked out of doors and has been trusted—is generally well behaved, though he talks much to some imaginary foe. His age is about 55 years.

MARRIAGE TOWN.—Another of those events which are so interesting was celebrated last evening—the marriage by Rev. Mr. Hogg of Mr. John Bell of Newcastle and Miss Isabella Gollan of Moncton. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's mother. Miss Alice Ross of St. John and Miss Eva Dernier of Dover acted as bridesmaids, while Mr. Hugh Stewart and Mr. John Ward were "best men" for the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Bell left for the north on the night train.—*Moncton Transcript.*

ST. JOHN'S LODGE.—At a regular communication of St. John Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M., Bathurst, the following officers were installed into office,—

Wm. R. Payne, W. M.
Geo. W. Mersereau, Im. P. M.
Chas. H. Mann, S. W.
Alex. M. Fraser, J. W.
Rev. R. W. Weddall, Chap.
Jas. Hickson, Treasurer.
Geo. M. Smith, Secretary.
Albert John Henry Stewart, S. D.
F. J. Gatain, J. D.
E. S. Johnston, S. S.
J. H. Wilbur, J. S.
J. C. Carter, Dir. of Cer.
H. E. Goldray, I. G.

KENT NORTHERN RAILWAY.—On and after Wednesday, 7th November, and until further notice, trains will run daily on the Kent Northern Railway, (Sundays excepted) as follows:

Will leave Richibucto at 10.30 a. m.; Kingston, 10 45 a. m. connecting at Kent Junction for Kingston with Intercolonial accomodation trains, north and south.

Returning will leave Kent Junction for Kingston and Richibucto, on arrival of Intercolonial accomodation from the south.

Mr John C. Brown is Manager and Mr. W. E. Flair Superintendent.

SEEDS.—The attention of our readers is respectfully called to the advertisement, in another column, of D. M. Ferry & Co., Windsor Ont., the celebrated seedsmen. They do the largest business in their line in the United States; raise the bulk of their seed on their own farms, by the most approved methods, and have obtained a world-wide reputation for the quality and variety of the seed they put upon the market, and their integrity in filling all orders entrusted to them. Their beautiful Seed Annual for 1884, sent free to all who apply for it, will be found of practical value to all who desire to purchase seeds true to name.

THE RINK.—Chatham Skating Rink will hereafter be closed at six o'clock and opened at *half past eight* on Wednesday evenings.

Regular season ticket holders are only entitled to take visitors to the rink on obtaining the approval of the directors and tickets from the Secretary. This rule hereafter to be strictly enforced.

Series of races will take place next Friday evening. Season ticket holders will be admitted on tickets to be procured from the Secretary or Mr. J. D. B. F. Mackenzie, and which will cost ten cents. The general admission is fifteen cents. Skating will be allowed during the evening when races are not being contested. The Rink Band will be in attendance. A children's Carnival will shortly be held, so the young patrons of the Rink may prepare themselves accordingly.

SENT BACK TO BOSTON.—The chief of police sent Peter Bartella, an Italian who was provided with lodgings in the city police station on Saturday night, back to Boston by the American steamer this morning. After leaving Italy in a sailing vessel he sprained his ankle, and on arrival at Bathurst, N. B., was placed in the Marine Hospital there for about three months. He was then sent to Boston and from there to the Tewksbury Alms House, where he remained several weeks and was then discharged. As soon as the chief learned these facts he at once decided to send Bartella back to Boston, as our city authorities are not disposed to care for any other than their own people.—*Globe.*

PRESBYTERY BURNED.—The neat and well-appointed presbytery at Newcastle, occupied by Rev. Father Dixon, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday (Wednesday). A man passing in a sleigh about two o'clock in the morning saw smoke and flame making their way through the woodhouse attached to the presbytery and gave the alarm. Deputy Shirreff Cassidy and others reached the place promptly and assisted Miss Dixon—Father Dixon being absent from home—in endeavoring to put the fire out, snow being the only available means at hand for their work, until water was brought in buckets. Their efforts were unavailing, however, and all turned their attention to saving the household effects, of which, fortunately, none were lost. The presbytery was consumed as well as the greater part of the woodhouse. For some reason, though the hose was stretched to the fire, no water was thrown on it by the engine. We have not learned whether there was any insurance.

THE BRIDGE AT FREDERICTON.—It is expected that the bridge will cost in the vicinity of $75,000. It will be a wagon bridge solely, as from the lowness of the land on either side of the river, and other causes as well, it is not thought feasible to combine the bridge for railway and general traffic. The length of the bridge will be 2,857 feet. The Fredericton terminus will be at Carleton street, and the St. Mary's at a few yards below the present ferry landing. The reason for not putting the bridge across the river at right angles to the shores is that the current in freshet time sets diagonally across the river, and it is necessary to have the bridge built to withstand the pressure on the face of the piers. Tenders are called for at an early date, to give the contractor, who may be accepted, time to get out the lumber this winter. The intention is to have the bridge ready for crossing next fall. There can be little doubt that the Miramichi Railway Company will also be obliged, at an early date to bridge the river at Fredericton.—*News.*

Entertainment at the School House, Bay du Vin.

An entertainment took place on Thursday evening, 27th December, at the school house, Bay du Vin, and was pronounced by all to be the best ever held in that place. It is intended, if possible, to have a number of these entertainments, as well as lectures, during the winter evenings, the funds obtained in this way to be used for church purposes. The following is the programme, various parts of which were performed in costume. Although all the parts were well rendered by the various performers, the pieces which seemed to be especially appreciated by the audience were Miss Ketchum's recitation in costume of the "Song of the Shirt," and a duet by Mina Carmichael and Gertrude Williston, which was also performed in costume, entitled, "Milkmaid and Dandy." Both of these were loudly and deservedly encored.

PROGRAMME.

Part I.

1. Instrumental.
2. Chorus, "We Come to Greet Thee."
3. Dialogue, in costume, "If I had the Money," Alice and Mina Carrol, and Olive Taylor.
4. Reading, Miss Williston
5. Song, "The Woodland Call."
6. Recitation by Gertrude Williston.
7. "Coming thro' the Rye," Mina Carmichael, Gertrude Williston and Olive Taylor.
8. Recitation, Miss Ketchum.

Part II.

1. Instrumental music.
2. Chorus, "Ring the Bell, Watchman."
3. Song, in costume, "The Swiss Girl," Mina Carmichael.
4. Recitation, "The Diver," Mrs. Wilkinson.
5. Duett, "Milkmaid and Dandy" Mina Carmichael, Gertrude Williston.
6. Reading, Miss Bessie Carmichael.
7. Song, "Dixie."
8. Dialogue in costume, "Faith, Hope and Charity," by three little girls.

God save the Queen.

Presentation.

Rev. Wm. Morrisey of Bartibogue, who is also pastor of the Black Brook R. C. congregation, was presented on Christmas eve, on behalf of the latter, with a sleigh accompanied by the following address.—

ADDRESS.

Reverend Father Morrisey, Pastor of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Bartibogue.

REV. AND DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned, representing the members of your flock and other friends resident at Black Brook would embrace the opportunity afforded by this holiday season to give expression to the gratitude we feel towards you for your untiring ministrations among us. Truly we have come to regard you as a father and benefactor, as many can testify who have been restored to health and happiness through your skill, or have profited by your counsels and instruction. The interest you have manifested in all our affairs, whether temporal or spiritual, has led us to regard you as the true friend to all. We therefore beg you to accept the accompanying gift as a slight token of our esteem and love.

Wishing a large share of the happiness and joys these festive days bring to us, and praying that if it is the divine will you may long be spared to go in and out among us,

We are, yours dutifully,
Mrs. J. McMurray,
Mrs. J. Blake.

Black Brook, Dec. 24th, 1883.

Father Morrisey's reply was as follows.

Mrs. J. McMurray and Mrs. J. Blake, Black Brook. N. B.

DEAR FRIENDS: Your very kind address and valuable present place me under a deep sense of gratitude to you. The recipient of a favor such as you have just conferred upon me can generally recall to mind something difficult or arduous undertaken in the performance of the duties of his calling, or in the discharge of those he owes to Society as neighbor and citizen, but on reflection I can find in all those relations nothing to recall that could give me a claim to the kind words of praise addressed, and the valuable present made me. If I did anything which in your kindness you noticed it was but a duty I owed you, for I am under obligations to you all for help, assistance and sympathy in the hour of need, as the building committee of St. Andrew's must acknowledge with me.

Could I disguise from myself the fact that in deeds of this sort it is often not the merits of him who receives, but the generosity, sympathy and kindly feeling of the givers that claim admiration, I would feel—well, to say the least—very much confused at what you have said of and done for me.

Reciprocating with grateful heart your Christmas greetings, and begging of you to accept yourselves, and convey to those on whose behalf you have made the presentation, my most sincere thanks, and likewise the assurance that so long as my appointed line of duty shall enable me "to go in and out" among you, I will do all in my power to retain your respect and make myself in some way worthy of your well wishes, I am, yours sincerely,

WM. MORRISSY.

Bartibogue, N. B., Dec. 24th, 1883.

Carnival.

The first skating carnival of the season at the Chatham Rink, took place on Friday evening last. Although the day and evening were very cold and thus calculated to prevent many from being present, there were nearly one hundred skaters in costume and some three hundred spectators. The ice was in fair condition, though not yet made up to full level, and the rink was handsomely decorated with flags and Chinese lanterns. The characters on the ice were not all represented in the official list, as some omitted the duty of handing in their names or titles. The list, as made up, was as follows,—

LADIES.

Miss Annie Muirhead, Belle of the Garret.
" Julia O'Brien, Fancy Dress.
" Mabel S. Murray, America.
" Leonard, Night
" Laura Winslow, Vivandiere.
" Edith Winslow, Charity Girl.
" Allie Johnson, Red, White and Blue.
" Mary Gjerta, Stormy Night.
" Lulu Howard, Swiss Girl.
" Kitty Ferguson, Maid of Honor.
" Fanny Gillespie, Rustic Maid.
" Susie Creighton, Go-as-you-please.
" Gillespie, Selena Shimmins.
" Susie Benson, Turkish Towels.
" Minnie Blair, Snowshoe Costume.
" Georgie Stothart, Fancy Dress.
" Maggie Loudoun, Peasant Girl.
" Ada Johnson, Lady Rowena.
" Nina Benson, Xmas Decorations.
" Reta Sinclair, Tambourine Girl.
" Maggie Snowball, Snowshoes.
" Nellie Benson, Goddess of Hunting.
" Katie Wilkinson, Waiting Maid.
" Libbie Haviland, Old Maid.
" Lena Goggin, Tidies.
" Ethel Benson, Water Nymph.
" Catherine Benson, Grandmother.
" L. Thomson, Fancy Dress.
" Russell, Fancy Dress.
" A. Harley, Crushed Strawberry.
" L. Harley, Lady Gymnast.
" Mary Baldow, Italian Girl.
" Kate Thomson, Queen of the Fleet.
" Annie Harley, Turkish Lady.
" Bertie Sinclair, Jockey.
Mrs. Harley, Fancy Dress.

GENTLEMEN.

P. A. Noonan, Marks the Lawyer.
Geo. B. Latour, Fritz.
A. B. Sweezy, James II.
Chas. Gunn, Newsboy.
Alex. Burr, Negro Gent.
Thos. Johnson, do.
R. Stanley Murray, Page.
Geo. Sweezy, Patchwork.
J. R. Lawlor, Cowboy.
W. Gillespie, Texas Cowboy.
Fred. Howard, Mexican.
W. B. Showball, Darkey Swell.
Wm. Flett, Hunting Costume.
McDougall Snowball, Football Player.
Peter Turner, do.
Chas. Carrol, Clown.
Bertie Wyse, Sailor.
R. Hutchison, Snowshoe Costume.
Stafford Benson, Prince Harry.
S. W. Fine, Comic Dress.
E. E. Blair, Tomcats.
Wm. McIntosh, Cards.
Stafford Goggin, Uncle Eph.
Harry Shirreff, Fancy Dress.
G. Henderson, Fisherman.
Howard Fletcher, do.
Jas. Allan, Starlight Night.
Fr. S. Blair, Midshipman.
Fred Blair, Negro swell.
Myer Moss, Jim Bobas.
C. A. Patterson, Fancy Costume.
Aaron Harris, Incog.
John Miller, Eclipse.
Arthur Ruddock, Cards.
W. G. Murray, Adv. Cards.
E. M. McMillan, Sir John Macdonald.
Geo. Howard, Commodore Nutt, C. C. B.
Martin Keoughan, Tramp.
Alexis Danville, Highland Laddie.
A. H. Marquis, Adv. Cards.
B. W. [illegible], Sportsman.
Rupert Blair, Rip Van Winkle.
F. F. Danville, Highlander.
W. R. Robinson, Prince Arthur.
A. J. Loggie, jr., Fancy Dress.
T. DesBrisay, Hooded Knight.
Chas. Thomson, Athlete.
Chas. Stimpson, Pink Domino.
Chas. J. Butcher, St. George Snowshoe Club.
H. H. Johnson, Sam Slick.
J. F. Harley, Tennis Player.

The result of the balloting, which was by spectators only, was as follows,—

LADIES.

Miss Annie Muirhead,	75
" Nellie Benson,	32
" Kate Thomson,	18
" Ada Johnston,	10
" Annie Harley,	7
" Ethel Benson,	6
" Allie Johnstone,	5
" S. P. Benson,	3
" Russell,	3
" Winslow,	1
" Mary Gjertz,	1
" Mabel Murray,	1
" Nina Benson,	1
" Maggie Loudoun,	1
" L. Thomson,	1
" L. Harley,	1

GENTLEMEN.

Mr. P. A. Noonan,	28
" T. DesBrisay,	24
" J. Stafford Benson,	21
" A. W. Robinson,	11
" A. J. Loggie, jr.,	10
" Charles Carroll,	10
" C. A. Patterson,	7
" Geo. Sweezey,	5
" Alex. Burr,	4
" M. Keoughan,	4
" Wm. Flett,	3
" Albert Sweezey,	3
" W. J. Gillespie,	1
" Peter Turner,	1
" A. Ruddock,	1
" Alexis Danville,	1
" D. Cassidy,	1
" Chas. Thomson,	1

The "Trio" and her Black Brook Cargo.

Amid what are understood to be the triumphs of science in the construction of monster iron ships driven by mighty engines at enormous speed, it is remarkable that the old, obsolete system of wood-built sailing vessels still preserves to hold up its head and pretend to some merit.

The following extract from the *Shipping and Mercantile Gazette* is rather a remarkable instance of it:—

SIR,—The brig *Trio*, J. N. Nelly, 199 tons register, arrived here from Black Brook (N. B.), with a load of palings (bits of wood), that would take very little time to put overboard. On the removal of her deck cargo rats and nests were found. One nest, with young in it, was as dry as if it were in a corn store. This small vessel has been nineteen days on her passage without incurring the least damage or loss whatever. How is it that so many large ships that made the passage with her have lost their deck cargoes and sails, and received other damage? A large steamer had some of her crew washed overboard. I would like to hear this explained. Some of your nautical readers might let a little light on it. Underwriters suffer. Is it on account of the incapacity of big ships?—Yours, &c., ENQUIRER.

Liverpool, December 4th, 1883.

Christmas Services, Bay du Vin.

The beautiful little church by the sea was this year even more tastefully decorated than usual for the festival of our Lord's Nativity, many having been heard to say it never looked so pretty before. One reason for this is that some beautifully illuminated Christmas texts were sent out by the sisters of the Church Extension Association, England, and these contributed very much to the beauty of the church. The following is a description of the decorations. The windows and pillars were trimmed with heavy fir wreaths, the pulpit, prayer desk, and lectern being tastefully decorated with hemlock and autumn leaves. Across the chancel arch, in beautifully illuminated characters edged with green are the words "Glory to God in the Highest." At the east end of the nave north and south of the altar are two banners containing respectively the words, "Unto us a Child is Born," "Unto us a Son is Given." Along the sides of the nave between the windows are the words in illuminated characters as before, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people,' and across the gallery front is another beautiful text from the sisters containing the words, "The Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us."

The services consisted of Morning Prayer, a choral celebration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11 a. m., and Evensong 6 30, the sermons at morning and evening service being taken respectively from St. Luke II. 10, and St. Matthew I. 18.

OUR FISHERIES.—An Ottawa despatch says,—"Mr. Dimock, of the International fisheries commission, who has just returned from England, states that a principal feature of the exhibition was the great success of the Canadian freezers manufactured in New Brunswick. At the close of the exhibition the salmon and halibut (two of the latter weighing 275 and 475 lbs.) were taken out and found to be perfectly fresh though a year and a half out of water. The canned, pickled and dry salted fish from Canada were universally acknowledged the best at the exhibition; the "Bigby Chicks" of Nova Scotia being especially in demand. As a practical result, agencies have been established in London for the sale of these fish. British Columbia had the finest display of canned salmon at the exhibition. Mr. Dimock is of the opinion that the exhibition will do much practical good for Canada, the hundreds of thousands of visitors all taking great interest in the Canadian exhibit, which attracted more attention than other departments."

Dog and Cat Show.

The New Brunswick Poultry and Stock Association will hold a Dog and Cat Show at St. John on 16th, 17th and 18th inst. The prize list is a long one and the special prizes for dogs particularly attractive. Among the latter are cups, a pickle stand, cream pitcher, case perfume, statuary, steel engravings, hunting knife, silver inkstand, pipes and a variety of other valuable articles, together with money prizes. All the varieties of dogs are on the list. They are divided into thirty-nine classes.

The Cat Show is a novelty in Canada, this being the first exhibition of the kind ever held in the Dominion. The prize list is made up as follows,—

Angora, or Persian Cats, first prize	$2
Tortoise " "	2
Maltese " "	2
Manx " "	2
Black " "	2
White " "	2
Grey " "	2
Yellow " "	2
Blanc and white " "	2
Grey and white " "	2
Grey and black " "	2
Yellow and white " "	2
Yellow and black " "	2
Largest " "	2
Smallest " "	2
Most Pleasant " "	2
Cat with Kittens " "	2
Homliest " "	2
Greatest Curiosity " "	2
Barest " "	2
Handsomest " "	2

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Handsomest Cat, a Silver Collar, donated by a friend. To be decided by the Judges.
Cat receiving the greatest number of ballots, a splendid Silver Cup, donated by the Committee of Management.

Premium list and rules can be obtained on application to the secretary, Mr. W. H. Wilson, 16 Waterloo street, St. John.

Correspondence.

Confession and Absolution.

To the Editor of the Miramichi Advance.

SIR,—If Mr. Nicol denies the doctrine of Apostolical succession why does he not dispose of the subject we are discussing as summarily as he does that doctrine, and say at once *the Ministers of God* (if, indeed, they may be called such, according to Mr. Nicol's view) *do not now possess the same spiritual powers as the Apostles*; (which I deny) *therefore, they hold no commission to preach the Gospel, to baptise, to pronounce any form of absolution, or to administer the Holy Communion*, and thus end the matter, where, I think, it must end if his position is tenable. With regard to the other topic which he "disposes of in the most summary manner possible." I would advise him to buy a Church of England Catechism or Prayer Book, or some standard work on Church doctrine and Bible truth, and make himself acquainted with the doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration, before he attempts to dispose of it so summarily, as his definition of that doctrine shows how wofully ignorant he is on the subject.

As Mr. Nicol could not gather from my letter what Ministerial pardon is, (although I explained it fully) I will try and make it clear to him by an illustration. When a physician is successful in his treatment of a sick person he is said to have cured him, but, everyone, I think, will admit that it is God who cured him *imperially* or absolutely, the physician being the minister who applied the remedies which under God effected the cure. Now, it is exactly the same with regard to the absolution or remission of sins. The Priest is the physician. He *ministerially* cures (absolves the sick man (the sinner) of his disease (his sins) by applying the remedies appointed by God, which are Preaching the Word, Baptism, the formal pronunciation of pardon, either in public or private as provided by the Church and the Holy Communion. And as the physician does not always effect a cure (from some defect in himself or the patient or from the will of God) by applying the proper remedies, so neither does the Priest, that absolute or imperial power being only possessed by Almighty God.

I am glad Mr. Nicol thinks that the marginal rendering of II. Cor., 2.10, makes the sense so simple and logical, as I am quite willing, for the sake of argument, to adopt it, and the latter part of the verse, as thus amended, will read—"for your sakes forgave I it *in the presence* of Christ." In this verse then St. Paul asserts he forgave the sin, even *in the presence of* Christ, thus claiming for the ministerial office, to say the least, no less power than I claimed for it, as he intimates that his action was ratified even by a *present* Christ.

Mr. Nicol takes exception to my view of "the ministry of reconciliation," and he quotes II. Cor., 5.20, to prove that the ministers exercise the ministry of reconciliation merely by preaching the Word. That this is one way of exercising their ministry I, of course, admit, but that it is the only way I most emphatically deny, as upon this supposition many passages of the Bible would be inexplicable. Bishop Wordsworth, in commenting upon this passage, says they exercise their ministry,

"I. In preaching the Word, wherein they open the Kingdom of Heaven by the key of knowledge.

"II. In the Sacrament of Baptism, wherein they receive men into the household of God.

"III. In the absolution of penitent sinners, especially in the pardon pronounced and conveyed in and sealed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

"The office which they so exercise is a ministry (*diakonein*), because they only apply the means instituted by God for the salvation of men, and the virtue and efficacy of what they minister is not from them who dispense the means but from Him who instituted the means, and who conveys the blessings of spiritual truth, life, health, recovery and salvation by the instrumentality of the means which he has appointed, and by the agency of those whom he has appointed to minister them."

With regard to the difference between the precatory and what Mr. Nicol calls the exhibitive form (the usual term is the indicative form), I said that they both conveyed the same grace, and I still hold that view; just as in the case of Baptism, the form, "I baptise thee," which is nothing more extraordinary than "I absolve thee," conveys the same grace as the form "N. is baptised," which is the form used in the Greek Church. I now quote a passage from Blunt's Theological Dictionary, which seems to be to the point—"The precatory or optative form of absolution is illustrated by the general form used in the English Church after the general confession at the Holy Communion, Matins and Evensong. It must be regarded as an authoritative act of the church sown broadcast to become an individualized pardon of sin wherever there is good soil in which it can take root.* The circumstances necessitate some reserve in the term used. The *indicative* form is intended to be used after a particular confession of particular sins, which has been preceded by a searching examination of the conscience. Both the Confession and the Absolution are here individualized at once and therefore no reserve in the term of the latter is necessary beyond that which distinguishes the absolution as a ministerial act done on behalf of God in whose name it is given."

In conclusion I beg to say that as I do not see how the publication of my Christian and surname can in any way affect the arguments, I still prefer to sign myself as, before, Yours, M. A.

P. S. As I will not probably trouble you again on this subject I would advise Mr. N. to consult the abundant testimony of standard authors as to the doctrine of the Church of England and Holy Scripture upon the matter under discussion.

M. A.

*See forms of prayer to be used at sea.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—People have been asking why the Orangemen of Newfoundland hold their walk at this time of the year. For this reason: that now is the only time the Newfoundlanders are all at home; at any other period of the year the men are mostly away to the fisheries. In Newfoundland the old calendar is still in vogue, or rather it is still remembered inasmuch as both New Christmas and Old Christmas, Dec. 25 and Jan. 6, are observed, and the intervening ten days are one round of festivity and walks. In the parlance of the island these ten days don't count. The population of the island is about 200,000, 80,000 of whom are Roman Catholics.

Lay Him to Sleep.

[From the Texas Phonograph.]

Lines on the death of his father, (a sea captain) who died in Miramichi, Province of New Brunswick, written by his son, H. A. Wallace.

Lay him to sleep, our dear father and friend,
His long, weary voyage is now at an end,
He's weighed his last anchor, his burden is free,
And he rests near the banks of the Miramichi.

He steered through the storms, o'er the rock and the shoal,
And stood at the helm in tempest and cold,
Tossed by the waves of the deep raging sea,
His haven at last on the Miramichi.

He rests by the side of dear mother, long gone
"Over the river" in our childhood's bright morn,
The wild flowers bloom o'er their graves, we may roam
Near the banks of the beautiful Miramichi.

The clouds may be lowring and fierce look the sky,
The storm may be raging, the billows run high,
The lightning may flash, yet he rests in the lea
Of the banks of the placid Miramichi.

When the blast of the trumpet calls all to the "stand,"
To weigh anchor and sail to a happier land,
May his barque be in trim, the winds fair and free,
When he leaves the green shores of the Miramichi.

When the harbor is reached and land is in sight,
And his feet press the streets of the city so bright,
May we all meet him then, in that glorious home,
Where parting and sorrow never can come.

The Fanatical Troubles in Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Jan. 2.—Two deaths occured to-day, John Bray, who was wounded the day of the riot, and Webber, who was badly hurt by the explosion of a gun. Brigus telegraphs that the town is quiet. Orangemen in hundreds march through the streets carrying banners with the inscribed motto, "Peace to all men."

ST. JOHN'S N. F. Jan'y 3rd.—Lord Derby, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has communicated with the Newfoundland Government offering military and naval assistance to prevent the recurrence of riots.

On Tuesday a body of armed Orangemen proceeded from Topsail and Believue to Kelligrew's, to protect the Orange lodge menaced by an attack from the Roman Catholics of Holyrood.

Harbor Grace telegraphs that seven more arrests have been made.

At Bay Roberts on Tuesday, the Orangemen turned out through the streets in procession. They numbered about nine hundred.

At Spaniard's Bay they also held a public procession, and were headed by the band of the affiliated lodge of Carbonear.

A despatch from Bay Roberts states that a report was circulated there, on Sunday, to the effect that the Bay Roberts Catholics were to proceed to Harbor Grace to liberate their co-religionists in custody there. Several hundred armed Orangemen from Spaniard Bay, Barenead, Port DeGrave and the town of Bay Roberts met at the river head and were sworn to resist the attempt. They remained all night on patrol, and when the enemy refused to advance they retired home shortly after daylight.

To-night, a despatch from Harbor Grace states that a squad of armed Orangemen is secreted on the road between Brigus and Bay Roberts. The mail carrier was stopped several times this morning by gangs of men, who came out of the woods and interrogated the traveler, and being satisfied, let him go.

The official report of to-day's judicial investigation of the Harbor Grace riot says that depositions taken to-day before Judge Bennett disclose the following facts: River Head, Harbor Grace, is inhabited exclusively by an Irish Roman Catholic population. For some days previous they had been incensed at outrages committed in the neighboring town of Spaniard Bay. On the Saturday previous the Orangemen broke the windows in the Roman Catholic church, demolished crosses in the churchyard and desecrated the grounds. Christmas day broke news to them that the Orangemen intended to attack their settlement in full force the next day. Great excitement and consternation prevailed, and on Wednesday about 100 men left River Head to meet the Orangemen and prevent their advance. At first they were not armed but, upon their arrival at Parmenter lane, they halted and collected guns from neighboring houses, and also armed themselves with pickets and stones. At 1.30 o'clock the Orangemen appeared, with bands, flags and regalia. Head Constable Doyle now appeared on the scene. He first remonstrated with the Roman Catholics, and ordered the procession to halt, they opposing. The parties were now separated only 30 feet. Doyle went to the front of the Orangemen, and, with the officers, waved the society onward, exclaiming "Let us cross the Boyne again." All Roman Catholic witnesses swore that Doyle fired the first shot and killed Callahan. Doyle swore that he had no firearms. Police Sergeant Winslow swore that at least two shots were fired from the Orange party and only seven shots altogether. He saw one man from the Orange body deliberately aim at the Roman Catholic mob and shoot one man. Several followers of the society were seen on one knee with guns levelled at their assailants. He swore also that the shooting on both sides was almost simultaneous. The Catholics numbered 100; the society, with its followers, 800 to 1000. The whole affray lasted about three minutes. Before the collision Callahan, who bore a green standard, with Quirk and Shanahan, advanced to the front of the Orangemen, and demanded of the leaders that they turn back. The Orangemen stubbornly refused, and advanced. After the volley was fired, both parties retired, the Orangemen first. The total number of arrests to the present hour is 23.

St. John's, January 4.—Judge Bennett and Inspector Caty have left St. John's for Carbonnear to take the depositions of Darmony, Bray, jr., and Nicholas, who are pronounced to be in a dangerous condition. There was a fresh Orange disturbance at Spaniard Bay, the Roman Catholics being very harshly treated. Travelling in the outlying Orange districts is still perilous to life. The preliminary judicial inquiry will occupy near three weeks.

Fire and Death.

The Institute of the Immaculate Conception at Belleville, Ills., was burned on Sunday morning last. The fire was the most destructive to life and property that the place has every experienced. When the ruins were sufficiently cooled, a volunteer force went to work to bring out the bodies. It was a terrible sight. At times the searchers would find two or three charred masses huddled close together, as if the victims had sought protection of one another from the advancing flames. Five bodies were found in the rear part of the building burned into an unrecognizable mass, but the majority were found beneath where the dormitory was situated. They seemed to have sought shelter in this room, too late to recognize that it was impossible to escape from it. The flames beneath eating away the supports let down the floor into the seething vortex of fire and smoke. Instead of two, as at first supposed, the total known deaths are 27—22 pupils and 5 sisters. Among the latter is the sister superior. The building and contents were valued at between $65,000 and $75,000; the insurance was $25,000.

RECENT statistics of crime in Ireland show, for the first time since 1876, a falling off in the number of offences of a serious kind. Since 1876 there had been a steady increase, until from 6,291, the number had risen to 11,915, But in the yeas 1881 the number fell to 10,606. Against this favorable showing, however, is to be set the fact that the number of light er offences, usually classed as cases disposed of summarily, increased by more than 11,358, the total being 217,551.

THAT CORMACK WINDFALL.—Several months ago, an English firm of solicitors had exhausted every means they thought of to find heirs to a large sum, the management of which had been entrusted to their hands. To make a long story short, somebody suggested that an advertisement should be sent to the Halifax *Recorder*, which was done, and it duly appeared, asking for information of one John Cormack, and stating there was something to be heard of to his advantage. The next day John Cormack, engineer came to the office, and there was no difficulty in saying to him after a few minutes' conversation, "Thou art the man!" Everything tallied exactly with the advertisement. He communicated with the lawyers forwarded proofs to his identity, and received intelligence that a sum of money amounting to about $70,000 is now available for distribution among himself and his brothers and sisters, of which John's share will be in the neighborhood of $10,000, and that there will likely be more to come. It is from the estate of a deceased uncle, the direct heirship to which had unexpectedly fallen through. Mr. Cormack has been working for many years on Cunard and other steamers at this port; he was also a resident of St. John, N. B., formerly.—*Halifax Recorder.*

General Notes and News.

At Dromore, Ireland, the nationalists and Orangemen came into conflict and the military had to interfere on Thursday of last week.

American Minister Lowell has resigned the office of rector of St. Andrew's University, owing to American Fenian influences operating through Washington diplomatic channels.

The Sullivan-Slade pugilistic combination showed their inherent brutality last week in Denver by drunkenness and attacks on citizens and officers. Slade and another blackguard named Moore were arrested and fined.

A tavern keeper near Ottawa, in attempting to eject a party, was severely wounded and shot two of his customers on Tuesday of last week.

Observations taken at Colon by the engineers engaged on the Panama Interoceanic Canal indicate that the great earthquake wave caused by the Java eruption made its way in about thirty hours from Java round the Cape of Good Hope to the east coast of Central America.

A Constantinople despatch of 8th says It is rumored that El Mahdi has declared his willingness to recognize Halein Pasha as Khedive of Egypt. The *Republique Francaise*, in commenting upon England's newly declared Egyptian policy, predicts disastrous massacres in the Soudan, especially at Khartoum and the *Debats* remarks that England leaving 1800 French residents in Egypt unprotected from El Mahdi is likely to result in France actively interfering in Egyptian affairs. German newspapers also condemn England's Egyptian policy.

While Mohammed Ahmed is troubling Egypt, another fanatical Mussulman, Khaf Seyd, is invading the borders of Persia, and preaching a holy war there. The latter adventurer pretends to have preformed miracles at Merv and his successes have excited almost as much uneasiness at Teheran as have those of the prophet of Soudan at Cairo. The followers of the Mahdi, however, do not feel disturbed at this rival opposition, since they can point to predictions that false prophets were to arise simultaneously with the the true deliver of Islam. Perhaps the chief significance of the Persian pretender's advent is its testimony to a general agitation in Mohammedan countries.

Buffalo and Minneapolis advices of Thursday last show that the storm of that and the previous day was a very severe one indeed in that part of the country. The freezing wind moved at the rate of from 45 to 50 miles an hour. A large trestle bridge on Niagara Falls branch of the New York Central R. R. was blown down. A wreck was reported on the lake shore road at Dunkirk and a wrecking train was sent there. The Mineapolis *Tribune* reported unusually cold weather throughout Minnesota and Dakota. At Brainard, the mercury was 30° below zero, and further west it was 40° below, while in Minneapolis it ranged from 10 to 20 below.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, St. Stephen, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. A. T. Love, A. B., Andrew P. Kaye, to Mary MacKean, eldest daughter of C. M. Hutchison, Esq.

At the manse, Blackville, on the 25th Dec. 1883, by the Rev. T. G. Johnstone, Mr. George Mountain, to Mrs. Rebecca A. Sullivan, both of Blackville.

DIED.

At Chatham, 9th January, after a long and painful illness, in peace with God, Mary Ann, beloved wife of D. Stapledon, Esq., in the 73rd year of her age.

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