

SOUTH AFRICA.

Boer Loss in Past Year Totalled Nearly Fifteen Thousand.

A Boer Commandant Who Believes British People Would Heartily Welcome Intervention—Boer Atrocities—Other News.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The entrance of the new year was celebrated in the usual manner by watch night services. There was a great gathering outside St. Paul's.

Editorial moralizings in this morning's papers naturally mostly concerned themselves with the war in South Africa and the nation's necessity for bracing itself for renewed efforts. Next to this feature in prominence comes the matter of the national development of the United States and the competition of American trade, that are held to be very distinguishing features of an eventful year.

"The fit of desuetude has passed," says the Daily Telegraph, "and like all great races, the English people have found their inspiration in their difficulties. Foreign hostilities in politics and American competition in trade have intensely stimulated unmistakable impulses and the stirrings of a great renaissance of national energy."

The Daily Mail, in a similar strain, says the past year has been one of disillusionment and disappointment. "We have discovered that the mere fact of being British is not a magic talisman, ensuring success, and it is no small sign of progress to have got rid of the smug self-satisfaction in which for so long we have sunned ourselves."

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Newspaper correspondents in Pretoria continue to send warnings of the need of more reinforcements. Lord Kitchener is turning the artillerymen, who have become disengaged by reason of the return home of the heavy guns, into three corps of mounted infantry, each 1,500 strong.

Independent accounts of the Boer attack on Col. Finner's camp, Dec. 4, add little to the official story of the occurrence except that Gen. De Wet's force of 1,500, as to Majuba, removed their boots, climbed the precipice without noise and completely startled the sleeping British camp.

The government scheme for the settlement of land in the Orange River Colony is already in operation, nearly 100 men, mostly time-expired yeomen, have settled there with assistance from the government.

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Major Young examined 93 wounded officers and men who have been in the hands of the Boers. Of these, 18 said that they had nothing to complain of, while 75 complained of ill-treatment of a more or less serious character, and gave their evidence with a simplicity which convinced Major Young of its truth. Nearly all of these wounded men had been robbed of their money, watches and private papers. A large proportion had been robbed of their boots and the greater part of their clothing. What is still worse, the removal of these things was carried out in the most brutal manner. Broken guns and arms were twisted and wrenched without pity or humanity in order that the garments covering them might be the more expeditiously appropriated.

Lieut. Martin had his shaperted thigh twisted right round for the more easy removal of his spurs. A man shot through the chest was roughly handled in order that some rumfin might get his shirt. Sergt. Kotley, wounded in two places and faint from loss of blood, was shot with his own carbine because he could not raise his arms. Two witnesses saw Private Foster shot dead at five yards range, although he was unarmed and was holding up both hands.

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Parliament to Meet First Week in February.

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OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—It is stated tonight that the next issue of the Canadian Gazette will contain a proclamation calling parliament for the despatch of business on Thursday, February sixth.

Marconi today said: "I am the happy recipient of offers of land and facilities from a host of different quarters, but have not yet decided definitely the locality of my station on the Atlantic coast. However, you may be sure that my headquarters in Cape Breton. It is more accessible and better suited to my purpose than Sable Island. My station at Cape Cod is already well under way. That is the point from which our American trans-Atlantic business is to be done."

Major Blais, who was "turned down" by the war office in the first list, may get his captaincy, especially as General Hutton left for Australia.

W. D. Scott, who was the Canadian commissioner at Glasgow, has arrived here on a short visit. He will return to England in two weeks to commence preparations for the Wolverhampton exhibition. Scott is greatly delighted with "Canada's success at Glasgow and mentioned as a sample of the advertising which secured the dominion receiving a statement in the London Times, that the Canadian exhibit alone was worth the journey to Glasgow.

The department of trade and commerce today received the December report of J. S. Larke, Canadian agent in London, which contains some interesting references to probable changes in the tariff of the commonwealth and its bearings on Canadian trade. The tariff on oatmeal, rolled oats, flour, pearl barley, malted and corn flour, slightly two cents, is now one cent. The duty on cotton clothing is increased from 20 to 25 per cent, while on cotton piece goods there has been a reduction from 15 to 10 per cent. Timber for better boxes is now admitted free. Excess fat, which used to be a duty of one cent per pound, is now free. Mr. Larke succeeded in having a customs regulation removed which would have favored American as against Canadian ports. It had been intended to add cost of "island freight" to the value of goods for duty, so that goods from Toronto, if shipped via New York, would pay less duty in Australia than if shipped in Vancouver. When it was brought to the attention of the Australian government that this was an unfair discrimination against the Canadian route, the regulation was abandoned and duty charged on the fair market value in all cases, with 10 per cent added.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Mr. Blue today furnished the press figures showing the strength of the different religious denominations in the cities of Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. For comparative purposes they are most interesting. The figures of the principal denominations read:

Table with columns for denomination and number of members. Includes Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Methodists, etc.

The net result of comparison shows that in Toronto the Protestants have a majority of 179,061 over Roman Catholics. In Montreal the latter constitute four-fifths of the population, while in Ottawa the Roman Catholics have a majority of 2,682.

His excellency's usual New Year's day levee was very largely attended. Laurier and nearly all his ministers were present.

Marconi had a large number of callers today, principally gentlemen interested in electrical science. Tonight he was the chief guest at Dr. Borden's dinner party.

The high commissioner has sent a gold brooch, bearing the Strathcona crest, to each of the ladies of the civil service committee, who presented gold buttons to the Strathconas' horse before they went to South Africa.

ATLANTIC STEAMERS. FREDERICTON, Jan. 1.—The remains of the late Osborne Rainford, whose death occurred on Monday last, at his home, Grand Falls, arrived here this evening and were conveyed to the residence of his sister, from where the funeral will take place at half past three tomorrow. The deceased was a son of the late Captain Andrew Rainford of this city, and some years ago carried on a large mercantile and lumbering business. He was eighty-four years of age and is survived by a widow and large family. One brother and two sisters survive, viz., Robert H. Rainford and Mrs. Andrew Phair of this city, and Mrs. J. A. Adams of the Bay of Fundy.

Manager Orchard of the Star line has been in Fredericton a couple of days this week upon business connected with the proposed purchase of the steamer Aberdeen by the York and Co. Steamship Co., recently organized, and whose object is to provide more regular and efficient steamer service between Fredericton and Woodstock. The transfer of the Aberdeen to the new company will probably be made in a few days. Mr. Orchard is also interested in a company which will next summer put another steamer on the route between St. John and Jemseg. This boat will leave St. John in the evenings, and Jemseg in the mornings, making calls at all intermediate points and particularly at the numerous summer resorts.

VENEZUELA.

President Castor Cables That Revolution Is Crashed.

But Insurgent Steamer Ban Right Has Left Martinique With Munitons and Men to Aid Senor Matos.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Venezuelan consul in this city today received the following cablegram from President Castro: "CARACAS, Jan. 2.—Fernandes defeated. Pieter's revolution crushed."

PORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, Jan. 2 (Hayden cable).—The British steamer "Ban Right," recently renamed the Libertador (which arrived here Dec. 24, from Antwerp), having on board, as alleged, a cargo of munitions, was ordered to leave the island by the authorities. The steamer, against President Castro, has left this port for the Venezuelan coast, and carries among her passengers Senor Matos, who is now referred to as General Matos, and several generals and other personages of Venezuela who joined Gen. Matos' army. Besides the leaders of the expedition, the Libertador has on board three hundred volunteers.

Details of the conversion of the steamer "Ban Right" (Libertador) into a war vessel show that her vital parts have been protected by thick plates of steel. The work was done here at the yards of the general Trans-Atlantic Company. In addition the steamer's bridge has been protected by steel plates and her stern post and rudder have been similarly shielded.

The Ban Right's armament consists of several rapid fire guns capable of firing 300 shots per minute and four machine-guns rapid fire guns.

The officers in charge of the Ban Right's gun is a European. The vessel's crew is composed of Englishmen and natives of the island of Martinique. The reinforcements of the 20 volunteers now on board the Ban Right will be the plans of the revolutionists are carried out, reach the war steamer in sloops and schooners which are to meet at various points.

The departing volunteers appeared to be very determined men. They had learned previous to the sailing of the steamer, issued by President Castro declaring the Ban Right to be a pirate, and offering a reward of \$10,000 for her capture, but they declared the vessel will not be captured.

The volunteers also said that their landing on the coast of Venezuela was planned to coincide with a forward movement on the part of the Colombian troops and the landing of Venezuela of other revolutionists who had concentrated at the islands of Trinidad and Curacao.

The Ban Right was built in 1870 at Glasgow by John Elder & Co. She is 241 feet long and 32.2 feet beam. She is owned by the Aberdeen Steam Navigation Co. She left London Nov. 23 for Antwerp, where she was to call at the West Indies. For some time previous to her leaving London, the Ban Right was detained by the customs authorities here, it having been reported that her cargo of war munitions was intended for Venezuela. She was released Nov. 22, at which time it was reported that 10,000 Mauser rifles, five million cartridges, and a number of cannon, had been shipped to the steamer.

PORT DE FRANCE, Island of Curacao, Dec. 31 (Hayden cable).—The steamer "Ban Right" (Libertador) was in the vicinity of the Island of Martinique, and was ordered to leave the island of Martinique, and to proceed to the coast of Venezuela in the Caribbean sea, and it was added that the Venezuelan fleet had been concentrated at the islands of Trinidad and Curacao.

The fleet of Venezuela consists of the following vessels: The steamer Bolivar, formerly the Spanish torpedo boat, built in 1890, of 200 tons; the steamer Restaurador, formerly Geo. J. Gould's yacht Atlanta, of about 450 tons; the str. Victoria, built in England, used as a transport ship; the str. Melany, formerly the Spanish torpedo boat Diego Velazquez; the str. General Crespo, of 200 tons; the str. Zumbador, a tugboat, formerly the Agostini; the str. General Crespo, of 200 tons; the str. Veloz de Mayo, a tugboat, formerly the Alliance; the str. Avila Manserviente; the str. Victoria, built in 1890, of 200 tons; the str. Restaurador was in the port of Port de France, Dec. 24, on which date the Ban Right left. Her destination was unknown to the people ashore.

At the close of the convention the delegates, at the invitation of Hon. A. T. Dunning, were entertained in dining rooms of Lang's restaurant and joyfully demolished a bountiful bill of fare.

CAMPBELLTON.

Death of Alexander McBeath, One of Best Known Men on the Restigouche.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Jan. 2.—The death occurred this morning of Alexander McBeath, who for many years held the office of government lumber scaler on the Restigouche River. He had been ill for a month. The greatest sympathy is felt for the wife, son and daughter, who survive him. All with whom he came in contact, either in a business way or socially, valued him most highly, and it is doubtful if any man in Restigouche could number more warm personal friends than did he. His funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon. During many years he was an active Freemason and a more enthusiastic member. In politics he was a strong conservative and was at the time of his death treasurer of the Restigouche Liberal Conservative Association.

A JUST SENTENCE.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 2.—Michael Sullivan of the B. C. Regiment, pleaded guilty today before Judge Wallace to the charge of breaking into the Home of the Good Shepherd and assaulting the Sister Superior. He was sentenced to three years and six months for breaking and entering, and to six months for assault.

VICTORIA'S MEMORIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—It is understood that King Edward will be compelled, much against his wish, to ask parliament for grant towards the Queen Victoria memorial. The hope that enough money for this purpose would be raised by public subscription has not been realized. Only £185,000 has been thus far subscribed, and this sum will not nearly suffice.

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CAPE BRETON.

Manufacture of Steel Has Actually Commenced at Sydney.

BY, C. E., Dec. 30.—The manufacture of steel has begun at Sydney, lock tonight the first sheet was through the open hearth furnace of the Dominion Iron and Steel Manager Moxham and other who witnessed the process of the steel were highly satisfied with the results. Sixty per cent of the steel was made in the plant, and 40 per cent scrap were shipped being well within the Mr. Moxham said: "I am well with the results attained. Everything worked very satisfactorily and the quality of the steel as excellent."

WETTERS LIBERALITY.

Breakers' Notable Examples—and Customers Remembered.

ON, Dec. 25.—Yesterday was a day for the employees of most of kerage houses on State street, many cases the firms distributed large amounts. Among such firmblower & Weeks, Pearmain, Paine, Webber & Co., Rolfe, Howe & Fitzgerald, and soon office. An employe of one of the firms showed a check for \$1,000 which he had just received as a Christmas remembrance, ber of other employes on the day were equally fortunate, and them more so.

Peabody & Co. make it a to distribute among their employes, some firms remembered their customers. H. M. Leland & Co., for instance, distributed boxes of Havana cigars.

The banks there was also liberality. Every employe of the Security Bank received \$200. The International Trust Co. amounted to 10 per cent of employe's salary.

most of small boys who are on State street reaped their share of the harvest and gathered and \$10 bills, and sometimes

FLOOD AT FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 30.—Weather tonight has the appearance of turning colder. The ice in the harbor is firm and has thawed but today.

WEEKLY SUN.

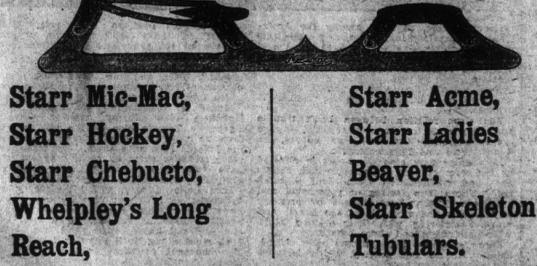
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MARCH OF PROTECTION.

Prophecy of Universal Free Trade Has Ignominiously Failed of Fulfillment.

How Long Will Britain Hold Back?—Brief History of the Crowding Out of the Cobdenite Prediction.

The London, Eng., Saturday Review of Dec. 14, in an article under the caption of "The March of Protection..."

mark, who had previously been converted to free trade theories, declared: "One thing is clear, that through the widely opened doors of its import trade, the German market has become the storehouse for the over-production of other countries..."

Even Australia. But we need not travel beyond our own empire in order to see the insubstantiality of the Cobdenite vision.

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Whether a woman is tearful or cheerful depends not on what she has materially, but what she is physically.



Keep the bowels healthy by the timely use of Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

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Children Cry for CASTORIA. HAYES & CO., Simecoo, Ont.

SET AFIRE BY CIGARETTE.

Beautiful Hair of a Goshen, N. Y., College Girl Burned Off by Falling "Coffin-Nail."

GOSHEN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Myrtle Jennings, living near Port Orange, who a few days ago had a head of hair that shimmered like red gold when the sunlight fell upon it, has been shorn of her crowning glory, and is almost bald-headed.

Accordingly she was sent to a young women's college in Philadelphia. The week before Christmas she came home for the holidays, bringing with her a school friend, Miss Mabel Morton of Atlanta, Ga.

GLOOMY GERMAN CHRISTMAS. Half a Million Persons Unemployed and Their Wretchedness Darkens Holidays.

This is a gloomy Christmas in Germany. Half a million persons are unemployed, and their consequent wretchedness darkens the holidays.

Several large, new charitable societies have been organized in Berlin, and three or four other cities have followed the example.

An interesting picture of economic conditions in Berlin is given by the correspondent of the European edition of the New York Herald, who said in a recent issue: "Some of the most striking features of the present commercial depression in Germany..."

The Gold Cure For ASTHMA SHOWS CLEARLY THAT ASTHMA CAN BE CURED FREE.

GOT CASCO BAY TREASURE.

Hunters Near Brunswick, Me., Find Traditional Hoard of Pirates.

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 23.—In spite of the attempt to keep the matter secret it has become known that a party of four hunters has discovered a small amount of hidden money which is believed to have been concealed in the early part of the last century by one of the pirates who made their headquarters in these parts.

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EDWARD EVERETT HALE. Friends of this eminent author, clergyman and lecturer, in all sections of our broad country, will be glad to learn that plans are being made to celebrate his fifty-first anniversary which will take place in April next.

A NEW CANCER MICROBE. From Discoveries by Dr. Doyen a Toxin Has Been Found that Prevents Cancerous Growth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Paris cable to the Evening Journal says: A new microbe in cancer has been discovered by Dr. Doyen, a leading surgeon, and he has named it micrococcus neoplasmus.

THE FORMALITIES. "What would you say, my little man, if I were to give you a piece of candy?"

ST. MARTINS.

On Christmas day a large congregation attended the service which was held in the morning at Holy Trinity church.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment in connection with Holy Trinity Sunday school was to have been held on December 27th, but owing to the heavy snow storm, was postponed till the following evening.

new Baptist parsonage, which adds a handsomely to its value and convenience. The Record Foundry Co. made a handsome donation to this object.

FROM "THE PASSAGE." Onward ever and onward ever, over the uttermost verge of the South Atlantic.

Onward ever and onward ever, over the uttermost verge of the South Atlantic. The wind of the wilderness fresh in our faces, the rain in our hair like a chaplet of light.

Heart Disease. Some Facts Regarding the Rapid Increase of Heart Trouble. Heart trouble, at least among the Americans, is certainly increasing, and while this may be largely due to the excitement and worry of American business life...

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MONCTON.

Presentation to Dr. O. J. McCully.

By Citizen Fellow Athletes at the Brunswick Hotel.

MONCTON, Dec. 30.—Dr. O. J. McCully was entertained at a complimentary dinner at the Brunswick hotel this evening by members of the amateur athletic association and citizens. About 100 were in attendance and the affair was in every way a success.

- Menu: Soups, Bouchée Bay Oysters on half shell, Consomme a La Brunswick, Fish, Restigouche Salmon, L'Anglaise, Relishes, Loins of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Goose with Apple Sauce, Green Duck with Gooseberry Jelly, Young Turkey with Cranberry Sauce, Boiled Salmon, Fried Ham, Beef Tongue with Mayonnaise Jelly, Entrees, Lobster Salad, King Edward VII. Punch, Mutton Cutlets, a La Russe, Game, Haunch of Venison with Red Currant Jelly, Wild Duck with Apple Jelly, Vegetables, Creamed Mashed Potatoes, Little Wonder Pudding, Bermuda Oysters in Cream, Entrées, English Plum Pudding with Hard Brand Sauce, Snow Pudding with Oustard Sauce, Mince Pie, Apple Pie, Brunswick Jelly, Desert, Apples, Florida Oranges, Grapes, Figs, Mixed Nuts, Layer Raisins from Connecticut, Assorted Cakes, Orange Sherbet, with Nut Cake, Celery, Tea and Coffee.

After ample justice had been done the viands, the vice president, H. H. Ayer, called the company to order and the King was duly honored.

The next toast was "Our Guest," accompanied by the reading of the following address:

To Dr. O. J. McCully: Dear Sir—The Moncton Amateur Athletic Association, of which you have so long been the honored president, has with the most sincere regret of your contemplated removal from Moncton, and that regret was deepened by the thought that such a step on your part necessarily involved your severance from our association, as its chief executive officer.

Twelve years ago the members of the Moncton Amateur Athletic Association, then but a primitive organization, did themselves the honor of selecting you as their president, and so worthily and creditably did you fulfill their expectations that it has been their highest aim and greatest pride to have those to whom you have been so long and so devotedly attached, to have their highest aim and greatest pride to have those to whom you have been so long and so devotedly attached, to have their highest aim and greatest pride to have those to whom you have been so long and so devotedly attached.

Dr. McCully's removal from Moncton is a great loss to the association, but it is a personal matter, and we do not wish to interfere with your private life. We are sure that you will continue to be a source of inspiration and encouragement to all of us who are proud to have known you as our president. We are sure that you will continue to be a source of inspiration and encouragement to all of us who are proud to have known you as our president.

The Moncton Amateur Athletic Association has not always been so fortunate in its choice of presidents. It is today, however, in a position of strength and vigor, and it is to you, Dr. McCully, that we owe much of this success. It is to you, Dr. McCully, that we owe much of this success.

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PRESENTATION TO REV. T. W. STREET.

A large number of the congregation of St. George's church, Bathurst, assembled at the rectory, on Saturday evening last, to bid the rector (who takes his departure for his new parish, Douglas and Bright) good-bye, and to present him with the following address:

To the Rev. Thomas W. Street, Rector of the Parish of Bathurst: Reverend Sir—We, the undersigned members of your congregation, wish to express to you our sincere regrets that you have decided to resign the rectorship of this parish.

During the years you have been our rector we have learned to value you, not only as a clergyman who has always worked faithfully and well for the best interests of your parish, but also as an able and eloquent preacher, a kind and courteous Christian gentleman, and we feel that when you leave us the church, the parish and the congregation will sustain a great loss.

We know that many of the calls which you have had to visit our parish in the outlying parts of this parish, in our severe winter weather, have been a severe tax on your constitution, and we realize that the parish duties would many times tax the strength of a younger and more robust person.

Though you are leaving us, you carry with you our sincere friendship and good wishes, and we hope that you and Mrs. Street may be long spared and may enjoy health, prosperity and happiness in your new home.

Special from Norwich, Ont.

The recovery of Mr. Norman Batty, Hardware Merchant, one of Norwich's oldest and most successful citizens, has excited much comment. For years Mr. Batty has been an unceasing sufferer from Catarrh of the Aethanas, and although no end of time and money was spent, relief was not obtained until Mr. Batty commenced Catarrhose treatment, which perfectly cured him. This case is only equalled by that of Mrs. Eannon, wife of J. J. Eannon, Druggist, who was also cured of Asthma and Hay Fever by Catarrhose after thirty years' suffering. Fully a hundred persons in this town have been cured of Catarrh of the Aethanas by Catarrhose, which is a remarkable proof of its value. Two months' treatment, for \$1. Small size, 25c. Sold by all Drug-gists, or by mail from Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

KEIRSTEAD REUNION.

SPRINGFIELD, Kings Co., Dec. 29.—The home of Deacon James Keirstead was the scene of a very pleasant event, in the shape of a Christmas home-coming of the sons and daughters of this aged and much respected citizen. Mr. Keirstead has passed his eighty-ninth birthday, and is still hale and hearty and very active for a man of his years.

Mr. Keirstead was born in 1812, and his parents were James and Mary Keirstead. He has four sons, Hiram F., George Y., and J. A. S. Keirstead of Springfield, and William H. Keirstead of Halifax, N. S., together with his wife, and his two daughters, Mrs. William Walker of Norton and Miss Bell Keirstead of Springfield, and several grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Thirty-eight years had passed since the sons and daughters had all been home together, and no doubt will never all meet again.

Polson's Nervine Cures Rheumatism.

The remarkable strength and marvelous soothing power of Nervine renders it quite infallible in rheumatism. Five times stronger than any other remedy, its penetrating power enables it to reach the source of the pain and drive out the disease. Nervine is stronger, more penetrating, more highly-pain-subduing in its action than any other medicine heretofore devised for the cure of rheumatism. Sold in large 25 cent bottles everywhere.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

INJURED BY A FALL.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lawlor of Pitt street, mother of John Lawlor of the L. C. freight despatching department, sustained quite serious injuries to her head by a fall on Monday night at her home. She was standing on a chair pulling down a roller blind, when the chair toppled, precipitating her backward manner, striking the edge of a hardwood table. Mrs. Lawlor's head was cut just above the back of the neck, and large swellings raised. Dr. Shaughnessy was summoned, and rendered the necessary surgical and medical aid, for the aged lady was rendered unconscious for quite a while by the severe shock.

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The disorders of children seem to the rugged and hearty grown person to be simple and not particularly dangerous.

This point of view on the part of parents has been the cause of the loss of thousands of baby lives. You will always find that the mothers who are successful in bringing up families of hearty, happy children with scarcely a day's sickness are always those who are careful to note the slightest evidence of illness and to check the difficulty at once.

They do not belong to the class of mothers that stupefy their children with sleeping draughts and similar medicines containing opiates.

They stick to the purely vegetable, healthful medicines which cure infantile disorders quickly and of these, Baby's Own Tablets are the best of all.

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simple fevers, croup, constipation, diarrhoea, irritation when teething, indigestion and sleeplessness these tablets are a quick, effective, never-failing cure.

Dissolved in water the smallest baby will take them without the slightest objection. Do not trifle with medicines concerning which you know nothing when here is a time-tried remedy which is used constantly and with the best results in thousands of homes.

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(Willshire, Ohio, Herald, Dec. 12.)

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Dr. C. F. Howe is a firm believer in the vinegar treatment as a preventive and cure for smallpox, and conscientiously recommends the use of pure cider vinegar to all exposed. The ordinary acid vinegar will not answer, as it does not contain the particular acid that is found only in the apple, called malic acid, and which is the active principle of the germ destroyer. To be effective, the vinegar must be strong, and taken regularly, that the system may be impregnated with the acid. The smallpox germs cannot exist in the acid. Some people cannot stand the vinegar treatment unless assisted, so the doctor has arranged to have a vinegar compound put up in pint bottles, being pure apple cider vinegar in connection with a purgative, which assists the stomach in assimilating the obnoxious principles of the vinegar compound. It will not contract the disease. Dose—One tablespoonful in half a glass of water, from two or four times daily as required. As a general prophylactic, when the disease is near, but not certain of exposure, two times daily will be sufficient; but to be constantly exposed, four or five times daily should be taken. Children, less in proportion. In case of emergency, where exposure has existed a number of days before the nature of the disease is determined, or compelled to surmise a case of smallpox, the dose should be increased until the bowels move. Dr. Howe is a smallpox expert. He has had the disease, believes he was cured by the vinegar treatment, and has given the following information about the disease, the treatment, and how cases should be handled. While according to this section, we would advise any one who has been exposed to use vinegar treatment, as it is inexpensive, and is in no way injurious. And remember that results are obtained only when pure apple cider vinegar is used.

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The court recommends to the British Board of Trade that Captain Allen McKenzie of the Sindhia have his certificate as master suspended for six months, meanwhile having a mate's certificate for that period. The recommendation is further made that Mate George Stewart have his certificate as mate suspended for three months. The Sindhia was bound from Kobe, Japan, for New York. The loss of the ship and cargo will amount to a quarter of a million dollars.

ST. JOHN CUSTOMS HOUSE STATEMENT.

The following is the comparative statement of the custom house for the years 1900-1901:

Table with columns for Yearly (1900, 1901) and various categories like Customs, Fines and seizures, Steam inspection, Sick mariners' fees, Unclaimed goods, Warehouse fees, Registry of shipping.

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TORONTO STREET RAILWAY.

TORONTO, Jan. 1.—The earnings of the Toronto street railway for 1901 show a total of \$1,636,961, an increase of \$152,265 over the earnings of 1900. The company will have a surplus of about \$150,000 after paying fixed charges and a five per cent. dividend.



Lydia Bartram of Assyria, Mich.

"I have suffered from stomach troubles for ten years and five different doctors have only temporary relief. A Mr. Page advised me to try Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and four boxes did me more good than all the doctors' pills that I have ever taken."

G. H. Crotley, 538 Washington street, New Jersey writes: "Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets just did the bill for my child as well as for older folks. I've had a lot of luck with them. My three-year-old takes them as readily as candy. I only say 'tablets' and she drops them and runs for them."

Lelia Dively, 4627 Plummer street, St. Paul, writes: "I am so grateful to Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I suffered for a long time and did not know what ailed me. I lost weight along until one day I noticed an advertisement of these tablets and immediately bought a 50 cent box at the drug store. I am only on the second box and am in flesh and color. I have at last something that has reached my ailment."

Brooks, Detroit, Mich., says: "Four weeks ago I was working in my office and I suffered from dyspepsia and was entirely unable to enjoy my life as I have before. I am so glad to recommend these tablets sold by Stuart's at 50 cents. Little book on stomach troubles mailed free. Address, F. A. Co., Marshall, Mich."

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The delay in delivering of papers has been caused first, by the U. S. authorities while purging the mail matter and second, by washouts on the Main Central Railway.

A LOW BUSINESS.

The government organs in Quebec are having a fine time among themselves over the election in York.

THE FIGHT.

In the County of York. How It Was Conducted. A Valuable Lesson for the Electors of Laval, Beauce and L'Isle.

The correspondent says that he desires to interest the province of Quebec and instruct it in the methods of the Tories in the county of York.

A PRINCE OF BENEFACTORS.

Sir William McDonald's splendid gift of \$100,000 for the establishment of a school at Guelph in accordance with his own educational plans is worth more than a passing notice.

the place of preparation for the work that Sir William McDonald, with the help of Professor Robertson, is trying to introduce in the common schools of Canada.

A GREAT IRON YEAR.

When Pierpont Morgan organized the great steel trust it was supposed by many that the properties could not pay interest and dividends on fourteen hundred million dollars of stock and bonds.

A POOLISH APPEAL.

The Charlottetown Patriot, organ of the government candidate in West Queens, is trying to convince the conservatives in that riding that some great benefit will come to the people if Mr. Farquharson is returned without opposition.

THE FREDERICK GLEANER THINKS THAT

it was very wrong for the Sun to quote Le Soleil's falsehoods about the York campaign. Of course in its zeal for its new leaders the Gleaner desires that these slanders shall only appear where they will assist Mr. Gibson's party.

MR. MANN, THE RAILWAY BUILDER,

speaking at Port Arthur on Monday predicted that in fifteen years the Canadian west would be exporting 200,000 bushels of grain annually.

The nomination of Dr. Riddock may mean that the government has sufficient courage to appeal to the St. John electors and does not intend to leave the seat empty for a year or two, as was done with Kings.

Mr. Fisher, minister of agriculture, was banqueted the other day. He followed the example of his leader by claiming credit for the government for the "good times."

DEATH COMES IN SOME FORM TO ALL

homes and each one of us in his time receives the sympathy of his neighbors in a great affliction. But the circumstances attending the bereavement of Hon. H. A. McKeown are unusually painful, and have called out in an extraordinary degree the sympathy of the community.

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THE FAILURE RECORD OF THE MARITIME

provinces for the last three years is thus stated:

In this first day of 1902 Premier Tweedie should be reminded of the vacancy in Kings county.

THE IMMIGRATION SLEDS ON THE WEST

side are a scandal and a disgrace. Colonel Tucker should go and see them.

MR. FARQUHARSON, EX-PREMIER OF

Prince Edward Island, and now a candidate in West Queens, has not been without his reward for party service. While he has been premier the dominion government has been hiring his tug, the "A. T. Stewart."

THE GRITS HAVE CARRIED YORK, BUT

the Sun wishes its friends a happy New Year. That includes everybody. This paper has no enemies.

AMHERST.

Harry Connelly Severely Injured by Falling from a Pile of Lumber.

AMHERST, Jan. 2.—Harry Connelly was seriously injured this morning at the works of Christie Bros. & Co. by falling from a pile of lumber in rear of the factory.

The injured man is a son of Patrick Connelly of this town and brother of Wm. T. Connelly of the Parrsboro Record.

He is about twenty-five years of age. The town council today issued a call for a public meeting of the ratepayers tomorrow evening to consider the advisability of having a fat stock show held here permanently and to take action necessary to secure it.

DON'T GO HOME, IF YOU HAVE NOT

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MOUNTED RIFLES.

HALIFAX, Jan. 1.—For the past seven days Quartermaster Graham and his staff have been busy in equipping the Mounted Rifles. So far 750 men have been fitted out with everything but their khaki. There are more than eighty articles in each man's outfit.

Scientists have figured out that Oct. 26, 604 B. C., was the original New Year's day.

MANY THOUSANDS CURED OF CATARRH.

Remarkable Cures Made by Pe-ru-na North and South.



MISS BLANCHE MYERS

Miss Blanche Myers, 2120 Penn street, Kansas City, Mo., a society belle of that city writes:

"During each of the past four seasons I have caught a severe cold when suddenly chilled after an evening party, and a most unpleasant catarrh lasting for several weeks would be the result."

"Last winter my brother advised me to try Peruna, as one of his club friends had been cured of a bad case of catarrh by using it. He procured me a bottle and I was much pleased to find that one bottle cured me. I shall not dread colds any more so long as I can procure Peruna."

Peruna cures catarrh wherever located, with the same surety and promptness. There are no substitutes for Peruna.

Miss Estie Becker, secretary of the Goethe Club, of Racine, Wis., writes:

"A short time ago I got my feet wet, and a cold settled on my lungs which nothing seemed to remove. Our family physician tried extracts, powders and pills, but I kept getting worse until my brother advised me to try Peruna and purchased a bottle for me."

"It acted like a charm and in a week I was like my old self once more. In fact I felt stronger and had a better appetite than I have ever had before. Peruna will have a welcome place in our medicinal chest, as the whole family believes in it."

Peruna is an internal remedy—a scientific remedy for catarrh. It cures catarrh wherever located. Its cures last. Peruna gives strength by stopping waste.

By saving the mucous it enriches the blood. By cleansing the mucous membranes it preserves the vital forces.

A constant drain of mucus from the system is known as systemic catarrh. This may occur from any organ of the body.

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Peruna can be obtained for \$1.00 a bottle at all first-class drug stores in Canada. "The Ills of Life," which can be secured at all up-to-date drug stores and upon request is sent free to all, gives a short description of all catarrhal diseases.

Address: Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio, U. S. A.

A BLACK DISGRACE

To the White Man's Work in the Civilization of Africa.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Captain Guy Burrows, who has just retired from the employ of the Congo Free State government after six years' service, declared in an interview today with a representative of the Associated Press that the conditions prevailing in the Congo Free State are a disgrace to civilization and far worse than ever before.

"I have sworn testimony," said Burrows, "of the Belgians hanging over native tribes for the export of ivory and the sale of slaves to the Congo Free State government, and the fact that the officials employed by the Congo Free State are a disgrace to civilization and far worse than ever before. He pictured atrocities of the most horrible character perpetrated on the natives by officials and whites who had concessions of rubber land."

HOPEWELL HILL.

HOPEWELL HILL, Jan. 1.—The new year opened with severely cold weather, but little snow.

The following officers of Golden Rule Division, No. 11, S. of T., have been elected for the ensuing quarter:

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A despatch

from London to the Herald gives the following account of the manner in which London received the new King Edward stamps.

There was an enthusiastic demand and a ready supply, but King Edward coins were missing. Many people got impatient and went considerably out of their way to make purchases of the pretty new penny and half penny stamps. Quite a number of ardent people waited until midnight on Tuesday at the general post office and began asking for the new stamps which were sent immediately after twelve o'clock struck for new year's day.

In the majority of cases the stamps were promptly affixed to letters and post cards, which were forthwith posted at the nearest available letter box.

There is no doubt whatever from the gossip heard at the post offices that the public is highly pleased with the new King Edward stamps, especially the penny red ones.

Mrs. Mary Cook, Pittsford, N. Y., also says:

"I was not very well for six years, paid many doctor bills, but never improved very much. Two years ago I was attacked with the grippe, which left me with a severe liver trouble. I gave up hope of ever recovering. Peruna cured me. I feel young again, and am gaining in flesh, as I was very emaciated. My own children are surprised in the great change in me when they come to visit me. We have made your Peruna our household remedy."

—Mrs. Mary Cook.

Congressman H. Henry Powers of

Vermont, writes from Morrisville, Vt.: "Peruna I have used in my family with success. I can recommend it as an excellent family remedy, and very good for coughs, colds and catarrhal affections."

—H. Henry Powers.

Hon. John H. Gear, United States Senator from Iowa, writes:

"Peruna I can recommend to all as a very good tonic, and particularly good as a remedy for catarrh."

—John H. Gear. Senator Gear's home address is Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. O. Fisher, 1801 Lexington avenue, New York City, writes:

"I had catarrh and was troubled with a constant dropping from the back part of the nose into the throat, and a horrible breath. Also severe hoarseness and yellow discharge from the nose; but I haven't the slightest trouble now of those complaints, and I honestly and conscientiously state that I am cured of catarrh of the nose and throat."

"If there is any way I can assist it, I am positively I am only too glad to do so, and I am willing, very willing, to lend any aid in my power in helping you to induce sufferers to give Peruna a trial."

"My wife is also taking Peruna, and it is helping her wonderfully. She has improved considerably since taking Peruna. She feels fifty per cent better than she has in years, for all of which I am very thankful, as she was extremely nervous, had systemic catarrh, and thin blood."

"If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis."

Address: Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

"The Ills of Life," which can be secured at all up-to-date drug stores and upon request is sent free to all, gives a short description of all catarrhal diseases.

Address: Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, U. S. A.

LORD PAUNCEFOTE IS BETTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Lord Paunceforte, whose indisposition prevented his attendance at the White House reception yesterday, was so much improved today that he was able to be down stairs.

The ambassador has been troubled for some time with rheumatic gout, which took a rather acute turn a few days ago, confining him to his room. There is every prospect that he will be restored soon to his usual vigor.

Infants too young to take medicine may be cured of croup, whooping cough and colds by using Vapo-Cresoleum—they breathe it.

ARRESTED IN NEW YORK ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

E. C. Elkin, owner of the schooner Etta A. Stimpson, Capt. Hogan, which left St. John Nov. 30 for New York, and after putting into Vineyard Haven, arrived at her destination a short time ago received word Wednesday that the captain and mate had been arrested in New York on a serious charge, the nature of which the telegram did not disclose. As all New York shipping offices were closed Wednesday Mr. Elkin failed to receive any answer to his enquiries for particulars.

Something About Faith Cures.

What a great variety of faith cures there must be. Some have faith in so-called divine healers, others in certain doctors, and still others in the medicines they use. Every person who has tested Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills has faith in them, but faith or no faith, they cure just the same, for they act directly and specifically on the kidneys, liver and bowels, and make these organs healthy, active and vigorous.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—J. P. Morgan,

according to the Journal and American, admits the truth of a cable report from London that he has bought Raphael's madonna of St. Anthony of Padua. We will not talk about the price. It is said that the picture will not be imported, for inasmuch as the tariff charges, if the picture cost \$500,000, as reported, would exceed \$100,000. The girl who fishes for compliments seldom catches a husband.

You May Need Pain-Killer For Cuts Burns Bruises Cramps Diarrhoea All Bowel Complaints It is a sure, safe and quick remedy. There's only one PAIN-KILLER. FRANK DAVIS. Two sizes, 50c. and 10c.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

BLOOMFIELD, Kings Co., Dec. 30.—This place was the scene of two pleasant social events last week. On Christmas eve, F. W. Truro, after a short bridal tour as far as Halifax, returned with his bride to the home of his parents. Owing to the high wind no bonfire was lit but other demonstrations were well carried out, and a hearty reception was given them.

On Saturday evening a number of the friends of Fred Forrester and Mrs. Forrester, about thirteen couples, without giving any previous intimation, called in a body at their residence to congratulate them on the twentieth anniversary of their wedding day, and as a small token of esteem to present them with a handsome and comfortable rocking chair. A. H. Cather in a few well chosen words made the presentation, which called forth a fitting reply from Mr. Forrester.

Miss Emma Innis, who has never been strong since the operation for appendicitis at Sussex last winter, has improved very much in the last few weeks.

Herbert Innis writes from South Africa that he has left the army, in which he was acting as chaplain, for some time, and is now engaged in industrial mining work about 15 miles north of Newcastle. He sent home a number of souvenirs, including a coin containing the image and superscription of Kruger.

A number of young persons belonging about here, but working elsewhere, came home to spend Christmas with their parents.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 30.—The two days' rain of yesterday and today has taken the snow all off again, and wagons are once more in use.

Mrs. Wm. Archibald of Truro, N. S., formerly Miss Clark of this parish, is visiting relatives here, after a long absence, and is being warmly welcomed by her former friends in this locality. Miss Alda Kelver, daughter of A. M. Kelver of the I. C. R., Moncton, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kelver of this place.

Mabel Elliott, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Elliott, has received the second prize of \$3 for neatness, etc., in the W. P. Hatheway letter competition.

Sec. Ethyl B. Sumner will go to Kingsport, N. S., to load potatoes for Havana. The vessel is now at Dorchester.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 31.—Mrs. C. E. Barnes of Madras, Miss, sister of Willard Barnes of Wood Point, is expected here today.

Schr. Mary B., from Kennebec, Me., has arrived with \$3,000 feet sawed oak for Rhodes & Curry of Amherst, and the schr. Leonard B., from New York, with 122 tons moulding sand for Rhodes & Curry.

The annual meeting of the Sackville Machine and Foundry Co. is to be held here on Tuesday, the 14th of January. The object of the meeting is to elect directors and to voluntarily wind up the company.

Miss Nellie Wood, daughter of Geo. Wood of Wolfville, N. S., is the guest of Mrs. C. Fred Aard.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 1.—While Dr. S. W. Burgess of Great Shemogus was driving near his home a few days ago his carriage broke down, his horse ran away, and he was thrown violently to the ground. He received a bad shaking up and had one of his ankles sprained.

Dr. Archibald, professor of violin in Mt. Allison Conservatory, returned from Boston on Monday. Every precaution is being taken to guard against possible smallpox contagion at the institutions. Students who have been spending their vacation in St. John will not be allowed to return to the academy or colleges until after they have been away from St. John a fortnight. The Messrs. Baker, Pratt and Hatheway of the Ladies' College staff have spent a quiet but pleasant Christmas in Sackville. Dr. Borden has received a number of applications for entrance at the beginning of the term. With very few exceptions the students of last term will return to complete the academic year.

Miss Ethel Ogden, second teacher in the art department, still continues in poor health, and her position is being supplied by Miss Beattie McLeod, while Miss Fannie Harris performs the duties of third instructor.

The position of teacher of elocution and physical culture in the Ladies' College, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Louise C. Webster, has been filled by Miss Annie A. Richardson of Toronto. Miss Richardson, who is a daughter of Matthew J. Richardson, M. P., of South Grey, Ont., comes very highly recommended both as a reader and as a teacher. She is an honor graduate in elocution and physical culture of the Toronto College of Music and taught one year in that institution. She spent one year in London studying under Herman Vigia, Mrs. Emil Behuks and Charles Fry of the Hampstead Conservatoire. She took further post graduate work at the school of literature and expression affiliated with Toronto University, giving special attention to physical culture. As a reader Miss Richardson is spoken of as being clear in enunciation, quite soulful without anything approaching to artificiality. The Toronto Globe spoke of her as having a voice singularly clear and flexible, while her conception of her programme showed careful and comprehensive study. Miss Richardson is expected to arrive today.

WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., Dec. 30.—Rev. H. H. Gillies, rector of Cambridge, held service in St. John's church here on Christmas afternoon. A large number were present, and the interior of the church was very tastefully decorated with evergreens.

A heavy rain set in yesterday and continued all day, leaving the roads bare.

C. W. White, who has run a tannery here for a number of years, is having his stock worked up and intends going out of the business this winter. Mr. White is still buying hides, which he sells to a firm in St. John.

The quarterly meeting of the Queens Co. N. E. district will meet with the Mill Cove Baptist church, beginning on Friday evening, January the 10th, and continuing until Sunday evening, the 12th.

A. L. Gunter is getting a quantity of cordwood on land recently purchased at Jernise.

RICHBUCKTO, Dec. 28.—John Cameron, merchant of that town, who has been seriously ill, is much improved the past few days.

The children of St. Mary's Church of England Sunday school were given their annual tea in the school room last evening. An interesting programme was given during the evening.

Skating and ice boating have been the popular amusements this week. Alfred Bowser of the Royal Bank at Halifax spent the holiday at his home in Rexton. Gilmer Brown, C. E., is visiting his brothers, John C. and Willmot Brown. Dr. Fred Richard and Mrs. Richard of Chatham spent Christmas with the former's parents, Douglas and Mrs. Richard.

SUSSEX, Dec. 31.—The Messrs. Connors of Springdale and Albert Co., who has been employed in the Whelan camp lumbering at the Missep mill, have returned home since Christmas and should be quarantined, as the smallpox has evidently been in evidence there, as Mr. Whelan is now an inmate of the isolation hospital in St. John.

The annual dinner given by the Sussex Mercantile Company to its employees took place last evening in the Medley Memorial Hall, which has been engaged for the purpose. The affair was a very enjoyable one to all present, a splendid repast having been prepared for the occasion. Speeches, songs and dancing livened the evening's proceedings, and the following programme was duly toasted in regular order: Annual Dinner of the S. M. Co., Ltd., chairman, S. H. White; addresses in behalf of the company, G. H. White, Murray Huestis and Walter J. Mills; addresses in behalf of the employees, S. J. Wraylock, C. H. Fairweather, S. L. Morrill, L. W. Baird; toast, Ladies of the Store, Arthur Keith; response, H. B. Price; toast, The S. M. Co., Ltd., H. W. Folkins; response, Gordon Mills. The annual gathering of the employees of the Mercantile is one of the pleasing features of the concern, and is no doubt thoroughly appreciated by both the givers and the employees.

Miss Lillian Mills left on Christmas night for Philadelphia. She intends keeping house for her brother, Dr. Ross Mills of that place.

Miss Jennie Giesbet of St. John is visiting Miss Minnie McLeod of Creek.

SUSSEX, Jan. 1.—John J. Haslam has sold his farm at Sussex Corner to two young men from Ireland for \$3,300. He intends purchasing another farm in the vicinity of Sussex.

Miller Bros. have bought a lot of land containing 30 acres, from W. Hugh McMonagle heirs, near Sussex Corner, for \$2,600. They intend building a large slaughter house on the same.

comes very highly recommended both as a reader and as a teacher. She is an honor graduate in elocution and physical culture of the Toronto College of Music and taught one year in that institution. She spent one year in London studying under Herman Vigia, Mrs. Emil Behuks and Charles Fry of the Hampstead Conservatoire. She took further post graduate work at the school of literature and expression affiliated with Toronto University, giving special attention to physical culture. As a reader Miss Richardson is spoken of as being clear in enunciation, quite soulful without anything approaching to artificiality. The Toronto Globe spoke of her as having a voice singularly clear and flexible, while her conception of her programme showed careful and comprehensive study. Miss Richardson is expected to arrive today.

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by the Stanley is rapidly reaching completion. There will be room for the freight and a comfortable waiting room and offices. The mild weather and the clear open straits do not encourage us to expect the Stanley to begin running here very soon. A notorious violator of the Scott Act has been cleverly captured after two years of watchfulness by the constable by the name of Wood, son of Seneca Wood of Sackville, who has bought the old William Wells property and will put up a handsome summer residence in the spring. It is a beautiful site overlooking the straits, on an elevation which gives a magnificent view. A few yards in front of the house will bring you to a beautiful sand beach with all the facilities of bathing. It is expected that several others from Sackville and other places will be looking for sites on which to erect summer residences in the near future.

HAMPSTEAD, Queens Co., Dec. 31.—I joyfully say that that two of the smallest scholars, and a bright teacher a present, one a jewel box, the other a handkerchief. The Central Hampstead Sunday school met at the home of the superintendent, I. E. Van Wart, on Christmas evening, where they spent a very pleasant evening in carols and the following programme: Singing, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing; recitations by Lottie Slipp and Ida Van Wart; solo, Sweet Peace the Gift of God's Love; Van Wart; recitation, The First Christmas, by Ella Van Wart; reading, The Christmas story, by Lillie Douglas; solo, Peace Be Still, by A. E. Slipp; reading by F. C. Stults; singing, Glory to God in the Highest. An excellent address was read by F. C. Stults, when they presented Bro. Van Wart on behalf of the members of the school with a check for ten dollars, at the same time wishing Mr. Van Wart and his beloved wife and family many happy and prosperous years. A suitable reply was made by the receiver of the gift, after which a committee passed around a treat consisting of candy and nuts, which was procured out of the funds of the school. Then there were cakes, pies and apples which were provided by the ladies. The pleasant evening's enjoyment was brought to a close by singing God be with you till we meet again.

Court Woodville, No. 1,842, I. O. F., at its last regular meeting elected the following officers: Thomas T. H. Scoville, C. R.; Joseph Gardner, V. C. R.; Geo. Bayard Slipp, rec. sec.; W. J. Nickerson, fin. sec.; J. Isaac Palmer, treasurer; F. C. Stults, chaplain; A. W. Carpenter, supt. juvenile courts; Robt. J. Scott, senior woodward; Healy Lett Scoville, junior woodward; Moody B. Thomson, S. B.; George R. Carle, J. B.; F. C. Stults, organist; D. O. Nickerson, J. Isaac Palmer, trustees; Geo. B. Carle and Orlando Puddington, fin. com. I. E. Van Wart was recommended for court deputy.

McADAM JUNCTION, Jan. 1.—On Monday evening Rev. J. R. DeW. Cowie entertained and instructed the congregation of St. George's church by a lecture illustrated by lantern views. The light was obtained from acetylene gas. The views were good, and the lecture was well worth listening to. A large and attentive audience was present. Mr. Cowie left yesterday morning for Fredericton. His visit here will long be remembered by the people in general.

A treat for the children was given by Rev. M. C. Shewen, assisted by ladies of the congregation. Several boxes of Christmas treat came from St. John, for which sincere thanks is returned.

The storio Athletic Club gave a social dance in I. O. F. hall last night. It was a grand success. W. Weeks was floor manager and A. R. Mowatt was violinist.

Mrs. Campbell of St. Mary's is visiting.

Only vegetable oils—and no coarse animal fats—are used in making "Baby's Own Soap". Pure, Fragrant, Cleansing. Doctors recommend it for Nursery and Toilet use. Beware of imitations. Albert Toilet Soap, Mrs., Montreal.

ing McAdam, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Hallett. Mr. McCardell, who has lately come from England, is employed in the master mechanic's office. S. Burpee, who is clerk for his father, C. W. Burpee, left last night for St. John, as the trackmaster's office has been removed there.

ST. STEPHEN Installation of Officers of Sussex Lodge No. 7 A, F. and A. M. The regular annual communication of Sussex Lodge, N. 7, for the installation of officers, was held in Masonic hall on the evening of St. John's day, Friday, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock local time.

The programme included: Confirmation of minutes of election; official visit of D. D. G. M. Frederick O. Sullivan; review of the year, by the W. M.; installation; oration by Rev. Bro. Arthur S. Morton; ancient charges; historical notes, "St. John's Days in Old Sussex," by E. W. Bro. James C. Morton, Chap.; Bro. Frederick M. Murchie, Treas.; W. Bro. Peter G. McFarlane (P. M.); Sec.; Bro. Albert A. Larkin, S. D.; Bro. Alfred M. Budd, J. D.; W. Bro. James Vroom (P.G.W.); D. O. C.; Bro. Josephus M. Murchie, Org.; Bro. Frank H. Beck, I. G.; Bro. John W. Richardson, S. S.; Bro. Charles E. Heuselis, J. S.; Bro. Geo. M. Robinson, Tyler. The installing officer was W. Bro. Frederic O. Sullivan, D. D. G. M., and the choir, Rev. Bro. Arthur S. Morton, chaplain.

The list of toasts, with the names of brothers responding, was: Our King. Our Country—R. W. Bro. Collector Graham and Bro. Captain McGowan. Our Empire and Our Mother Land—R. W. Bro. J. Vroom, I. P. M.; W. Bro. Major Chipman, and Bro. A. I. Teed. Our Rulers in the Craft—The W. M., Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick—W. D. G. M. Sullivan, and R. W. Bro. E. G. Vroom. Our Brethren at Home and Abroad—Bro. Wm. Finkler, our chief of W. Bro. R. W. Grimmer, S. W., and Bro. J. M. Murchie.

Our Mothers, Sisters, Wives and Daughters—Bro. C. E. Huestis, our youngest M. M., W. Bro. R. W. Whitlock, J. W., and Bro. F. H. Beck. Our Civic Rulers—Bro. His Worship Mayor Murchie; Bro. Councillor Dinmore and Bro. Councillor McClure. Our Teachers in Church and School—V. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Newham, and W. Bro. P. G. McFarlane.

Our Brothers Learned in Law and Medicine—Bro. J. M. Stevens, Bro. J. W. Richardson, Bro. W. T. Black, and W. Bro. F. I. Blair. Our Wealth Producers and Distributors—For our Tillers of the Soil, W. Bro. Hugh McKay; Bro. W. H. Conrick; Bro. Wm. Quaid; Bro. J. H. Dreyer. For our Skilled Artificers in all the Handicrafts—W. Bro. S. Welock; W. Bro. C. B. Cripps; W. Bro. F. T. Ross; Bro. S. McConkey; Bro. W. S. A. Douglas; Bro. J. C. Henry. For our Merchant Adventurers and our Captains of Industry—Bro. J. G. Murchie; Bro. E. E. Cannon; Bro. G. F. Beach; Bro. D. H. Bates; Bro. C. C. Whitlock. For our Common Carriers: W. Bro. W. W. Inches; Bro. C. W. Brooks, and Bro. John Stewart.

Our Absent Members. The presentations were from J. T. Whitlock at the W. M. of 1901, and were as follows: 1st—Dress apron and case to Edward Irvin, chaplain for 1901, for regular attendance at every meeting of the year, viz., 18.

2nd—Past master's jewel, to P. M. R. W. Whitlock, senior deacon for 1901, for attendance at every meeting and excellent work.

3rd—Past master's jewel to P. M. W. H. Laughlin, M. D., of Victoria Lodge, No. 28, of Milltown, N. B., for services in the trade so cheerfully rendered during the past year.

4th—Past master's jewel, to R. W. Bro. James Vroom, P. G. W., for services during the past year in all branches of the lodge work most cheerfully and efficiently rendered.

Children Cry for CASTORIA. CHURCH ORGAN AT ANDOVER. Mrs. Geo. T. Baird, Andover, can regard with a smiling countenance the success of an effort which she made to help in procuring a new organ to replace the century old one which has long furnished music for the worshippers. She got up a house concert at the senatorial residence and despite the fact that the night was very stormy, there was a fair attendance, and the proceeds, together with donations from two or three personal outside friends, showed that she had \$40. Mrs. Baird thought this pretty good. But there was a surprise before her. She had written to one or two ladies in Washington, telling them what she was doing. The two communicated with two others, and the Christmas malls brought her checks amounting to \$100 in all from four well-disposed and benevolent Washingtonians, so that her amount reached \$140. The new organ is to cost \$550, but a considerable sum had already been subscribed and paid. Mrs. Baird's concert and the following surprise party leaves a comparatively small sum to be raised to clear off the entire debt.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders. ACCUSER DID NOT APPEAR. A. White of Sydney, who was arrested in Moncton some days ago on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences, arrived back in the city yesterday morning. Mr. White was taken to Sydney to answer the charge, and his accuser, according to Mr. White's statement, refused to appear against him. Mr. White claims he had receipts for every dollar he paid out. He was conducting a contracting business at Sydney with Jerome Corbett. The police magistrate discharged him and Mr. White returned to Moncton.—Moncton Times, 21st ult.



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FOR SALE.—Farm consisting of 150 acres in Parish of Intervale, in the Parish of Prince William, York County. Half purchase money can remain on mortgage. Apply to MISS L. E. INGRAHAM, 117 King Street East, St. John.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That the Co-partnership heretofore existing between E. W. Sharp, Commission Merchant, was dissolved by mutual consent on November 1st, 1901. The business will be continued by Geo. N. Erb, at the old stand, Stall A, City Market, where he will be pleased to receive consignments of Country Produce to sell, and guarantee to make prompt returns at the best possible price. GEO. N. ERB, Stall A, City Market.

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SERMON.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Delivers Some Comforting Words to Those Drawing Near the Evening of Life.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—While this discourse of Dr. Talmage rebukes arrogance, it encourages humanity and shows how the evening of life may be brightened. The text is 1 Kings xx, 11. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off."

Harness is the obsolete word for armor. It means harness for the man, not harness for the beast; harness for battle, not harness for the plow. The ancient armor consisted of helmet for the head, breast-plate and shield for the heart, greaves for the feet. The text makes a comparison between a man enlisting for some war and a veteran returning, the one putting on the armor and the other putting it off.

Benhadad, the king of Syria, thought he could easily overcome the king of Israel. Indeed, the Syrian was so sure of the victory that he spread an anti-bellum banquet. With 32 kings he was celebrating what they were going to do. There were in all 33 kings at the banquet, and their condition is described in the Bible not as convivial or stimulated excitement, but drunk. Their girdles and harnesses, pavilions were surrounded by high mettled horses, neighing and clamping, and hitched to chariots such as kings rode in. Benhadad sends officers over to the king of Israel demanding the surrender of the city, saying, "Thou shalt deliver me thy silver and thy gold and thy wives and thy children," and afterward sends other officers, saying that the palace of the king will be searched and everything Benhadad wants he will take without asking. Then the king of Israel called a council of war, and word is sent back to Benhadad that his unreasonable demand will be resisted. Then Benhadad sends another message to the king of Israel, a message full of arrogance and bravado, practically saying: "We will destroy you utterly. I will grind Smaria into the dust, but there will not be dust enough to make a handful for each one of my troops." Then the king of Israel replied to Benhadad, practically saying: "Let me see you do what you say. You royal braggart, you might better have postponed your banquet until after the battle instead of spreading it before the battle. You huzza too soon. Let not him that girdeth on the harness boast himself as he that putteth it off."

An avalanche of courage and righteousness, the Israelitish army came down on Benhadad and his host. It was a hand to hand fight, each Israelite heaving down a Syrian. Benhadad, on horseback, gets away with some of the cavalry, but is only saved for a worse defeat in which 100,000 Syrian infantry were slaughtered in one day. Now we see the sarcasm and the epigrammatic power of the message of my text sent by the king of Israel to Benhadad. Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.

PRIDE GOETH BEFORE A FALL.

All up and down history we see much too easily forgotten. Saul, the marshal of France, was so certain that he would conquer that he had a proclamation printed announcing himself king of Portugal and had a grand feast prepared for 4 o'clock that afternoon, but before that hour he had in ignominious defeat, and Wellington, after conquering Napoleon down at 4 o'clock at France had ordered for himself, Charles V. invaded France and was so sure of conquest that he requested Paul Jovius, the historian, to gather together a large amount of paper on which to write the story of his many victories, but he died of a famine seizure while his troops were, and retreated in dismay. So Benhadad's behavior has been copied in all ages of the world. It will be my object, among other lessons, to show that he who puts off the armor, having finished the battle, is more to be congratulated than he who begins.

First, I find encouragement in this subject for the aged who have got through the work and struggle of earthly life. My venerable friends, if you had at twenty-five years of age full appreciation of what you would have to go through in the thirties, the forties and the fifties of your lifetime, you would have been appalled. Fortunately the persecutions, the hardships, were curtailed from your sight. With more or less fortitude you passed through the crises of pain and sadness, and with as good a divine help that sustained you. At twenty or thirty years of your age at the top of the drum you put on the harness. Now, at sixty, or seventy, or eighty, you are peacefully putting it off. You would not want to try the battle of life over again. So many of you, just your temperance, and with as good a starting and as fine a preparation, and seemingly with as much equipment of character as you had made, complete shipwreck that you would not want again to run the risks. Though you can look back and see many mistakes, the next time you might make more mistakes. Instead of being depressed over the fact that you are being counted out or omitted in the great undertakings of the church and the world, rejoice that you have a right to hang up your helmet and sheathe your sword and free your hands from the greaves and your feet from the boots of mail.

GLAD TO BE AT PEACE.

At the soldiers' home in the suburbs of this city I often admire the peaceful and contented look of the venerable heroes as they sit under the trees or go in and out the fine abode that our government has appropriately provided for them. They do not want to undertake another South Mountain. Their feet do not ache to get into the whirp of the cavalryman. They are not longing for the haradeck of the soldiers' breakfast along the Chickahominy. They have no desire for another ride in the ambulance to the field hos-

pital. When the Spanish war broke out, they sometimes wondered if their rheumatic knee would allow them to keep step in a march, and if their slight was good enough to see an advancing foe, and if their ear was alert enough to hear the "communion charge." But for the most part they are glad that there is no more war for them. So let all of the aged in peace with God, through the blessed Christ, cultivate contentment and thank the Lord the Sedan has been fought and the war is over. Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off."

There are old farmers who cannot do one more day's work. What harvests they raised in 1870! They knew the rotation of crops as well as they knew the rotation of the seasons. Under what blighting suns they swung the scythe and the cradle! They followed deep snows they drew the logs or cut their way to the foddering of the cattle. What droughts, what freshets, what insectile invasion, they remember! To clothe and feed and educate the household, they went through toils and self-sacrifices that the young of the world know little about. Rest, aged man! Let the boys do the shoveling and thrashing and cutting and sweating. You have put the harness off, and do not try to put it on again.

There are old mechanics that can no more shove the plan or pour in the hammer or bore with the bit or run up the ladder to the scaffolding. Master mechanics they were or subordinates who wrought faithfully in the work of house or barn or ship building. You have a right to quit. You have finished your task. Be thankful that your work is done.

THE RETIRED PHYSICIAN.

Then there are aged physicians. What tragedies of pain and accident they have witnessed! How much suffering they have assuaged! How many brave battles they have fought with lancet and catheter! How many fevers they have cooled! How many broken bones they set! How many prostrata they quelled! How many anxious days they passed when they knew that human lives depended upon their skill and fidelity! They drove back death from many a cradle. Instead of becoming disengaged or the slight of suffering their sympathies deepened, and with aged Dr. Valentine Mott, when, standing before his students in clinical department and a child was about to be operated upon in surgery, he said, "Gentlemen, here are surgeons who will do this work as well as I can, and you will excuse me if I leave the room for a few minutes. I cannot compose myself to witness pain as once I could, especially the suffering of little children." God comfort and bless the old doctors, allopathic, homeopathic, hydropathic, and eclectic, and make them willing to be out of practice! Before long they will hear the benediction of him who said, "I was sick and you visited me."

And there are the old ministers. Once they were foremost in general assemblies and conferences and associations. They have preached in Pentecosts. They have stood by Charles Wesley, and seen Elijah go up in flaming chariots of glory. The gospel they preached for fifty or sixty years illumines their every feature. They have stopped preaching, for their breath is short, or their nerves are aching, or they lose their thread of discourse or suffer from confusion of ideas. Cheer up, aged dominie and doctors! The Bible says God forgets our sins when we repent of them, but he never forgets faithful services rendered. He remembers that revival there you stood watching the souls that came "as clouds and as doves to the windows." He has indicated by your physical or mental condition that it is time for you to stop. Be content to stop. Your helmet bears the mark of many a battle; your sword is bent from many a holy struggle; your shield is dented with the thrust of many a spear. Now hang up the armor with gladness. Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." That was a suggestive and tender scene when the aged Mr. Finlay of Edinburgh said to a girl sinking in rapid decline: "Weel, my dear, you're afore me. You're nineteen and are almost across the river. I'm almost seventy, and maybe I'll have some hard steps afore I hear its ripple. Oh, lassie, this is a sweet day for you. You'll be home first."

Again, I learn from Benhadad's behavior the unwisdom of boasting of what one is going to do. Two messengers had been sent to the king of Israel, both messengers of insolence and bragadoccio. With brimming beaker in hand he is talking with the royal group about what he will do with the spoils of the victory he is going to achieve that afternoon. He takes it for granted that Samaria will surrender. He gives command for the capture of some of the inhabitants of Samaria who are approaching, saying, "Whether they be come out for peace take them alive, or whether they be come out for war take them alive." But behold the fugitive king in frightened retreat before sundown! Better not tell boastfully what you are going to do. Wait until it is done. You do well to lay out your plans, but there are so many mistakes and disappointments in life that you may not be able to carry out your plans, and in no need of invoking the world's derision and caricature. Napoleon was so sure of conquering England, Scotland and Ireland that he had a medal struck commemorating the conquest, which he never made. On that medal was represented his own crowned head.

COURAGE IN FACE OF DEATH.

Dr. Pendleton and Mr. Saunders were talking in the time of persecution under Queen Mary. Saunders was trembling and afraid, but Pendleton said: "What! Man, there is much more cause for me to fear than you. You are small, and I have a large body frame. But you will see the last piece of this flesh consumed to ashes before I ever forsake Jesus Christ and his truth,

which I have professed." Not long after Saunders, the faint-hearted gave up his life for Christ's sake, while Pendleton, who had talked so big, lay ed coward and gave up religion when the test came. Wilberforce did not tell what he was going to do with the slave trade, but how much he accomplished is suggested by Lord Brougham's remark concerning Wilberforce after his death. "He went to heaven with 800,000 broken fetters in his hand." Some one, trying to dissuade Napoleon from his invasion of Russia, said: "Man proposes, but God disposes." You remember Moscow, and 85,000 corpses in the snowdrifts. The only kind of boasting that prospers was that of Paul, who cried out, "I glory in the cross of Christ," and that of John Newton, who declared, "I am not what I ought to be; I am not what I wish to be. I am not what I hope to be, but by the grace of God, I am not what I was."

Do not boast of your moral strength. One of the most brilliant men of the nineteenth century, having temporarily reformed from inebriety, stood on the platform of Broadway tabernacle, New York, and said: "Were the great globe one, and I had the power to command the possession of it if I would drink one glass of brandy I would refuse with scorn, and I want no religion to help me." But that same man died at Poughkeepsie a drunken pauper. Better to start and overtake ourselves.

My subject is the retired warrior, and the famous sentiment that God is on the side of the heaviest artillery. From all I can read about this struggle Benhadad spoke the truth when he said, "The gods do so into me and more also in the work of my hands." He had handfuls for all the people that followed him. He was so confident that with his superior numbers he could defeat the king of Israel and capture Samaria that he left the work for a short afternoon. He is at noon in vassal with his royal associates. The battle of the rock was miserably defeated. He retired to 12 o'clock at noon, but that was because the ground was too wet to move the artillery. Benhadad waits until afternoon because he is overconfident. God is not on the side of the most swords or the most war chariots or the most cannon, but he is on the side of the right. How such a preposterous sentiment as I have mentioned should have gained away I know not when all history proclaims the opposite. Describing the very next battle in which Benhadad was defeated, the Bible says, "The children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids, but the Syrians filled the country." How insignificant were the unarmed Israelites, half starved and unorganized, compared with Pharaoh's host on foot, on horseback and chariots!

Benhadad's error was that he took part in the conflict, parting to let the pursued pass, but coming together to destroy the pursuers. The Midianites and Amalekites were like grass hoppers for multitudes, but 300 men under Gideon came down, their only weapons spears, and they defeated the host as they held up the lamps and threw down the pitchers and blew the trumpets the flash of the lights and the blaze of the instruments and the crash of the crockery made their enemy fall back in wild terror.

THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

Note also that my text takes it for granted that you must put on the harness, else how can you take it off? Life is a battle—a thirty years' or a forty years' or a sixty years' war. Helmet and shield have to be put on. Beliefs of skepticism and agnosticism are aimed at your head. Every possible effort will be made to make you think wrong. The young man who gets his head filled with wrong notions about God, about Christ, about the soul, about the future, or about the past, will be on the helmet, the lance well adjusted under the chin. Think right, and you will act right. Yes, breast-plate for the heart. That is the most important part to be defended. That decides what you love and what you hate, and what you are to be in the end. That decides earthly happiness and eternal destiny. Keep the heart pure, and the life will be pure. Have the heart corrupt and your actions will be corrupt. Oh, that all of us might have a new heart covered with a divinely wrought breastplate! Let us never be so careless as to walk on dangerous roads, or be compelled to walk. So many people tread on sharp prongs of temptation and go lame and limping all the rest of their days. Iron mallet shoes for the foot.

Young man, see that you have on a complete armor. All the bright armor, that you could make, will not right on without opposition or attack, but be not deceived. There are hidden foes ready to halt you on your way. The same foe that Benhadad drank out of just before his defeat will be offered to every man who is engaged in the battle of life. Victory when there was nothing but rout and ruin. What work Benhadad's cup made for Benhadad's army! What shipwrecks on the sea, what disasters on the land, caused by inflaming liquids put upon the tongue to set seething the brain! How many kings of thought and influence, with crowns brighter than the one Benhadad wore, have by strong drink been put into flight as base as that in which Benhadad rode! "Give them to me," says the demon of inebriety. "Give them to me; hand them down—the brightest legislators of the land. I will thicken their tongue; I will blot their cheeks; I will stagger their step; I will damn their soul. Hand them down to me—the physician out of his laboratory, the minister of the gospel from the altars of God. Hand them down to me, the queens of the drawing room, and I will disgrace their names, and blast their homes and throw them down farther than Jesabel fell to the dogs that crunched her carcase."

We hold our breath in horror as once in awhile we hear of someone, either by accident or suicide, going over Niagara falls, but the depths, the awful surges of intemperance, are every hour of every day rushing scores of innocents down into inextinguishable oblivion. Suicides by the hundreds of thousands! Suicides by the million! Beware of the cup out of which Benhadad drank personal and national demerolion.

Yes, you must have full armor. There are temptations to an impure life all the time multiplying and intensifying. Read in private and discussed after-

ward by the refined and elegant in parlors are books poisoned from lid to lid with impurities. Loose characters in the novel are splashed by rhetorical pens and proprietaries of life caricatured as prudery and infidelity of behavior put in a way to excite sympathy and half approval. My wonder is not that so many go astray, but my wonder is that ten times as many are not debauched. There are influences at work which, if unresisted, will turn our cities into Sodoma and Gomorrah ready for the hall and fire and brimstone of God's indignation.

ARMING AGAINST TEMPTATION.

Yes, you must have full armor, for there are all the temptations to gamblers of the day and all hours of the year in the money markets, buying what they never paid for and selling what they can never deliver, first borrowing what they cannot return and stealing what they cannot borrow. All in time it was leather armor of chain mail, and it was vast sums of money passing fraudulently, for gambling in all classes of fraud, whether it be a twenty-five cent prize package or a crash in Northern Pacific, which made Lombard street and the bourse agast and shook the nations with financial earthquake.

Oh, yes, you need the harness on until God tells you to take it off. In olden time it was leather armor or chain armor, or ribbed armor, fashioned in ancient foundry, but no one can give you the outfit you need. God, who is master of this world and the infernal world, with which ascend the mightiest hostilities, lay hold of God. Nothing but the arm of Omnipotence is strong enough for the tempter.

Young man, put on the entire gospel outfit. If you have come from the country, to live in the city, imitate the example of the young man who arrived in New York on Saturday night, intending the following Monday to enter his place of employment. On Sunday morning, carrying in the good advice before leaving his country home, he went to church. Standing at the door, he was abashed as the beauty and fashion and wealth swept through the doors of the sanctuary, and he dared not go in. As he was about turning to go away a gentleman said, "Have you a seat, young man?" "No, sir." "Do you belong to the city?" "No, sir." "Where is your home?" "In the country." "How long have you been in the city?" "I came in last night." "What are you going to do here?" "I hope to go into business to-morrow." "Is that so?" "Yes, sir." "How do you get on?" "I have begun well, young man. I have begun the God of your fathers. Come, I will give you a seat in my pew." The next morning the young man presented his letter in business circles. "What do you want, young man?" said the Scotch merchant. "I want to get some of your Scotch soap and soap."

"Have you references?" "I think I can get references. My father has friends here." "Young man, did I see you yesterday in Mr. Lenox's pew?" "I do not know, sir. I was at church, and a kind gentleman asked me to sit in his pew." "Yes, young man, that was Robert Lenox, for I trust any one that Mr. Lenox invites into his pew. You need not trouble yourself about references. When these goods are gone, come and get more." That young man became an eminent merchant and, more than that, a Christian merchant, and he attributed all his success to that first Sabbath in the city. Young man just arrived, put yourself under good influences your first day in town. There hangs your helmet. Take it down. There is your breastplate. Adjust it. There is all the harness for safety and triumph.

Put it on. Also see in my subject the folly of underestimating the enemy. That was Benhadad's fatal mistake. He would whip them before sundown. He wanted less than half a day to capture Samaria and make the king of Israel captive. But what he thought was so easy turned out to be impossible. Better overestimate than underestimate the other side. We who are trying to make the world what it ought to be contend not with kommunism. We wrestle not with striplings. We have a whole army of antagonists trying to halt the King of God and overthrow the cause of righteousness. If we secure the victory it will be a struggle as fierce as when the Greeks and Persians met at Marathon, as when Darius and Alexander grappled each other at Arbelia, as when Joan of Arc rode triumphant at Orleans, as when the Russians met the Swedes at Poltava, as when Marlborough commanded the allied armies at Blenheim. Those were fights for early crowns and dominions, but the fight that now goes on between all the allied armies of heaven and all the allied armies of hell is to settle whether God or Satan is to have possession of this planet.

THE END OF THE STRUGGLE.

I congratulate all those who are now in the thickest of life's battle that the time is coming when the struggle will end and you will put the harness off, helmet and greaves and breastplate having fulfilled their mission. You cannot in one visit to London Tower see all that you must go again and again to that place which is associated with the story of Lady Jane Grey and Anne Boleyn and Walter Raleigh and Sir Thomas More. You will see the crowns of kings and queens, the robe worn by the Black Prince, and silver baptismal fonts in which royal infants were christened, and the block on which Lord Lovat was beheaded. But no part of London Tower will more interest you than the armor, in which is skillfully and impressively arranged a collection of all styles of armor worn between the thirteenth and eighteenth centuries, suggesting 800 years of conflict—curiass and neck guard and chin piece and lance rest and gauntlet and girdle and mallet armor. You see just how from head to heel those old time warriors were defended against sharp weapons that would cut or thrust or stab or pierce them, and how they would have been slain.

O ye soldiers of Jesus Christ, when the war of life is over and the victors rest in the soldiers' home on the heavenly heights, perhaps there may be in the city of the sun a tower of spiritual armor such as increased the warriors for Christ in earthly combat. Some day we may be in that armory

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and hear the heroes talk of how they fought the good fight of faith and see them with the scars of wounds forever healed and look at the weapons of offense and defense with which they became more than conquerors. In that tower of heaven, as the weapons of the spiritual conflict are examined, St. Paul may point out to us the armor with which he advised the Ephesians to equip themselves and say: "That is the shield of faith. That is the circle of truth. That is the breastplate of righteousness. Those are the mailed shoes in which they were shod with the preparation of the gospel." There and then you may recount the contrast between the day when you enlisted in Christian conflict and the day when you closed it in earthly farewell and heavenly salutation, and the text, which has so much meaning for us now, will have more meaning for us then. Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off."

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Dec 31—Str St Croix, from Boston; W G Lee, mds and pass. Dec 31—Str Annie A Booth, 155, French, from New York. Dec 31—Str Sch Parton G Thompson, 165, Burns, from New York, coal. Dec 31—Str Sch Southern Cross, 88, Hayes, from Windsor for Boston. Jan 1—Str Cocoon, 83, McPhail, from Sydney; R P and W F Starr, coal. Str Numidian, 3107, Main, from Liverpool via Halifax; Wm Thompson and Co, mds and pass. Cleared. Dec 31—Str Miguel de Larrinaga, Thompson, for Cape Town. Dec 31—Str Windward, Fitzgerald, for Santa Cruz, Tenerife. Coastwise—Schs Efort, Milner, for Annabourne, Henderson, for Grand Harbour; Nellie, Comau, for Meteghan. Sailed. Jan 1—Miguel de Larrinaga, for South Africa, with hay. DOMESTIC PORTS. Arrived. At Halifax, Dec 31, strs Parisian, from St John for Liverpool; Numidian, from Liverpool for St John, and str. Dec 31—Arrived, str Duncaun, from St Johns, NF, for New York. HALIFAX, N S, Dec 30—Arr, str Gloucester, from St Johns, NF. HALIFAX, N S, Dec 30—Arr, str Bonavista, from Boston; sch Martha A Bradley, from St Johns, NF, via Liscomb, NS, for Eastport, Me, and cleared. Sailed. HALIFAX, N S, Dec 30—Str St Benedek, for Bermuda, West Indies and Demerara. BRITISH PORTS. Arrived. LIVERPOOL, Dec 30—Arr, str Dalton Hall, for Charlottetown, P.E.I. GLASGOW DOCK, Dec 28—Arr, bark Jupiter, from Ship Harbor, NS, via Conway. LONDON, Dec 31—Arr, str Dahome, from St John and Halifax. Sailed. PORT ELIZABETH, Dec 31—Str, str Pandora, for St John. TABLE BAY, Dec 31—Str, str Victorian, for Halifax. GLASGOW, Dec 27—Str, str Orcaidan, for Fortunate. MANCHESTER, Dec 23—Str, str Manchester Trader, for St John. BRISTOL, Dec 31—Str, str Ashanti, for Portland. LIVERPOOL, Dec 31—Str, str Lake Superior, for St John. FOREIGN PORTS. Arrived. At New York, Dec 29, sch Abbie and Eva Hooper, Barnes, from St John. At Boston, Dec 28, sch Leonard Parker, Hogan, from Port Spain. At Portsmouth, Dec 28, sch Silver Wave, from Boston for Quebec. At Bothby, Dec 28, sch Clarence A Shaffer, Chute, from Turk's Island for Portland. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 28—Arr, sch Thistle, from Northport for St John. GLASGOW, Dec 27—Arr, str Amaranthia, from St John. PERTHGAUL, Dec 25—Arr, bark Ole Smith, Flong, from Tusket, NS, via Ewartsea. SALEM, Mass, Dec 26—Arr, schs Annie M Allen, from St John for New York; Alma, from do for do; Sebago, from do for Bridgeport. CALAIS, Me, Dec 26—Arr, schs Sarah Eaton, from New York; M J Soley, from Parborough. NEW YORK, Dec 30—Arr, str Nautilus, from Stettin via Halifax. PORTLAND, Me, Dec 30—Arr, schs Hattie G and Lulu Price, from Dorchester, NB, for Vineyard Haven; Clifford C, from St John

MEMORANDA.

Passed Sydney Light, Dec 31, strs Tibes, Boulanger, from Philadelphia for Sydney; Fortuna, Hansen, from Boston for Louisville; Bismarck, Schmitt, from Sydney for Halifax. CITY ISLAND, Dec 30—Bound south, sch Adelaide, from Sarah Potts, for St John; Silver Spray, from Sand River; Alaska, from River Robert, NS. Str Alder, from Kingston, Dec 22, Montego Bay, St. Ann's Bay and Oracosta 23rd and Port Maria 24th, with fruit to St John. If we get a berth at 6 p m Dec 30, lat 40 (no log given, 4 miles off shore, passed schooner's main or fore boom, with gear and sail attached; dangerous to navigation. REPORTS. HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass, Dec 23—The three masted sch Maud Briggs, of Bangor, cargo unknown, drifted ashore, and was abandoned off Nantuxet Life Saving Station at three o'clock this morning. Captain Bearse and crew of the Naught's steamer were promptly on the scene and in the darkness, being unable to discover that the vessel was abandoned, fired two shot lines over her. When daylight came it was seen that there was no one on board. The vessel's bowsprit is gone with everything attached, which is evidence of a collision and a hasty abandonment of the vessel by her crew. Her fore, main and mizzen sails are hoisted. The vessel's boat drifted ashore on the beach. Later the vessel broke up and the wreckage is scattered along the beach. A strong southeast gale with rain and rough sea prevails. The Maud Briggs was on a passage from Stonington, Me, for New York, laden with granite. She put into Salem, Mass, on the 22d inst, and left there three days later for her destination. She was built in Brewster, Maine, in 1875, and was 215 tons net register. Her length was 118 feet 4 inches, 22 feet 4 inches in breadth of beam, and 10 feet 4 inches depth of hold. NOTICE TO MARINERS. PORTLAND, Dec 23.—Notice is given that Lithrow Rock buoy, No. 5, a black buoy, is reported adrift from its position in the Kennebec River, and will be replaced as soon as practicable. Fiddler's Rock buoy, being a black spar, in the same river, is reported stripped of paint by the ice, and will be replaced by a new one. SPOKEN. Bark Benhadad, from Cochon via Bermuda for Eastport, Dec 28, lat 33.40, lon 67.

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