



General Miscellany.

It Destroys the Soul. John B. Gough gave the following illustration of the maddening effect of liquor upon some minds: A graduate of one of the universities of Great Britain came to me, shaking and trembling. He said he had "come to me as he would go to a physician."

Obituary Notices.

During the past few months death has been doing its dreadful work among us, removing the aged and the young, from the land of the living, into the world of spirits. Among those who have died I might name Mrs. N. Huestis, Miss Huestis, Miss Mary Mehan, and Miss Hannah Gray.

REBELLION CIRCUIT.

Five years have just elapsed since, under the Presidency of the late and lamented Dr. Beecher, the Districts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland were united in the affiliated Conference of Eastern British America. It is deeply interesting to compare the Minutes of that year with those of the last—two Minutes—though all the way in which, since then, the Lord has led us, and to mark the changes which have occurred in our midst.

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The Mystery of Editing.

The world at large do not understand the mystery of a newspaper; and, as in a watch, the hands that are seen, but the passive instruments of the spring, which is never seen, so in a newspaper, the most worthy causes of its property are often least observed or known.

Our Present Position.

Of the various kinds of literary composition perhaps there is none less likely to secure general attention than the statistical. Few persons think they have the time, and fewer still feel the inclination to study schedules, with their formidable array of columns, classes and figures.

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Anecdote of the Empress Eugenie.

While at East Bonnes, in the Pyrenees, it is said that the French empress charmed everybody who saw her, and in a thousand ways won the hearts of the simple mountaineers to whom she came in contact. One morning, in climbing among the hills, dressed in true mountain style, with an eider sack thrown over her dress, and a pointed stick in her hand to secure her footing, she had wandered away from her maid of honor, and while alone, met a peasant woman gathering the flowers of the linden tree, when the following dialogue occurred:

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