





faithful in His service, in order that you may be happy with Him for all eternity. Amen.

The congregation in the Cathedral at the midnight Mass, numbered about fifteen hundred.

In our article on the "New Cathedral," in our last issue, we omitted to state that there are about seven thousand feet of piping in connection with the heating apparatus, and that the work of putting in the apparatus was done under the direction of Mr. O. Dwyer, junior member of the firm of A. Blodien & Co.

The Education Bill.

THE Montreal Gazette has the following to say regarding the educational bill of the Marchand Government: "The Government bill to amend the school law in its main effect will give the educational system of the Province a political instead of a non-partisan head. The provincial secretary for the time being will take over and discharge the duties now devolving upon the superintendent, and will have, in addition, some new powers not at present enjoyed by that official. He will control the administration and management of everything which concerns public instruction. He will distribute the grants intended for public schools and other educational institutions. He will select text books, etc., from a list approved by the committee of the Council of Public Instruction, and may acquire the copyright of any book so approved. The Council of Public Instruction will continue, as in the past, to exist, but a good deal of its influence will depart from it. The logic of events will tend to reduce it to the status of the Council of Agriculture, an organization the existence of which is practically unknown. The minister will be expected in all matters of dispute. He will be held responsible for and will explain in the Legislature all matters connected with the educational system of the province. He will gradually, whether he seeks to or not, overshadow the other shares in the oversight of the schools. There is nothing wrong in this. It is in keeping with the spirit of responsible government that whoever has charge of any branch of the administration should be in a position to be criticized direct by the taxpayers' representatives. That the change will have any immediate or noticeable effect in raising the standard of education in the province will depend much on the man who is minister. A hard working, painstaking member of the Government will be as efficient

as a superintendent in regulating the details of the various services, and will have some influence that a superintendent might lack. On the other hand, he will be open to political influences that a superintendent is free from, and political influence is generally a bad influence in education. The working of the measure may be its justification. It can, if it is passed, only be accepted as on trial.

THE following from the Montreal Gazette will, says the Halifax Evening Mail, be heartily endorsed by all Canadians worthy of the name: "A tablet, giving the date of his birth and the time and place of his death has been placed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, in memory of Sir John Thompson. Probably this will be all the sculptured memorials that will be raised to one of the best and greatest of Canadians. Sir John Thompson stepped into the political arena a leader, and was immediately recognized as one of the foremost of parliamentarians. Every session added to his reputation, which was won by sheer intellectual ability, coupled with a sincere desire to promote the country's welfare. There was no career in Canada like this. Honors that others toil for a lifetime came to him in less than an hour. He died full of honors at an age when many men are only beginning their public careers. He was a man worthy of every honor in life and in death; yet of a nature so modest and simple that if he could speak he would count the simplest memorial the best, and the plainest token of friendly esteem the worthiest means of keeping his memory alive."

JOHN AVERY, a veteran of the Crimean war, died at Halifax on Sunday last.

THE Dominion Parliament is announced to meet for the despatch of business on February 3rd.

Nervous people find relief by enriching their blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is the one true blood purifier and nerve tonic.

Liver Ills

Like Biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work

Hood's Pills

easily and thoroughly. Best after dinner pills. At drug stores. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Bankrupt Purchase

We were fortunate enough to secure a part of the bankrupt stock of the big Toronto house,

JOHN EATON & CO.,

And are now giving the same to our customers at wonderful prices. Every dollar's worth is marked in plain figures at an astonishing bargain. Everyone is invited to call and share in this great sale, but

We Specially Invite Our Old and Regular Customers, as we particularly want them to benefit by these unequalled prices.

The sale is now on—lose no time in calling.

BEER BROS.,

The Popular Dry Goods Store

In addition to the above we have secured a portion of the extra stock of a large warehouse at

60c on the Dollar

Every yard of these goods are new and in prime condition.

Dress Goods.

Double width Tweeds, 150c Handsome flake Tweeds, 190c  
600 yds., regularly 24c. regularly sold at 30c.  
Elegant novelties in new styles, worth 60c. 30c. Pretty fancy goods tweeds 25c and diagonals worth 40c. 25c

These are 4 Wonders.

BEER BROS.,

The Leading Fur Store of P. E. Island.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

It is expected that the Ontario Provincial elections will take place some time in March next.

Mr. QUINN, the democratic candidate, was re-elected Mayor of Boston the other day.

WITHIN the past three weeks the Halifax Sugar Refinery has advanced the price of granulated sugar half a cent a pound, and yellow sugar three fourths of a cent.

MR. GEORGE J. MCCORMACK, of St. George's, has been appointed School Inspector for the eastern division of the Province. Congratulations.

MCCORMACK had another fire on Sunday morning last. It destroyed the Central Bookstore, causing damage to the extent of two thousand dollars.

A CAN of gasoline exploded in Chicago the other day. The burning oil set fire to a pet dog, and he ran round set fire to the draperies, and this set fire to the Chicago Coliseum.

D. C. McLAVER, of Ottawa, has been appointed Senior Judge of the County Court of Carleton, Ont., to succeed Judge Ross, resigned on account of advanced age.

THREE boys, White, Bourque and Cormier, were playing with a pug-dog can of blasting powder at Point du Chene, when it exploded, wrecking the summer house in which they were, and injuring the boys very badly.

The Princess made her last trip between here and Picton on Friday evening last. The Stanley crossed to Picton on Christmas morning, and returned to Charlottetown the same evening, on which route she continues.

It is announced that at the next session of the Newfoundland Legislature, the Government will introduce a measure providing a bounty of \$4 per ton on all sealing vessels owned, fitted, provisioned and manned in that colony, bona fide engaged in prosecuting the seal fisheries during 1898.

THE Northumberland made her last trip between Summerside and Point du Chene on Wednesday last, the 22nd. She calls at Charlottetown the same evening. She did not miss a trip since the opening of navigation. Her last trip last year was on December 16th.

THE civic estimates of Halifax for the coming year approved by the committee amount to \$370,000, one thousand dollars more than last year. The rate of taxation for the present year is \$1.63, but it is expected that the increased assessment value next year will make the coming rate lower.

JIMMY MULLOCH, of Wales, middle distance bicycle champion, met Arthur A. Chase, middle distance bicycle champion of England, Saturday night last, at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., in a thirty mile race over ten legs board track and won so easily that the spectators are guessing just how little "Baccus" is.

ADVICES from Rome say that the Pope's Encyclical on the Manitoba school question was published there on Christmas Eve. As there are some conflicting expressions of opinion going the rounds of the press regarding the tenor of the document, we shall await the arrival of the Encyclical itself before making any remarks concerning it.

ACCORDING to Quebec advices Mr. Francois Langelier reiterates his statement that there is no change in his attitude since the visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Quebec. No agreement whatever, he says, between the Premier and himself, had so far as present indications go, there is no immediate prospect of any such.

A FEW days before the close of navigation between Summerside and Point du Chene, Captain Cameron, of the Northumberland, was presented by the I. C. R. employee at Point du Chene, with a handsome silver-headed umbrella, as a mark of the esteem in which the gallant captain is held by them. Captain Cameron is held in popular esteem by all who have the good fortune to travel by the Northumberland.

THE Shareholder, a weekly trade paper, published in Montreal, tells a story of the most extraordinary undervaluation of goods ever discovered by the customs officials in Canada. Messrs. Fitzgibbon, Schaffhausen & Co., Victoria Square, are the accused firm, and the amount of the undervaluation is placed at \$400,000. They are importers of European dry goods, woollens and tailors' trimmings, with a house in Berlin, Germany. It is said that the firm entered goods at the custom house on fraudulent invoices, prepared in Berlin and forwarded to this country.

The new link of the Empire, in the shape of three-cent postage to Great Britain and the colonies, which was announced with such a flourish of trumpets by the Government at Ottawa during the Toronto election, will not be enforced for the present. The Colonial Office has pulled the Postmaster-General up sharply by informing him that this matter is not of the purely domestic character which Hon. Mr. Mulock had assumed it to be. Hence the proposed reduction is indefinitely postponed.

It is announced from Ottawa that the award of the Behring Sea claims commission is \$460,000. This sum covers all the items, including interest, involved in the different claims of the masters and crews of twenty-four vessels seized by the United States Cruisers during the years from 1886 to 1892, with the exception of two minor cases—the Black Diamond and the master of the Ada. The award appears to be the \$425,000 formerly agreed upon, but which the United States Senate refused to appropriate, with interest from that time.

ACCORDING to the winter time table on the P. E. Island Railway, which came into effect on Monday last, an express train leaves Charlottetown at 7.30 a. m. local time, reaching Summerside at 9.30. Returning this will leave Summerside at one o'clock, and is due to reach the city at 3.30. Between Summerside and Tignish this train runs as an accommodation. The regular mixed train on the western division will be continued, reaching Charlottetown at 11 a. m., and leaving here on return at 4.10 p. m. The train for the east leaves here at 3.30 p. m., reaching Georgetown at 6.45, and Souris at 7.40 p. m. On return the train leaves Souris at 7.20 in the morning, and Georgetown 8.10. These figures are all according to local time.

D. M. B. A.—Resolution of Obedience.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 274, C. M. B. A., of Georgetown, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take to His Fatherly bosom the soul of our dearly beloved brother, Joseph R. McDonald, (President of this branch No. 274 of the C. M. B. A.), be it therefore

Resolved, that while humbly submitting to the will of God, who does all things for the best, we, the officers hereby tender, in the name of the branch, to his wife and family in this hour of their affliction, that sincere sympathy we all feel towards them but which no words of condolence can adequately convey, and we pray that God may strengthen and console them to bear patiently their great loss.

For our deceased brother our prayers shall ever supplicate before the throne of Divine Mercy to grant him rest eternal, be it also

Resolved, that our charters be draped in mourning for thirty days, also that a copy of the resolution be entered in the minutes of this branch and inserted in the Herald, Watchman and Canadian, and that a copy be sent to the widow of our deceased President.

Stated by the officers present, Stephen T. Phelan, Spiritual adviser. H. J. McPhee, Vice President. Hugh Macdonald, Second Vice President. J. H. Byrne Financial Secretary. Temple W. McDonald, Rec. Sec'y. T. E. Morrey, Sec'y. Ernest Doyle, Guard.

ITCHING, BURNING, CREEPING.

Crawling, or Stinging Skin Disease known as Itch, or Few Minutes by Dr. Agnew's Ointment—Fits 30 Cents.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves instantly all itching, burning, and creeping, eczema, sores, blotches and all eruptions of the skin. It is soothing and cooling, and acts like magic in all baby humors, irritation of the scalp or rashes during teething time. 35 cents a box. Sold by Geo. W. Hughes.

Ottawa advices of the 24th say: The new link of the empire in the shape of three-cent postage to Britain and colonies which was announced with such a flourish of trumpets during the Toronto election, will not be enforced for the present. The colonial office pulled the postmaster-general up sharply by informing him that this matter is not of a purely domestic character which Mulock wished it to be. Hence the proposed reduction is indefinitely postponed.

Following is the official communication on the subject:—"It seems that with a view to securing the reduction of postage from Great Britain and other British possessions on mail matter to Canada it is expedient to bring into effect a reduction of postage to Great Britain and the rest of the empire. The imperial authorities prefer that a conference be first held to secure a reciprocal reduction of postage between Great Britain and the rest of the empire and which it is hoped will cover not only letters but also papers and periodicals. The hearty acquiescence of the British and colonial postage authorities in this larger question is looked for, and the outcome of the discussions and the negotiations will in all probability result in the establishment of a British imperial preferential postal arrangement covering the whole field of postal communication. There is great disappointment in ministerial circles over the amount of the award of the Behring Sea commissioners. At the very least it was thought the sum of \$700,000 or \$750,000 would be obtained, but instead of that it looks as though the commission has had taken the sum mutually agreed upon between the States and Canada two years ago, namely \$425,000 and added interest to it and made this award. Sir Louis Davies speaking to correspondent said he assumed that the two commissions were animated with a desire to close up the matter as speedily as possible and that they considered it better in the interests of both countries to compromise in order to secure a prompt settlement, rather than to accept the alternative proposal as provided by the treaty and allow the final decision to be made by an umpire to be chosen by the president of the Swiss confederation.

DRUGS CURED WITH ONE BOTTLE.

A great cure and a great testimony. "For ten years I suffered greatly from Heart Disease, Fluttering of the Heart and Smothering Spells, made my life a torment. I was confined to my bed. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart cured me. I feel like a new man. My physician told me to prepare for the worst. I tried Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—One bottle gave me great relief. One bottle cured the Druggist and my heart. Mrs. James Adams, 372 Ave. N. Y.—Sold by Geo. E. Hughes.

THOSE WHO ENDURE

The gains of rheumatism should be remembered that a cure for this disease may be found in Hood's Sarsaparilla. The experience of those who have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for this disease, and have been completely and permanently cured, prove the power of this medicine to root out and conquer this disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier and it neutralizes the acid which causes the pain and pain of rheumatism. This is why it is so effective, cure when limbs and other joints are stiff and swollen, and it gives permanent relief. Be sure to get Hood's.

HOOD'S PILLS are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache, look out for the engine.

THIS TALL WARRIOR HEALTHY MAY BE FOUND.

And that is more important than making money. If your blood is impure, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine for you. It cures scrofula, salt rheum, rheumatism, catarrh and all other diseases originating in or promoted by impure blood and low state of the system.

LOOK OUT FOR THE ENGINE.

We mean your heart. Keep it strong. Don't let it flutter or beat with a weak stroke. Scott's Emulsion feeds the blood, makes the heart beat stronger, and greatly improves the circulation. (25c)

DEED.

At her home, Bishop St. on Dec. 24th, Gertrude Walker, eldest and dearly beloved daughter of Alexander D. Walker in the 22nd year of her age. R. I. P.

At Orwell Cove, on Saturday, the 19th inst., after an illness of some months, the dearly beloved daughter of Alexander D. McDonald, in the 27th year of her age, leaving a father, three brothers and three sisters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving sister and an obedient daughter. R. I. P.

At Kirkcubright, on the 14th inst., Thomas Sheehan, in the 74th year of his age, leaving a wife, four sons and four daughters. R. I. P.

WEEKS' CHRISTMAS The Peoples' Store, NEW YEAR'S. WHOLESALE & RETAIL The Oldest Dry Goods Store in Charlottetown.

These are a few reasons why you should trade with us. We buy large quantities, We are large wholesalers, We are large retailers, We sell large quantities, We buy direct from the manufacturers, We save Middlemen's profits, We sell honest goods at honest prices, We treat our customers right, We buy cheap and sell cheap.

PRICE REASONS: Window Shade and Spring Roller complete, worth 30c. at 19c. Heavy Feather Ticking, good as you want for 15c. at 22c. Men's Underclothing per suit, 39c. Heavy All Wool Ribbed Linder or Drawers, a good line worth 55c. at 40c. Heavy Knit Shirts, job line, worth 74c. at 50c. each. Ladies' Heavy Linders, worth 24c. at 18c. Ladies' Corsets, bankrupt, all prices. Ladies' Bankrupt Capes, Jackets and Cloaks, clearing all at \$1.00 each. Thirty Ladies' Gossamers, Tweed patterns. We sold them as high as \$7.50; while they take \$2.00 takes them \$2.75 will buy a Ladies' Heavy Jacket, new and stylish, should sell at \$3.50. A better one goes at \$3.95, worth \$5.25. We have 15 Men's bankrupt Fur Coats, in Black, Goat, Wombat and Coon, going cheap. A good Fur Coat for \$3.50, regular price \$15.00. Ladies' Astrakhan Jackets, regular price \$27.50. We have still a few left, \$18.00 takes them. Ladies' Fur Sets—Nice Collar and Muff for \$3.70, worth \$4.10. All kinds of other Furs. We have one of the best Fur stocks in the city.

STORE FULL OF BARGAINS. CLOTHING. Men's Reefers and Overcoats. About 50 Garments from Gass & Co's Bankrupt Stock. If you can get a size you can buy them for about half regular price. A few for Boys' and Youths'. Overcoats and Reefers only. All the Suits were sold last spring. Farmers, buy your Dry Goods from

W. A. WEEKS & CO., The Peoples' Store.

DAY SCHOOL. NIGHT SCHOOL. THE P. E. I. Commercial College. Gives a Thorough Training in Actual Business, Book keeping, Arithmetic, Penmanship, Short hand, Typewriting, Commercial Law, Business Correspondence and Composition. Some Branches taught in Night School. 44 DAY SCHOOL. Rates much reduced. Send for Prospectus. ISAAC OXENHAM, (Graduate of Montreal Business College) Principal and Proprietor. P. O. Box 242, over Bank of Nova Scotia, Queen Square, Ch' town, Dec. 29, '97—2m

NOTICE. Is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session by The Central Canada Loan and Savings Company of Ontario for an Act to enable the said Company to carry on business anywhere in the Dominion of Canada, and to consolidate, define and declare its liabilities, obligations and powers. Dated at Toronto, Dec. 1st, 1897. E. T. MALONE, Solicitor for Applicant. Dec. 22, 1897—91

Stray Heifer. There has been on the subscribers premises since the 25th day of November last, a stray heifer one year and a half old. She is of a red color without any marks. If not claimed by the 25th day of January next, she will be sold to pay expenses. ANGUS McPHEE, St. Margaret's. Dec. 22, 1897, 31.

WEEKS' CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR'S. Everything Going Cheap J. B. McDONALD & CO'S.

Special Discounts until New Years. Bargains in Clothing, Bargains in Underclothing, Bargains in Men's & Boys' Caps, Bargains in Gloves and Mitts, Bargains in Collars and Ties, Bargains in Boots and Rubbers, Bargains in Felts and Rubbers.

Come everyone and take advantage of our Christmas and New Year's Special Low Prices at J. B. McDONALD & CO'S.

Holiday A Christmas Present. Worth, Beauty and Economy. Fit for a Queen.

The wisest giver is he who keeps in mind both present pleasure and future usefulness. This store is the Mecca of the wise giver. Here he finds use and beauty combined, and at prices that mean money-saving. We are ready for this holiday season with a large assortment of the Furniture. What could be more useful and give more pleasure than an article of Furniture? Every day is a Bargain Day until the end of the year. Store open every evening. Mark Wright & Co., Ltd. THE HOME MAKERS.

Mortgage Sale. TO be sold by public Auction on Wednesday, the Nineteenth day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in front of the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown under and subject to a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the seventh day of November, A. D. 1887, and made between George Harper, of Tignish, Lot or Township Number One, in Prince County, in Prince Edward Island, farmer, and Rebecca Harper, his wife, of the one part, and Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien of the other part; and also by virtue of a power of sale contained in another Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1888, and made between the said George Harper and Rebecca Harper, his wife, and Mary Harper of the one part, widow of the late William Harper and mother of the said George Harper on the one part, and Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien of the other part.

TONS OF Holiday Goods. Now opened at Sunnyside Bookstore. New Books, New Purses, New Card Cases, New Stationery, New Chinaware, New Brass Goods, New Leather Goods, New Celloid Goods, New Dolls and Toys, Boy's Own, Girls Own, &c.

HASZARD & MOORE, SUNNYSIDE. ANXIOUS MOTHERS and DR. LOW'S WORM SYRUP the best medicine to expel worms. Children like it—worms don't.

Many persons cannot take plain cod-liver oil. They cannot digest it. It upsets the stomach. Knowing these things, we have digested the oil in Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites; that is, we have broken it up into little globules, or droplets.

A LEGEND OF CHRISTMAS EVE.

As a Child, the world's Redeemer, Clasp His Mother's hand to-night, And His infant form is shining With that radiance, softly bright, Making one in Bethlehem's stable Cold and darkness fire and light.

As a Child among the children — Of His Father's House he stands — When the Christmas trees are kindled Swiftly on glad mission speeding, To and fro, the white-winged bands.

Stands His cross among the others, Tall and strong and very fair; Sweetest scent of earthly forests Filling all the heavenly air, Lifting, as it were, in incense, Grateful earths adorning prayer.

But scarce lighted are the tapers On the Christ-Child's cross-boughed tree, And the angels, as they pass it, Scarcely seem to want to see Through the myriad lights that sparkle Like the sun upon the sea.

And the host of little children, Happy-hearted, scarcely mark In the light of Jesus' smiling That His tree alone is dark; That where lights should burn the brightest, Shineth but the tiniest spark.

Thill one little soul that nestling Lovingly at Mary's feet, Finding thought of earthly mother In her hand's caresses sweet — Questioning words of childish wonder Doth with grieving heart repeat:

"Why hath none our Lord's tree lighted?" Soft he speaks, unafraid, Then unto him, Mary answering: "Tender heart be not dismayed, Though thy tree like star be gleaming, And my Son's seem dark with shade.

"All thy tapers God's dear angels Set with heavenly love aglow, But the flames my Son's to kindle Must be born on earth below, Must ascend from each soul's altar Bought with love no long ago.

"Every thought of Him uprising From a loving human heart Swift shall make dark-ensured taper Into golden shining start; So He wills his earthly brothers In His Christmas shall have part.

"Every kindly thought for others, Every loving action wrought, Every sigh of soul's contrition, Shall with kindling flame be fraught, And the burning candles symbol Earthly love in deed and thought.

"Lonely were my Son in Heaven, And His heart unsoftened, Did to-night amid earth's gladness Rise no thought of her that worshiped Bethlehem's manger straw beside.

"Royal gifts to men He giveth, And his angels to them wait; But the Lord of men and angels Chooses the very humblest state, And in lowliest heart that loves Him Seeks His own lover's thrice to him.

"So He cometh that of angels Light to 'neath His Christmas tree, For Himself earth's charity, And the brightness of His Christmas Measures of earth's love shall be.

"On the Christ-Child's tree the tapers With a glow, e'er deepening shine — Prays of grateful heart ascending, Sin o'erthrown in some soul's shrine, Loving thought in noble action Grow more like to love divine.

Then the Christ-Child, smiling softly, Gazeth in His Mother's eyes, Listening to the angels' singing Sounding through the star-lit skies. (Gloria in Excelsis Deo.) As of Lord's strong words rise.

With the song of angels mingling Earth's glad Christmas harmony, And the peace of God descending, In hearts warm with charity, While far down the streets of Jasper Shines the Christ-Child's Christmas Tree.

A LONG LIST!

This Whole Column Would not Contain the Names of the Many Prominent Ministers, Members of Parliament and Professional Men all over this Continent who have been cured of Catarrh by Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder — It Gives Relief in 10 Minutes.

Volume of testimony have been written of the curative power. Catarrh is an aggravating malady, insignificant beginning — a little cold in the head — neglect in every kindred has the taint. Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder will cure the slightest cold in the head, and cure the most stubborn case of catarrh. "Its action is instantaneous," says one. "I feel it my duty to recommend it to the public," says another. "Never got relief until I used it," says another, and so on. Asia, India, Mexico and always cures. — Sold by Geo. E. Hughes.

The Snow. Of slush and mud there's not a trace; The soiled brown earth has gone, The world, at last, has washed his face, And put a clean shirt on.

ELIZABETH —OR— The Exiles of Siberia.

FROM THE FRENCH OF MME. SOPHIE COTTIN.

(From the Catholic Review.)

CHAPTER I.—(Continued.)

She did not reach Casan till the middle of October. A strong wind from the northwest had prevailed for several days, and had collected so much ice upon the Volga as to render the passage of that river almost impracticable. It could only be crossed by going partly in a boat and partly on foot, leaving from one piece of ice to another. Even the boatmen who were accustomed to this dangerous navigation would not undertake it, but in consideration of a high reward, and no passenger ventured to expose his life with them in the attempt. Elizabeth, without thinking of the danger, was about to enter one of her boats, but they roughly pushed her away, declaring that she could not cross till the water was frozen over. She inquired how long this would be.

"A fortnight, at least," was the answer. This determined her immediately to proceed. "I implore you, in the name of Heaven," she exclaimed, "help me in crossing the river. I come from beyond Tobolsk, and am going to St. Petersburg to petition the Emperor in behalf of my father, now an exile in Siberia, and I have so little money that if I am obliged to remain a fortnight at Casan I shall have nothing left for my journey."

This affecting appeal softened the heart of one of the boatmen, who, taking her hand: "Come," said he, "you are a good girl! I will endeavor to ferry you over; the fear of God and the love of your parents guide your steps, and Heaven will protect you." He then placed her in his boat, which he rowed half way over; not being able to work it farther he lifted Elizabeth on his back, and walking and leaping over the masses of ice, he gained, by the assistance of an oar, the opposite side of the Volga, where he set her down in safety.

Elizabeth expressed her acknowledgments in the most animated terms that her grateful heart could dictate, and taking out her purse, which contained now but two roubles and a few smaller coins, offered a trifling reward for his services. "Poor child," said the boatman looking at the contents of her purse, "is that all the money you have to defray the expenses of your journey hence to St. Petersburg? Then Nicholas Skoloff will not deprive you of a single obol! No, rather he will add to your little store; it will bring down a blessing upon me," and he threw her a small piece of money, and returned to his boat, saying: "May God watch over and protect you, my child!"

Elizabeth took up the money, and regarding it with her eyes filled with tears, said: "I will preserve this for my father, to prove to him that his prayers have been heard, and that a paternal protection has been extended to me."

The atmosphere was clear and the sky serene, but the keen breeze of a northerly wind chilled the air. After having walked for four hours without stopping, Elizabeth's strength began to fail. No human habitation presented itself to her, and she sought shelter at the foot of a hill, the rocky summit of which, jutting over, defended her from the wind. Near this hill was an extensive forest of oaks (trees which are not to be seen on the Asiatic side of the Volga. Elizabeth knew not what they were. They had lost some of their foliage, but their beauty was not much diminished, and might, but for her exhausted state, have given her pleasure. They recalled forcibly to her mind the immense distance which separated her from her parents; she preferred the air, which soothed that spot where she had been reared, and which had so frequently yielded shade to the days of her childhood, and under which, perhaps, her beloved parents at that instant reposed. These reflections brought tears into her eyes. "Oh! when shall I be again blessed with beholding them?" she exclaimed; "when shall I hear the sound of their voices; when return to their fond embraces?" As she spoke, she stretched her arms towards Casan, the buildings of which were seen in the distant prospect, and above them the ancient fortress of the Chams of Tartary, presenting a grand and picturesque object.

In the course of her journey Elizabeth often met with objects which affected her compassionate heart in a degree hardly inferior to her own distress. Sometimes she encountered wretches chained together, who were condemned to work for life in the mines or, to inhabit the dreary coasts of Angars, and sometimes she came across troops of emigrants, who were destined to people the new city, building, by the Emperor's order, on the confines of China; some on foot, and others on the car which conveyed the animals, poultry, and baggage. Notwithstanding these were criminals, who had

been sentenced to a milder doom, for offences which might have been punished with death, they did not fail to excite compassion in her. But when she met exiles escorted by an officer of state, whose noble mien called to her mind her father, she could not forbear shedding tears at their fate. Sometimes she offered them consolation; pity, however, was the only gift she had to bestow. With that she soothed their sorrows, and by a return of pity mist she now depend for assistance, for on her arrival at Yeldimir all she had was one rouble. She had been nearly three months in her journey from Sarapöl to Yeldimir, but, through the kind hospitality of the Russian peasant, who never takes any payment for milk and bread, her little treasure had not been yet exhausted. Now all began to fail; her feet were almost bare, and her ragged dress ill-defended her from a frigid atmosphere which had already sunk the thermometer thirty degrees below the freezing point, and which increased daily. The ground was covered with snow more than two feet deep. Sometimes it congealed while falling, and appeared like a shower of ice, so thick that earth and sky were equally concealed from view. At other times torrents of rain rendered the roads almost impassable, or gusts of wind rose, so violent that, to end her sufferings, she would have been obliged to dig a hole in the snow, covering her head with large pieces of bark of pine trees, which she desperately stripped off, as she had been done by the inhabitants of Siberia.

One of these tempestuous hurricanes had raised the snow in thick clouds, and had created an obscurity so impenetrable that Elizabeth, no longer able to discern the road, and stumbling at every step, was obliged to stop. She took refuge under a rock to which she clung as firmly as she could, that she might withstand the fury of a storm which overthrew all around her. Whilst she was in this perilous situation, with her head bent down, a confused noise, that appeared to issue from the spot where she stood, raised a hope that a better shelter might be found. With difficulty she tottered round the rock, and discovered a kibiiki, which had been overturned and broken, and a hut at no great distance. She implored entrance. An old woman opened the door, and struck with the wretchedness of her appearance: "My poor child!" she said, "whence dost thou come, and why art thou wandering thus alone in this dreadful weather?"

To this interrogation Elizabeth made her usual reply: "I come from beyond Tobolsk, and am going to St. Petersburg to solicit my father's pardon."

At these words a man, who was sitting in a corner of the room, suddenly raised his head from between his hands, and regarding her with an air of astonishment, exclaimed: "Is it possible that you come from so remote a country, alone, and during this tempestuous season, to solicit pardon for your father? Alas! my child, your father has been done to death by the barbarians (to me from her army, leaving her in ignorance of my fate. She knows not what has become of me. She cannot plead for mercy. Never shall I again behold her — the affliction thought will kill me; separated forever from my child, I cannot live." "Now indeed that I know my doom," continued the unhappy father, "I might inform her of it; I have written a letter to her, but the carrier belonging to this kibiiki, who is returning to Riga, the place of her abode, will not undertake the charge of it without some small compensation, and I cannot offer him any. Not a single kopeck do I possess; the barbarians have stripped me of everything."

Elizabeth drew from her pocket the last rouble she had, and asked in timid accents, as she presented it to the unfortunate exile: "If that would be enough?" He pressed to his lips the generous hand that was held forth to soothe him and offered the money to the carrier. Like the widow's mite, Heaven blessed his offering. He was satisfied, and took charge of the letter. Thus did her noble sacrifice produce a fruit worthy of her heart; it relieved the agonized feelings of a parent, and carried consolation to the wounded bosom of a child.

When the storm abated, Elizabeth, before she pursued her journey, embraced the old woman, who had bestowed upon her all the care and tenderness of a mother, and said in a low voice, that she might not be heard by the exile: "I have nothing left to give; the blessing of my parents is the only treasure I possess."

"How!" interrupted the old woman. "My poor child, have you then given away all you possessed?" Elizabeth hung down her head. The exile started from his seat, and raising his hands to heaven, threw himself on his knees before her. "Angel that thou art," he exclaimed, "can I make no return to you, who have thus bestowed your all upon me?"

A knife lay upon the table, Elizabeth took it up, and cutting off a lock of her hair, said: "Sir, you are going into Siberia, and will see the Governor of Tobolsk, give him this. I beseech you, and tell him that

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Elizabeth sends it to her parents. He will perhaps send it to them to show that their daughter is still in existence. "Your wish shall be fulfilled," answered the exile, "and if, in those deserts, I am not absolutely a slave I will seek your parents and tell them what you have done for me."

Elizabeth was delighted at thus being able to convey consolation to her parents. She was now bereft of all, except the little piece of money given to her by the boatman of the Volga. Yet she might deem herself rich, for she had just tasted the pleasure which wealth can bestow, she had conferred happiness on a fellow creature and had revived the desponding heart of a father. Such were the blessings which one rouble had effected.

From Yeldimir to the Village of Pokroff the road lies through extensive forests of oaks, elms, aspens, and wild apple trees. These trees afford an asylum to banditti. In winter, as the boughs despoiled of their foliage form but a poor hiding place, these bands of robbers are less formidable. Elizabeth, however, during her journey, heard numerous accounts of thefts that had been committed.

A few versts from Pokroff the high-road had been destroyed by a hurricane, and travellers proceeding to Moscow were obliged to make a considerable circuit through swamps occasioned by the inundations of the Volga. These were now hardened by the frost to a solidly equal to dry land. Elizabeth attempted to follow the route which had been pointed out to her, but, after walking for more than an hour over this icy desert, through which were no traces of a road, she found herself in a swampy marsh, from which every endeavor to extricate herself was for a long time in vain. At length, with great difficulty, she attained a little hillock. Covered with mud, and exhausted with fatigue, she seated herself upon a stone to rest, and to dry her feet in the sun.

At that moment she felt in full lustre. The environs of this spot appeared to be perfectly desolate; no signs of a human dwelling were visible; solitude and silence prevailed around. She found that she must have strayed far away from the road, notwithstanding all the courage with which she was endowed, her heart failed. Her situation was alarming in the extreme; behind was the big she had just crossed, and before her an immense forest, through which no track was to be distinguished.

At length day began to close; and, notwithstanding her extreme weariness, she had to proceed in search of shelter for the night. In vain did she wander about, sometimes following one track and then another. No object presented itself to revive her hopes, no sound reanimated her drooping spirits; that of a human voice would have filled her heart with joy. Suddenly she heard voices, and some men issued from the forest. She hastened towards them, but their savage air and stern countenance dismayed her. All the stories she had heard of banditti immediately occurred to her, and she feared a judgment awaited her for the temerity with which she had indulged the idea that a special Providence watched over her preservation, and she fell upon her knees to humble herself in the presence of God. The troop advanced and stopped before Elizabeth, and, regarding her with surprise and curiosity, demanded whence she came, and what had brought her there. With downcast eyes she replied that she had come from beyond Tobolsk, and that she was going to St. Petersburg, to solicit from the Emperor a pardon for her father. She added that, having lost her way, she was now seeking for a refuge for the night. The men were astonished, and asked her what money she had to undertake so long a journey. She showed them the little coin given to her by the boatman of the Volga.

"Is that all?" they asked. "It is all," she replied.

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