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How ALL MAY PERACH.—All cannot preach from the pulpit; but there is a kind of preaching that is permitted to all men. Hidden sometimes this kind is most effectual. Offices of kindness to the bodies and souls of those around us; words of encouragement to the weak, instructions of the ignorant, of brotherly kindness to all; hearty devotion to the service of religion, in our families and in our closets, as well as in the sanctuary—in a word, earnest, active, self-denying love to our fellow-beings, springing from our love to God. This will form a most impressive sermon—a most convincing proof to the world around us that we have been with Jesus. All Christians are called in this way to preach the gospel, and would they neglect the call.—Ex.

European Intelligence.

THREE DAYS LATER.

Death of H. R. PRINCE ALBERT.

CAPE RACE, Dec. 23d.
The Steamship "Perin" chartered by the Government for the conveyance of troops to Canada, left Liverpool on the 15th, and passed Cape Race at 5 P. M. to day.
His Royal Highness, Prince Albert, expired at noon on Sunday, 15th, of Gastric Fever.
The "Perin" has 1100 troops on board, bound to River Du Loup, Sic, in the River St. Lawrence.
The Liverpool Mercury of the 14th says a report prevailed in London, that Earl Derby had been consulted by the Government and had approved their policy with reference to the American difficulty.
It has been suggested to ship owners that they should instruct the Captains of their outward bound vessels to signalize any English vessels they might meet that WAR with America is probable. This suggestion is strongly approved by under writers.
"The Australian" also chartered a steamer to carry troops to Cape Race on the 13th.
The 10th Brigade Garrison Artillery, embarked on board the "Niagara" for Halifax.
It is understood that ten Companies of Royal Engineers would be sent to America.
PARIS, Dec. 14th.
Bourse heavy; Rents closed at 97.60.
Consols opened yesterday's price but relapsed in 894 and reacted to opening price.
Railway shares have been dull in absence of business.
Miscellaneous Stocks dull, at previous rates.
AUSTRIA.
Advices from Vienna, Dec. 10, state that during the Emperor's stay at Venice, he had liberated all political prisoners.
At Naples on the 13th, Borgia, and Borgia and Chief was executed.
The illness of Prince ALBERT was not considered dangerous until Friday.
The arrivals of American wheat and flour heavy. Small business doing. Prices favorable.
The "Perin" brought no regular despatch. The foregoing is compiled from late Liverpool papers.
The "Australian" has passed Cape Race about 20 miles eastern of the "Perin".

A Romantic story.
The Brooklyn Times is responsible for the following:
"Captain Wilkes, the bold and responsible commanding officer of the San Jacinto, who would a gun to be fired across the bows of the British steamer 'Trent,' brought her to and relieved her of Messrs. Mason and Sill and their secretaries, is about 55 years of years of age. Consequently, as Jack Bunsby would say, he was once younger. He is now. Though every inch a sailor, and not even given to the melting mood, he once succeeded in sending one of his shafts clear through his son's vest which found a lodgement in his heart. The blow from which the shaft was sped hung in the eyes of a fair girl, and straightway the jolly, merry head was again in love. He prosecuted the suit with vigor. The girl was a 'lass who loved a sailor'—and so smiled upon and condescended to be his wife. But the young sailor had a rival in the son of a respectable, yellow-candle, well-to-do, called Sill, and young Sill felt considerably cut up by the 'cut out,' but not having spirit enough to 'grow down' the love of his sailor rival, contented himself with 'sneaking' the mind of the 'stern parent' of the fair one, until he refused his consent to his daughter's marriage with the bold, Charley Wilkes, and insisted upon her giving her hand to young Sill, which after

many protestations and the customary amount of tears and hysterics she did and became Mrs. John Sill. The bold Charles Wilkes did not speak or pine, or let his melancholy feed on his weather-beaten cheeks, but went to sea and smothered his grief in attending to duty and sustaining the honor of the nation's flag. Never seeing his lady again nor meeting his successful rival for her hand and heart, until he saw him standing a prisoner on board his ship, a traitor to his country and a rebel against the flag the honest sailor spent his life in defending. Such is the romance of war.

A Splendid Weapon.

Several months ago, as our readers will recollect, we noticed an application made by Mr. A. Le Mat, of this city, for a patent for an improved revolver of his invention. He has secured his patent, and yesterday showed us one of them. It is beyond all comparison the finest weapon we ever saw. It is a revolver of nine chambers, charged with conical expanding balls, which are fired in the same manner as the balls of the Colt's Army Revolver. But, in addition to these there is a large center barrel, the charge of which consists of fifteen or twenty buckshot. This barrel is independent of all the others, and is discharged by means of a sliding hammer attached to the regular Colt's hammer. The adjustment for the discharge of the central or grape-shot barrel can be effected by a single motion, in two seconds. In weight this weapon is about equal to the regular Army revolver, but in efficiency it far surpasses it.—New Orleans Crescent.

SOMETHING ABOUT SKATING.

CERTAIN THINGS WHICH SHOULD BE REMEMBERED.—Ice will soon be abundant, and skating will be a fashionable pastime this winter. Beginners in the art may profit by the following hints, which we find in the last number of "Hall's Journal of Health":
"As there have been lost in connection with skating, the following suggestions are made:
"1. Avoid skates which are stepped on the feet, as they prevent the circulation, and the foot becomes frozen before the skater is aware of it, because the tight strapping between the foot and deprives it of feeling.
A young lady at Boston, less than in this way; another in New York, her life by endeavoring to thaw her feet in warm water after taking off her skates. The safest kind are those which receive the fore part of the foot in a kind of toe, and stout leather around the heel, looking in front of the ankle only, thus keeping the feet in place without spikes or screws, and aiding greatly in supporting the ankle.
"2. It is not the object so much to skate fast as to skate carefully; and this is sooner and more easily learned by skating with deliberation; while it prevents overheating, and diminishes the chances of taking cold by cooling off too soon afterwards.
"3. If the wind is blowing, a veil should be worn over the face, at least of ladies and children; otherwise, facial inflammation of the lungs, 'phlegmonia,' might take place.
"4. Do not sit down and to rest a single half-minute, nor stand still, if there is any wind; nor stop a moment after the skates are taken off; but walk about, so as to restore the circulation about the feet and toes, and to prevent being chilled.
"5. It is safer to walk home than ride; the latter is almost certain to give a cold.
"6. Never carry anything in the mouth while skating, nor any hard substance in the hand; nor throw anything on the ice; none but a careless, reckless ignoramus would thus endanger a fellow skater.
"7. If the thermometer is below thirty, and the wind is blowing, no lady or child should be skating.
"8. Always keep your eyes about you, looking ahead and upwards, not on the ice, that you may not run against some lady, child or learner.
"9. Arrange to have an extra garment, thick and heavy, to throw over your shoulders the moment you cease skating; and then walk home, or at least half a mile, with your mouth closed, so that the lungs may not be quickly chilled, by the cold air rushing upon them through the open mouth; if it passes through the nose and head, it is warmed before it gets to the lungs.
"10. It would be a safe rule for no child or lady to be on skates longer than hour at a time."

The London Daily News, which has generally shown a Northern bias, observes that the United States Government has struck its best friend on the face, a friend that never yet when smitten on the left cheek turned there for a second blow.

POETRY.

DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

BY ALFRED TENNYSON.

Full knee deep lies the winter's snow,
And the winter winds are wearily sighing
Toll ye the church bell and and slow,
And tread softly and speak low,
For the Old Year lies a-dying.

Old Year, you must not die;
You came to us so readily,
You lived with us so steadily,
Old Year, you shall not die.

He lieth still: he doeth not move;
He hath no other life above,
He gave me a friend, and a true, true love,
And the New Year will take them away.

Old Year, you must not go;
So long as you have been with us,
Such joy as you have seen with us,
Old Year, you shall not go.

He frothed his bumpers to the brim;
A jollier year we shall not see,
But though his eyes are waxing dim,
And though his feet speak ill of him,
He was a friend to me.

Old Year, you shall not die;
We did so laugh and cry with you,
I've half a mind to die with you,
Old Year, you must die.

He was full of joke and jest,
But all his merry quips are o'er,
To see him die across the waste
His son and heir doth ride post-haste,
But he'll be dead before.

Every one for his own
The night is starry and cold, my friend,
And the New Year blithely and bold
Cometh up to take his own.

How hard he breathes! over the snow
He treadeth now the crowing cock,
The shadow flicker to and fro:
The clock chime; the light burnow;
The nearly twelve o'clock.

Shake hands, before you die,
Old Year, we'll dearly rue for you,
What is it we can do for you?
Old Year, you shall not die.

His face is growing sharp and thin,
Alack! our friend is gone,
Close up his eyes: tie up his chin:
Step from the corpse and let him in
That standeth there alone.

And waiteth at the door,
There's a new foot on the floor my friend,
And a new face at the door, my friend,
A new face at the door.

The Bamboo and its uses.
This is one of the most useful plants in the world, especially to the Chinese. They rear it from shoots and suckers. There are about sixty varieties of it, but the yellow species is most common. The tender shoots are cultivated for food, and are, when four or five inches high, boiled, pickled, and canned. The roots are carved into fantastic images of men, birds, monkeys, or other creatures, and are used as ornaments. They are also used for making cloaks, awnings, and other things. The bamboo is also used for making paper, and for building houses. It is a very useful plant, and is one of the most common in the world.

the school, and the book he studies, both originate here. The tapering barrels of the song of orange and the dread instrument of the licor, one o make harmony, and the other to strike dread; the skewer to pin the hair, and the nat to screen the head; the paper to write on, the pencil handle to write with, and the cup to hold the pencils; the rule to measure lengths, the cup to gage quantities, and the bucket to draw water; the bellows to blow the fire, and the bottle to retain the match, the stick cage and crab net, the fish pole, the water-wheel and age-dut; wheel barrow and hand-cart, &c., are one and all furnished or complete by this insignificant grass, whose graceful beauty when growing is comparable to its varied usefulness when cut down.—Scientific American.

DEATH OF MAJOR PATTERSON OF THE 63d REGIMENT.—Major Falkland Townsend Logan Patterson, of the 63d regiment, expired at his quarters in the Wellington Barracks, on Tuesday, last, after a short illness in the 20th year of his age. The deceased officer, notwithstanding his early death, had served his country in several hard fought battles. He entered the army as Ensign on the 26th May 1843; on the 26 Decr. 1851, he obtained his Lieutenancy; he was promoted to a Captaincy on the 28th Decr. 1854 and to that of Major on the 16th of August last. Major Patterson served throughout the Eastern campaign of 1854-55, including the battles of Alma, Balaklava, and Inkerman; expeditions to Kerch, and the bombardment and capture of Kiburg. He was decorated with the medal and clasp, fifth class of the Medjidie; Turkish medal, and also the Sardinian medal. His remains were interred with military honors in the Garrison Cemetery at Fort Masey yesterday afternoon. Major Patterson was highly esteemed and beloved by his brother officers, as well as by a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this city.—Halifax Colonist.

AMERICAN INSURANCE OFFICES.—Mr. Nathan Agent of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, having applied to the Head Office of these Companies for information as to the course likely to be pursued by them toward parties insured, in the event of hostilities between the two countries, has replied from two of them. The President of the "Ethna" says that their course, so far as it depends upon them, will be unchanged; and that they will "do as one honest man would do by another, so far as it will be in our power." The President of the "North American" replies that this Company will honorably fulfill its obligations. These are the only Companies heard from, up to this date, but Mr. Ballagh expects answers from the others in a few days. This information is, to say the least, very satisfactory.—Globe.

SUFFERING.—There is a pretty Persian apologue on the difference between mental and corporeal suffering. A king and his minister were discussing the subject, and differing in opinion. The minister maintained the first to be the most severe, and to convince his sovereign of it he took a lamb, broke its leg, shut it up, and put food before it. He took another, shut it with the head bound by a chain so that the beast could not put food into its mouth, and put food before him. In the morning he carried the king to see the effect of the experiment. The lamb with the broken leg had eaten up all the food placed before him; the other was found dead from hunger.

EIGHT CHILDREN AT A BIRTH.—We read in the correspondence of the New York Tribune from Johnson, Hubbard County, Ohio: "On the 2nd of August, Mrs. Tim Brady gave birth to eight children—three boys and five girls. They are all living, and are healthy, but quite small. Mr. B's family is increasing fast. He was married six years ago to Eunice Mowery, who weighed 273 pounds on the day of their marriage. She has given birth to two pairs of twins, and now eight more, making twelve children in six years. It seems strange, but nevertheless, is true. Mrs. B was a twin of three, her mother and father being twins, and her grand-mother, the mother of five pairs of twins. Mrs. B. has named her boys after noted and distinguished men: One after the Hon. Joshua R. Giddings, who has given her a splendid gold medal; one after the Rev. Hon. Elijah Channing, who gave her a deed of 50 acres of land; and the other after James Johnson, Esq., who has given her a cow. Mr. Brady says it is profitable to have twins, as the neighbors have clothed the others ever since they were born. Mr. B. is a poor, industrious laborer, but says he will not part with any of his children while he is able to work."

What is the greatest curiosity in the world? A woman.

Fatiguing the Southerners.

A son of the Emerald Island, but not himself, was taken up (for he was at the time down) near a rebel encampment, not far from Manassas Junction. In a word, Pat was taking a nap in the shade, and was aroused from his slumbers by a "rebeling party." He wore no special uniform of any kind, but looked more like a spy than an ally, and on this was arrested.

"Who are you, what is your name, where are you from?" were the questions put to him by the armed party. Pat rapped his eyes, scratched his head, and answered:

"By my faith, gentlemen, them is only questions to answer anyhow, and before I answer any of them, I'd be after asking you, by your leave the same thing."

"Well," said the leader, "we are of Scott's army and belong to Washington."

"All right," said Pat, "I knew ye was, gentlemen, for I'm the same; long life to General Scott."

"Xha!" replied the scout, "now you rascal, you are our prisoner and seized him by the shoulder."

"How is that?" inquired Pat, "are we not friends?"

"No," was the answer, "we belong to Gen. Beauregard's army."

"Then you told me a lie, boys and thinking it might be so I told you another—now tell me the truth, and I'll tell the truth too."

"Well, we belong to the State of South Carolina."

"So do I," promptly responded Pat, "and to all the other States of the country too, and there I'm thinking I beat the whole of ye. Do ye think I would come all the way from Ireland to belong to one State when I had a right to belong to the whole of 'em?"

This logic was rather a stumper; but they took him up, as before said, and carried him in for further examination.

WHAT LADIES WEAR.—A novelty in petticoats has recently been adopted among fashionable ladies in England. For all but dress, the white petticoat has been discarded for one of alpaca; and there have a great advantage over the lines of cotton ones, namely, and as they are lighter, and do not lose their whiteness. Of course, it is necessary that if the dress by a grassed, benger, or of a clear texture, the petticoat must be of the same color. They are made very full and gored, and have a broad black ribbon put on in ruffles. The dresses are invariably caught up at the side to show the under-petticoat. Where it is not necessary to match the tint of the dress, a stone color is the best shade for wear. These petticoats will certainly last through the winter, their fineness being their chief recommendation; the material never sinking into folds, how long after they may be worn.

A BRO LETTER.—A young lady of extraordinary capacity addressed this letter to her cousin:

Dear Cousin: The weather what we is a cold and I suppose what you is air colder. We is all well, and mothers got the his Terris, brother Tom has got the Hoopen Kaugh and sister Susan has got a babe, and hope these lines will find you the same, Rita sure. Your affectionate Cousin.

ANOTHER YANKEE DRINK.—"AMERICAN BOUNCE"—This is so tremendously strong, that we never knew any one yet who could stop in the same room with it. Let him resist as he will, it is sure eventually to drive him away in disgust from the place. This drink is so nauseous and sickly that it has been found to disagree with all foreigners, but Englishmen especially. In fact, it is so revolting that it is our belief that the present rebellion is in a strong measure owing to its mischievous tendencies. None but a Yankee can possibly stand it for a minute. All All American liquors invariably wind up with "Bounce."

POPPING THE QUESTION.—A young lawyer who had long paid his addresses to a lady without much advancing his suit, accused her one day of being "impossible to the power of love." "It does not follow," she archely replied, "I am an 'accuser' I am not to be won by the power of attorney."

"Forgive me," replied the suitor, "but you should remember that all the votaries of Cupid are solicitors."

Mr. Spence, who presided over the Liverpool indignation meeting, is of the firm of Richardson, Spence & Co.—a firm more largely interested in the American provisions at a grain trade than any other in Liverpool.

The ship Montemercy, of Bath, Me., at Saint Thomas, 3d inst., was boarded by the Sumter and all the Captain's instruments taken, after which he allowed him to proceed.

European Intelligence.

THREE DAYS LATER. ARRIVAL OF THE "NIAGARA."

Arrival of the "Australasian" with TROOPS, at Halifax.

HALIFAX, Thursday, Dec. 26th.
The R. M. Steamship "Niagara," which left Liverpool on the 14th, and Queenstown on the 15th, arrived at 1.30 P. M. to-day. She brings £30,000 specie and 24 passengers for Boston, and 351 troops for Halifax.

The "Niagara" passed the "Asia" on the 13th, eleven miles off Tuscar. She will sail for Boston at 7 this evening.

The "Australasian" which left Liverpool with 2275 troops, a field battery and large quantities of ammunition, stores, sledges &c. for North America also arrived this afternoon.

The West India mail brings intelligence that Privateer Sumter had a narrow escape of capture on the 18th Nov., by steamer Iriquois at Martinique, but escaped in dark. On the 23rd Sumter captured the American ship "Montmorency" from Newport with coals for St. Thomas but released her on receipt of a bond by the Captain promising to pay \$26,000 in three months after peace.

The British war vessel "Cadmus" arrived off St. Thomas to protect mail vessel against another "Trent" affair.

The attitude of preparation by England shows no change.

The Times editorially reports the following story:—During the visit of the Prince of Wales to North America Mr. Seward took advantage of an entertainment to the Prince, to tell the Duke of Newcastle that he was likely to occupy a high office; that when he did so it would become his duty to insult England; and he should insult her accordingly.

The Times accumulates evidence of long cherished intention on the part of Seward to do England an injury.

In another leader on the international affairs of the Civil War the Times advises the Federal Government to make peace in time before it is committed to a treble war, viz.—With the Confederacy, the British and its own abolitionists.

The illness of H. R. H. Prince Albert has assumed alarming symptoms.

The Prince of Wales has been telegraphed for at two o'clock morning of 14th.

A telegram from Brussels of 12th to the Times says:—There is a rumor in diplomatic circles that mediation in American conflict will be offered by King Leopold. The Secretary of the British Legation has left for London. The Morning Post says there is no truth in the rumor.

General Scott's sudden return to the United States was the theme of much speculation. It is generally reported that he has some sort of mission from the French Government to the Washington Cabinet. The Herald's Paris Correspondent says he had a long interview with M. Thiers before his departure. The general impression in financial circles in London is that he carried out momentous communications from the French Government.

English and American Navies.

The London Times of the 4th takes the following complacent view of England's preparation for war, as compared with the American:

"We stand literally armed to the teeth. Either by land or by sea we would exert a power incredibly greater than at any time during the last forty years. We have not only a strong army and a most formidable fleet, but both our military and naval forces are equipped with all the tremendous appliances of modern warfare. The large but judicious expenditure of the last five years is now bearing its fruit, and we find ourselves in a state of complete preparation against an emergency which is none the less serious from having been little anticipated. Indeed, although it is hazardous and unwise to hold an enemy cheap, we cannot possibly regard the regular Navy of America as competent for a moment to cope with our own. The position of the Americans at this time is much such as ours was twenty-five years ago. They are a strong, rich, resolute and enterprising people. A large portion of the nation takes to the sea as naturally as we do, they are excellent naval architects and they have always proved daring sailors. The Northern States, in short, possess all the elements of maritime power, but the power has not been created. They could have a fleet in time, but they have not got one as it is. It has been as much as they could do to blockade the ports of the Confederates, while if half of what we have recently been taught is true, the few frigates which carry the Federal flag must be next to useless against modern ordnance. We have only just convinced ourselves that solid walls of oak and iron can keep out those terrible projectiles which in ten minutes would set any ordinary vessel in flames. We have been lavishing money without stint in furnishing one half our ships with irresistible artillery and the other part with impenetrable armour. Ugly all our recent exertions have been gratuitous and fruitless, the American men-of-war, with their combustible sides, must be poor matches for our own. If they are really as strong as we are, the 'reconstruction' of our Navy has been a very unnecessary and profitless undertaking."

WAR SPIRIT IN BRISTOL.—The depar-

ture of the E. Battery of the 4th, Brigade of Field Artillery from Bristol for Woolwich, on Wednesday morning was accompanied by a cordial demonstration on the part of the volunteers. The artillery band mustered very strong, and met their brethren of the Regulars in Stoke's Croft, where they headed the line of march to the terminus. They were afterwards joined by the band of the Volunteer Rifle Corps, and on the way to the station a variety of popular and appropriate airs were played, including "Rule Britannia," and "In off to Charleston." In Bridge-street a large number of the volunteer artillerymen mustered, and were drawn up on each side, and the bands and royal artillerymen having passed through, the volunteers fell in and brought up the rear of the procession. Besides the volunteers, a large number of citizens were present on the occasion, and heartily joined in the demonstration. The battery arrived at Woolwich by train from Bristol on Wednesday evening. They proceeded to the barracks amid the cheers and applause of crowds assembled through the whole line of march.

FROM THE STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.
Arrivals from New Mexico report that a strong Union feeling exists in that Territory.
Col. Cowley has retaken Forts Craig and Stanton, driving the Texans away.
As military forces advance South the Confederate troops retreat.
The President has approved the Bill increasing the duties on Tea, Coffee, and Sugar.

NEW YORK, 27th.
Letters from Port Royal report the occupation of Fernieh Island by the Federal troops.
New York papers contain ridiculous special despatches from Washington, stating that Lord Lyons, instead of making an issue on the Mason and Slidell affair, has raised the North Eastern boundary question and demands the relinquishment of part of the State of Maine to England.

TRAGEDY ON BOARD AN AMERICAN SHIP.—On the arrival of the American ship Pleiades at Cardiff, on Tuesday morning (Dec. 3) eight of the crew were taken into custody on a fearful charge. The captain states that for a considerable time the crew had manifested very bitter feeling against the mate, for his repeated hard conduct towards the men, and accordingly it had at length been decided in council to murder him on a favorable chance presenting itself.

The 12th of the month proved the fatal day, not only for him, but for another poor fellow, who is supposed to have been an unwilling accomplice. The mate went, as usual, at an early hour in the morning, to call up the men, when he was immediately attacked with staves and other weapons. The captain, hearing the noise, rushed on deck, and fired on the men, and then, by persuasion and force combined, succeeded in rescuing the victim.
His body presented a frightfully mangled appearance, and the wounds caused him the greatest agony. He lingered not many hours. The other poor fellow was the interpreter, and was despatched into the ocean with little or no ceremony—at least, so it is supposed by the captain, for he missed him without seeing any struggle or hearing any disturbance. The villains afterwards attacked the second mate, upon whom, however, they decided to exercise a little mercy, and he was subjected to no further molestation, after having received severe wounds on his left arm. The captain appears to have enjoyed the general confidence of the crew, and was not hurt. The prisoners are at present confined in the Cardiff jail, awaiting the arrangements of the American consuls to transfer them to America.

REMARKABLE CONFESSION OF A MURDERER.—The extraordinary testimony given Thursday afternoon, says the New York Express, on the trial of Charles M. Jeffers, for the murder of John W. Matthews, attracted universal attention. Mr. W. Walton, the brother of John Walton, who was shot by the same man, who a few minutes afterward shot Matthews, testifies that a few weeks ago Jeffers confessed the murder to him, in all its details, as far as it regarded Walton. He swears that Jeffers said he did not care who knew the facts, as he had been legally acquitted of the murder of Walton; and that he then declared that he had been bribed by his mother, Mrs. Walton, to shoot her husband, the consideration being \$3000. The "old woman" as Jeffers coarsely designated his mother, having failed to pay the money, he felt no compunction in "going back upon her." This remarkable confession was made, it is said, in the presence of a police detective named Moore, who is yet to be examined in Court.

Later from California.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Steamship North Star, from Aspinwall 11th arrived this evening.

The North Star brings \$822,000 in treasure.

A French transport ship, the "Rescue," bound to Callao, was wrecked 40 miles south of Valparaiso. She had over 600 souls on board, only five or six of whom were saved. Gen. San Ramon has been elected President of Peru. He was at Arequipa, and had been joined by three thousand additional troops.

The coffee crop at Costa Rica is short.

The blockade of Buenaventura was termin-

ated by the loss of one of the vessels and the surrender of the other to Mosquera's forces.

The iron-plated ship "Defence" is still in dock at Chatham but from the energy now shown in fitting her, a very short time only will elapse before she is ready for sea.

FREEMASONRY.—The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, was held at 12 o'clock yesterday, (St. John's Day) at the Masonic Hall, Princess Street. There was a large attendance of the members, and many visiting Brethren also were present. Immediately after opening the Prov. Grand Lodge, the Prov. Grand Master, A. B. Loch, Esq., addressed the Brethren, exchanging with them the compliments of the season, and briefly stating some matters of interest to the Craft. He also adverted to the line of policy which he pursued in the appointment of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and they proceeded to install the Brethren whom he had chosen to assist him in his duties for the ensuing year. They may be stated as follows:—

R. W., A. K. S. Wetmore, D. P. G. M.
D. R. Stevens, P. S. G. W.
E. J. Wetmore, P. J. G. W.
V. W., Rev. C. P. Bliss, P. G. C.
R. T. Clinch, P. G. T.
Wm. F. Bunting, P. G. S.
Jas. Rosborough, P. S. G. D.
Wm. C. Leonard, P. G. D.
T. A. D. Foster, P. G. D. of C.
Henry F. Perley, P. G. S.
Edwin J. Everett, P. G. P.
John Bowyer, P. G. T.
And Six Grand Stewards.

The usual proclamations were then made by the Grand Swordbearer, and after a few remarks from the Prov. Grand Master the Lodge was closed. We may state that the officers are nearly the same as those last year. The Provincial Grand Master generally makes a change every two years. This, however, is the third year in which Bro. S. K. Wetmore has held the office of Deputy Prov. G. M., and his re-appointment this year is taken by the Craft as quite a concession to their wishes upon the part of the Provincial Grand Master, inasmuch as a resident Deputy would be a great personal advantage to him.

The Worshipful Masters of the City Lodges for the year are: Mr. Arch. Kowan, of Albion Lodge, No. 570; William Wedderburn, Esq., of St. John's Lodge, No. 632; Mr. John Frost, of Portland Union Lodge, No. 780; Mr. S. S. Littlehale, of Carleton Union Lodge, No. 767, Carleton—[Ev. Globe.

A despatch received at the Boston Merchants Exchange Room states that three hotels, two newspapers offices, nine bank buildings and over fifty mercantile houses, were destroyed in the late fire at Charleston, S. C.

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ST. ANDREWS, JAN., 1, 1862.

Messrs MASON and SLIDELL.—From the official correspondence between Lord Lyons and Mr. Secretary Seward, which has been published by telegraph—we have much pleasure in announcing that the Southern gentlemen Messrs Mason, Slidell and their Secretaries are to be surrendered. The late hour at which we received the documents, prevent our publishing them in our present issue.

To the determined and warlike attitude of England are we indebted for the peaceable solution of the question. We have only room for the following:

Mr. Seward concludes his reply to Lord Lyons thus:—

"The four persons in question are now held in military custody, at Fort Warren Massachusetts. They will be cheerfully liberated. Your Lordship will please name a time and place for receiving them."

The following is the copy of a letter from Lord Lyons to Secretary Seward:—

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 27th, 1861.
SIR.—I have this morning received the note which you did me the honor to address to me yesterday, in answer to Earl Russell's despatch of Nov. 30th, relative to the removal of Mr. Mason, Mr. Slidell, Mr. McFarland, and Mr. Eustis, from the British Mail Packet 'Trent.'"

"I will, without loss of time, forward to Her Majesty's Government a copy of the important communication which you have made to me. I will also without delay, do myself the honor to confer with you personally, on the arrangements to be made for delivering the four gentlemen to me, in order that they may again be placed under the protection of the British flag."

"I have the honor, &c.,—LYONS."

THE NEW YEAR.

WITH this morning's light the first day of another year, of a new year dawned upon us; to each and all has its influence extended; upon all has it fallen in the same degree, upon all has it shone in the same amount, and yet how varied, how infinitely diversified have been its effects! How many high hopes has it come to crown for some, how many sad forebodings to verify for others. How many fond aspirations to realize; how many dispiriting fears to confirm! How many an ambitious aim, how many a

sustained design to seal with accomplishment. How many a long-cherished plan or indulgent scheme to crash out of existence. How various too, how ever varying the thoughts induced at such a time; past, present and future, are alike the subject of our meditations.

Visions of the past sweep before us, fraught with lessons of experience, giving us examples from the pages of our own history—scenes which our own consciousness tells us are truly coloured, and in which we recognise the identity of the actors and ourselves. The present, its associations and relations, lead us to think of the future; and here at least the fancied images have a common characteristic; we all are, we all are, bright-colours in our pictures of the future, to throw a gladsome air around what's in store for us; to fancy each coming year as happier than its predecessor—each New Year's day as the first page of a volume, leaf after leaf of which is but to introduce us to new pleasures. Such seems to be the course and the manner of the cogitations called into play on the incoming of a New Year, to small for great extent they are engaged in by all, even by the most practical.

It is natural that New Year's Day, should produce its emotions and reflections. How many look forward with high hope to the success of some engagement or pursuit—to the realization of their fondest wishes; and resolve to do better for the future. They look back upon the past with perhaps a sigh of regret, mayhap of pleasure, at this time honored season. "The year that's awa," brought many changes—vacant in our own little community, the vacant chair in several families tells the sad tale of some beloved one, gone no more—or far away in a distant land; others have left the town and their places have not been filled. On taking a retrospective view then, we are reminded of the ever changing course of events—that "we take no note of time." May the year upon which we have just entered—be one of unexampled prosperity and peace, and to our readers may it be "a happy, happy new year; may their efforts be crowned with success, their business prosper, and may they enjoy good health and long life is the sincere wish of the Editor and proprietor of the STANDARD.

THE ENGLISH NEWS.—In our columns this morning we have given the latest news from England—the most important, is the sudden and unexpected death of his Royal Highness PRINCE ALBERT, Consort of our beloved Queen. The melancholy intelligence was received by Her Majesty's loyal Colonial subjects, with heartfelt sorrow. Prince Albert was a liberal patron of the Arts, Sciences, and Agriculture, a kind, charitable and ever ready to promote any laudable undertaking; he was deservedly popular with the British people among whom he mingled with his presence was required. May that Supreme Being who ordeth all things right, comfort and support our noble Queen and her family in their affliction.

ST. ANDREWS ALE.—It is an old saying that "a good article will commend itself" if this holds true, then Messrs Campbell & Julian must be kept busy brewing, as their Ale "commends itself" to those who like "a glass of good beer." The Ale is so nourishing, that it has been recommended, to invalids, and with beneficial results, we know. If then it is nutritious for invalids, it must be likewise for those in good health, and when taken in moderation, will impart a healthy tone to the constitution and promote digestion as well as exhilarate the spirits. We are pleased to learn that our young townsmen are being well patronized—they deserve it, and while they brew as good Ale as they now have on hand there will be lots of Customers for it. The difficulty by and by will be to supply the demand.

MILITARY.—We are happy to state that Fort Tipperary Barracks are again to be occupied by soldiers as formerly, and that it is not improbable that the Blockhouses at Indian and Jones Point will also soon be occupied. This news will be received with satisfaction and pleasure. It is so long since a company of those noble fellows were stationed here. Run up the Flag—there is just the same protection now under its ample folds, as ever.

FIRE.—A fire broke out in a new cottage owned by Capt Snellgrove, near the Court House, about 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Owing to the excessive cold and scarcity of water the building was soon destroyed. The house was nearly finished and will be a great loss to Capt. Snellgrove.

THE Charleston "Courier" says that five churches were destroyed by the late fire in that city viz:—The Roman Catholic

Cathedral, St. Peter's, the Episcopal Church, the Cumberland Street Church, and the Circular Church.

We are much obliged to our correspondent "Schoondiac" for his letter, and are glad to learn that the recent mischief at the Herald office, was the freak of some three, or at most, four, unruly boys, and that the damage done does not exceed One Hundred Dollars.

The comments of the Herald itself on the affair, are entirely to acrimony, and display very little judgement. All sympathy for it will soon subside, if it persists in acting unwisely.—[Empire.

THE "CHURCH WITNESS."—We perceive with regret, in the last number of the "Church Witness," that it is intended to discontinue that paper in September next. The balance against the paper in Sept. being £75, and Sept 1861, more than £200 with the prospect of its being much greater in 1862. We can scarcely believe that the Editor of the "Church Witness" will allow such a paper to be discontinued for want of support. It would be a disgrace to them.—[E.]

TROOPS.—A large Steamer left Halifax at 4 o'clock on Monday, with upwards of 400 Soldiers, for this Port. They will be expected to arrive this morning. Q art's are being fitted up for them during their stay here.

GUARDED.—On the 25th inst., by the Rev. John Ross, Mr. Robert Glebe, teacher of the Parish School, to Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. Donald Clerk, of this Town.
At St. John, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. W. Armstrong, Alexander, son of the late James Muir, Esq., Merchant of Saint Andrews, to Helen M., second daughter of the late William Patterson, of the same place.

DIED.—On the 26th inst., after a long illness, which he bore with resignation to the Divine Will, George F. B. McRoberts aged 15, youngest son of Mr. George McRoberts of this Parish.

On the 16th Oct. last, Captain Duncan Mann, of Saint George, N. B., on board the schooner "Adelia," on her voyage between Mexico and New York, in the 25th year of his age.

NOTICE.

THE Assistant Commissioner General will receive Tenders in duplicate at his office, Fredericton, with the least possible delay, for all persons who may feel disposed to supply the following articles, viz:—
Bread at Navy Bread (Biscuit), at Fresh Beef, at Fuel, Wood, at Commensurate New Brunswick, Fredericton, 23d Decr, 1861.
J. J. McCOMB, Asst. Com. Gen.

London Exhibition.—All Persons intending to see the Private Exhibition at the next London Exhibition, will please send a list of their respective articles for transmission, to the undersigned, or have same left at the Railway Office, St. John, on or before the 12th January next, and have their articles stored in the Custom House, St. John, before the 30th January next.

All information will be furnished by R. Jardine, Esq., at the Railway Office, St. John, or by the undersigned. J. A. G. STEVENS.
One of the Commissioners and Secretary, St. Stephen, Dec. 19 1861—2m

Sligh & Buffalo Robes for Sale

1 Single Sligh,
1 Wolf Skin Robe,
2 Buffalo do.
Deer, 30th 1861. J. W. STREET & SON.

NOTICE.

I hereby forbid all parties from Trespassing in any way, upon a certain tract of Land, in the Parish of Saint George, known as the "Baldwin Farm," or any part thereof. Parties found trespassing will be prosecuted forthwith.

JOSEPH G. SHAW, M. D.
St. George, Dec. 23, 1861. per

NEW GROCERY.

THE Subscriber respectfully informs the inhabitants of St. Andrews and vicinity, that he has opened a

GENERAL GROCERY STORE,

in the building formerly known as Dr. McStay's Dispensary, where he has opened an assortment,

consisting of—

FLOUR, MEAL,
TEA—Oolong and Souchong,
Crushed and Brown SUGAR,
COFFEE,
Molasses, Soap, Candles, Salt,
Pepper, Mustard, Vinegar,
Tobacco,
Saleratus, with numerous other articles usually found in a Grocery.

For Christmas and New Year. A choice lot of Fruit and Spices, such as Apples, Raisins, Currants, Figs, Nuts, Cloves, cinnamon, Ginger, Almonds, &c.

He trusts by keeping good articles at the lowest rates to receive a share of patronage.

Dec. 18. ALEX. COOKSON.

BARLEY WANTED.

For which CASH will be paid at the St. Andrews Brewery.

Jan. 1, 1862. CAMPBELL & J.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having any legal demands against the Estate of the Rev. Samuel Thomas, late of the Parish of Saint George, (the Rector thereof) deceased, are requested to send the same, duly attested, within three months from date, and all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to

ROBERT THOMSON, Administrator.
St. George, Dec. 6th, 1861.

Brandy whiskey, Wine, &c.

By the "Volunteer" from Liverpool

8 Bbls. & gr. casks "Hennessey's" pale Colored Brandy.
6 Qr. casks "Mehan's" best Irish malt W. 10 Cases "Hennessey's" fine old pale &c. Brandy.
10 The fine old Cambleton Whiskey.
10 Do old Tom.
1 Hhd fine old Port Wine.
10 Cases old Jamaica Rum—See, &c.
Dec. 9th, 1861. J. W. STREET &

River Herrings, Codfish

32 Half Bbls. River Herring.
10 Bbls.
20 Qr. Codfish, 240 casks, Liverpool Salt.
For sale by J. W. STREET
Dec. 22.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber gives notice, that he is ready to collect and receive all sundry demands, owing to the late firm of Rainford (dealers in St. Andrews). And, immediate payment is requested of all persons indebted to the undersigned.

J. W. SL.

St. Andrews, Nov. 13, 1861.

Woodstock Journal

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of George Froak, late of St. George, deceased, are requested to send the same duly attested within three months from date, and all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to

CLAUDIOUS MESSENE

Attorney for James Froak, Administrator.
St. George, Nov. 21, 1861.

MRS. WINSLOW'S

AN experienced Nurse and Female

physician, to the attention of much

SOOTHING SYRUP

FOR CHILDREN TEETH

which greatly facilitates the process of teething, by softening the gum, relieving the pain, and allaying all pain and spasmodic

SURE TO REGULATE THE BOWELS

Depend upon it, mothers, it will give

RELIEF AND HEALTH TO YOUR

We have put up and sold this article

ten years and can say, in confidence

that it will never be able to do

medicines—never has it failed or ailing

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This valuable preparation is the pr

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used with never failing success, in

THOUSANDS OF CASES

It not only relieves the child from

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Sold by Druggists throughout

Principal Office 13 Cedar Street

Price only 25 Cents per J

For sale by Donald Black & S.

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Lumber Driving Company"

November 18, 1861.

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THE Subscribers have now on l

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BARLEY wanted immediately in

CAMPBELL

Dec. 3, 1861—nm.

Just Received,
75 B BARRELS Extra Family FLOUR,
Bugs Yellow Corn Meal,
Kiln Baked Sardines.
For sale low. SLASON & RAINSFORD.

STOLEN.
FROM the subscriber, on Monday night
of Tuesday morning last, an Engine
made Silver WATCH, No. 2600
with a small sum of money. Any person ap-
prehending a thief and bringing him to justice will
be rewarded. W.M. HOLMES.
April 10, 1861.

To let.
A SMALL Dwelling House and Barn with
Four town Lots, apply to
J.W. STREET.

MOLASSES.
35 Whds. bright Moscovado Molasses.
BLACK SMITH WORK.

THE Subscriber respectfully intimates to his
friends and the public generally that he has
commenced business in the Blacksmithing line, in the
shop, at the head of E. & J. Wilson's Wharf;
where he will attend to all orders in his line, such
as Ship, Mill, and Agricultural work, together
with Horse-shoeing and general jobbing, and hopes
by attention to receive a share of patronage.
JOHN SHORT.

Address, Jan. 25, 1860.

THE Premises, on Thursday, the 25th day
of April, instant, at 12 o'clock, noon,
THE LOT of LAND, Buildings and Premises
situate in the town of St. George, Magdalen
Islands, and further particulars may be had on
application to the undersigned, to John M. Ro-
nson, Esq., Barrister, Saint John, or to Justice
Wetmore, Esq., St. George.

ELIZA MAGEE,
W.M. MAGEE,
Administrators of Thomas M. Magee.

St. John, April 3, 1861.

House for sale.

THAT commodious House and Premises
situate on the corner of King and Pitt Streets,
St. John, is for sale. For terms &c. apply to
E. WILLARD.

May 1, 1860.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the
Estate of the late Patrick J. McKinnon, de-
ceased, of Grand Manan, are requested to present
same duly attested, within three months from date
of this notice, to the undersigned, for the purpose of
being paid. For terms &c. apply to
MARY BOYLE,
Administratrix.

Grand Manan, May 31, 1860.

House for sale.

THAT two story House, near the
Railway Depot, with the garden
attached, at present occupied by Mr.
Thomas Wren. For terms apply to
E. R. WREN.

May 1, 1861.

House for sale.

The Cottage on Hill at present occupied by
W. J. McLean.
Also the House in Water street occupied
by Wm. McLean.
Apply to
J.W. STREET & SON
And, Feb. 1861.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

ALL persons having any legal demands against
the Estate of John Cathart, late of Saint Pat-
rick, farmer, deceased, are requested to re-
duce the same, duly attested, to the undersigned, with-
in three months from this date; and all those in-
debted to the said estate, are required to make
immediate payment to
JOHN CASSIDY,
Executor.

St. Patrick, Nov. 6, 1860.

Notice.

The subscriber has removed his office to Hatch's
Wharf, E. & J. Wilson's, where he will be happy to
attend to the Commission and Auction business
and solicits a share of patronage. (Notary and
Insurance business attended to as usual.)
W. McLEAN.
St. Andrews, 18th June, 1861.

As the "Levant" from Liverpool via
St. John.
June 6th, 1861.

2 Hhls. Sherry Wines
2 Qr. clarks
2 Hhls. old Port
WINDUP GLASS—50 boxes single
10 do Woodstock pipes,
5 cwt 7lb & 14lb Bladders
J.W. STREET & SON.

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W. WHITLOCK,
Agent for St. Andrews

St. Andrews, 29th June, 1861.

notice

THE subscribers announced to the In-
habitants of St. Andrews and the County of
Argyll, that they have commenced business as
GENERAL PROVISION DEALERS
at the corner of the Railway.
Store formerly occupied by D. Bradley, Water
street, near the extension of the Railway.
St. Andrews, June 29th 1861.

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**AYER'S
CATHARTIC
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Are you rich, healthy, and
contented? Are you free from
all those ailments which
disturb the mind and
impair the body? Do you
suffer from constipation,
headache, nervousness,
indigestion, or any of those
troubles which arise from
an impure blood? If so,
do not despair, but at once
procure and use Ayer's
Cathartic Pills. They will
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As a Family Medicine.
Your family will be benefited by these
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B. R. STEVENSON.
Attorney at Law and Solicitor
Office—Breen's building, opposite Post Office
St. Andrews, July 13, 1859.

HOUSE TO LET
His House Barn &c. in Queen
street, with a large garden at-
tached—at present occupied by Mr.
Wm. McLean. J.W. STREET.
March 7, 1860.

JOHN F. STEVENSON, M.D.
Physician and Surgeon.
Office next door to Union Store in the
same building.
Residence at Bradford's Hotel, 15
St. Andrews, May 20, 1861.

Pilots. Pilots. Pilots.
NOTICE is hereby given to Merchants, Ship
masters, and all interested, that the
Pilot Boat "TORMENTOR" will continue on the
regular Pilot ground from this date, under the
Regulations. Dated 24th March, 1860.
WM. CHASE, JOS. ROYD, & BEAN
WM. CHASE, CHAS. CLINE, & FILLIS

LONDON PAINT & OIL.
March 1860.
8 Hhls. Branden Bros., best double
and Raw Linseed Oil.
Ten best White Paint &c.

Just Received.
A fresh supply of superior Groceries, also an
assorted stock of hardware &c. &c. &c.
sold at low prices.
SLASON & RAINSFORD.
St. Andrews, Dec. 1, 1860.

AMOS P. TAPLEY
Has removed to
84 Milk Street,
(opposite Post Office), where he will keep a
large assortment of
FOOTS, SHOES, AND RUBBERS.
At the lowest prices for cash or approved credit.
In particular, made solely and expressly for
ESTER THICK BOOTS, fully warranted; double
and single soles; 14 to 17 inch long.
FRENCH'S style and all Custom-made Cal-
Kip, and Grain Boots.
FRENCH'S heavy Grain Fishermen's Boots.
HUNT'S fine Cal. Boots.
Also, Women's, Men's, and Children's Shoes
of all kinds, adapted to New England trade.
All orders will have prompt attention.

MAIL STAGE
Between Fredericton, Saint Stephen
and Calais.
ON and after November 1st, the STAGE
will run as follows:
Leave St. Stephen and Calais every TUESDAY
& FRIDAY at 6 A.M.
Returning, leave Fredericton every WEDNESDAY
& SATURDAY at 6 A.M.
Passengers will find it to their advantage
to travel by this line, as it is the shortest and
the trip in twelve hours.
Good teams and competent drivers will al-
ways be found on hand, and prompt to time.
Stage Boxes will be found at Commercial Hotel
and at Barker's House, Fredericton.
St. Stephen, Nov. 16

NOTICE.
PARTIES, whose accounts have stood over nine
and twelve months, will please call and set-
tle them at once, or else they will be put in the
hands of an Attorney for Collection.
J. W. STREET & RAINSFORD.
July 4

Tea, sugar, Molasses, &c.
Just Received.
22 Pkts. Bright Moscovado Molasses.
3 Hhls. Do. Do. Sugar.
3 Hhls. Do. Crushed Sugar.
3 Chets. Extra fine Souchong Tea.
20 Half. Do. Extra fine Breakfast Tea.
20 Boxes 12lb. Clear and heavy Pork.
2 Kegs S.C. Soda, &c. &c.
J.W. STREET & SON

**New
Paper Hangings.**
Ex Steamer New Brunswick from London
800 PIECES Handsome Patterns Room
Tapers.
To Arrive—30 Bps. Best Peruvian
20 Bds. Red Grass Seed.
1 Bbl. Northern Red Clover Seed.
A good assortment of
W. WHITE & CO.
April 1

**Crushed Sugar,
Saleratus, Molasses.**
Ex "Union" and "Fanny" from Boston.
10 Bbls. Letter A. Crushed sugar.
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