

**OUR CHURCHES.**

**SERVICES AND SERMONS ON SUNDAY.**

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.**

In the morning, the Rev. Alfred Osborne, delivered an eloquent sermon. His text was taken from Rev. XX, 7th verse to end of chapter: "And when the thousand years have expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison," &c., &c. The following are a few extracts from this discourse, so far as our memory serves us:—

The words "death" and "hell," mentioned in verse 13, mean the *grave* and *land of spirits*. The most learned men have failed in their attempts to unfold the scroll of Prophecy, as contained in the Book of Revelation—the seals being closed until Christ himself shall open them. Any person who says that he is able to undo those seals, is a fool. Revelation is a vision, and is, in figurative language. It has always been the most difficult portion of the Scriptures to interpret. The idea of Christ reigning, in person, one thousand years, seems to be against the whole teaching of the Bible. The Catholic Faith is, that Christ shall come and judge the world. Read St. Matthew XXV chap: 31st, and 1st Thess. IV chap: 16th and 17th verses. If, as some argue, the good be already raised to glory, then the Judgment is a monstrous farce; and if the wicked are not to rise for one thousand years, then it must be the Saints who have fallen from faith. The Millennium is a speculative dogma, and no doctrine of the Church. Over the open grave your clergyman tells you (read the order for the burial of the dead) and in the baptismal service we are taught (see the *Ministration of Public Baptism*), I conclude therefore that Christ's coming is to bring men to judgment. There seems to be two things to consider at the end of our Advent services: the apostasy of men and the coming of Jesus. We read that there will be a falling away first. Every day new sects spring up. Scarcely have we time to examine into the creed of one sect before another appears. The most popular preacher of the present day is he who preaches the greatest lawlessness. Let us remember that we are to be judged by the Bible. Those who have sinned against forms and ceremonies shall be judged by the law; and those who have sinned against grace shall be judged by grace. Every person shall be justly judged. Mr. Osborne's opinion was that a season of great lawlessness would visit the Church, and after that a period of intense persecution such as has never yet been experienced and could be endured only by the elect. The millennium, or in other words, Christ's reign of a thousand years upon earth, had its origin with the earliest heretics, viz., the Gnostics. They promulgated it to forward their own worldly and sensual belief. The concluding part of the sermon was an exhortation to his hearers to live in this life, that they might at the last day hear their names read out of the Lamb's Book of Life.

**METHODIST BRICK CHURCH.**

The Rev. Mr. Lathern preached from the words of Solomon, Eccle. 3rd chap. 15th verse, "That which hath been is now, and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past." It is not easy to get any complete views of the subject matter of a book or treatise unless we view it from the same standpoint as the writer. It is only by a complete understanding of the doctrine of justification by faith that we can comprehend the writings of St. Paul. It is only by passing through experiences somewhat similar to Solomon that we can understand the book of Ecclesiastics. The Psalms have been, since the time they were written, the songs of the Church. The Proverbs contain the very essence, the very kernel and core of wisdom, and have been the guide of many. The solemn, grand and sublime writings of Isaiah contain some of the most important prophecies of the Old Testament. But what shall we say of the book of Ecclesiastics. Its skeptical and misanthropical utterances have excited the astonishment of all ages. We all know of the book of Solomon; but who can determine when it was written. It is believed by some that the great prince and preacher returned to God in his last days, and that after his return he penned this book. Departing from God in the zenith of his glory, he sought his enjoyment in earthly things, in riches, in poetry, in architecture, he thought to find good in the wisdom of this world and in wine. After he had drawn all the enjoyment it was possible to experience from these things, he declared them to be "All vanity and vexation of spirit." Wealth, power, beautiful works and convivial enjoyment he pronounced as "All vanity." Vanity was written on his throne, on everything in which he delighted. In his season of departure from God a feeling of gloom seized him, and the conviction of sin and vanity found utterance in the words that "Fear God and keep His commandments is the whole duty of man." Solomon's life seems to have been an experiment for all ages. Dark and gloomy as was the experience in the life of Solomon, it is but the experience of many in our day. Lord Eldon, who was raised to one of the highest positions in the gift of the State, when approaching his end said that there were but a few weeks of quiet between the vexations of life and the grave. Pitt, the most brilliant statesman of any age, died of a broken heart. Lord Byron seemed to catch some of the spirit of Ecclesiastics. The pursuit of happiness away from God is all vanity. The Good preacher was deeply impressed with the monotone of things. "That which hath been shall be." One generation passeth away, another cometh. This year is as the last, and the next will be the same as this. On a dark, murky night, the thunder may roll and a flash of lightning reveal to us everything around. We may be engaged in the pleasures of life, but truth reveals to us the overwhelming importance of our accountability to God. The thoughts and actions of life make the destiny of eternity. From the standpoint of the closing year, we ask

what has the year done for us? Looking back over the past, we can mark the loving kindness of God. We have been upon a great journey,—we have been revolving through space with great velocity, yet no accidents or collisions have happened to us. We are perfectly safe. Then present your bodies a living sacrifice unto God. What has the year done? It has brought disappointment and business perplexity. Many a full cup untasted has been dashed away. The sky that seemed bright has become cloudy, but it might have been worse. Apparently doomed to disappointment it may be

"The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy,  
And shall break with blessings on your head."

Another question of great importance to us all is: What have we done with the year? A movement was going on in the heart of Solomon like the movement in the planetary system, and he proclaimed the fact that there was a time for everything. There is one great standpoint which we shall occupy. When the planets shall melt with fervent heat we will remember our accountability to God. Has the year that is fast closing taught us to apply our hearts unto wisdom, or have we squandered it? Have we been redeeming the time? The business man takes advantage of every circumstance. That is the idea of the Apostle redeeming the time. This is a time when the merchant endeavors to have his books balanced and accounts furnished. How has it been with the transactions for eternity? It is a solemn thought that your spiritual record is being written. The merchant likes to begin the new year with a clean sheet. It is possible for us to begin the new year with a clean sheet, so to speak, for God says, "I am He that blot out your iniquities." The dark record in the book of remembrance may be blotted out. The solemnity of this occasion forces upon me the thought that both preacher and people shall have to stand before the great God. Let us do our duty.

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH.**

At the morning service Rev. Kenneth McLennan's discourse was from the following text: St. Luke 24th chap., 29th verse,— "But they constrained him, saying, 'Abide with us for it is toward evening and the day is far spent'; and he went in to tarry with them."

The preacher commenced by remarking that the narrative of the two disciples' journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus was one of the most tender and beautiful in the whole Scriptures. He pictured the two brethren walking in sadness, talking over the wonderful events that had just taken place, when a seeming stranger joined them and asked the cause of their sadness and perplexity. They then sketched out to their companion the career of Jesus, His mighty works, His trial and death, and the women's report of his resurrection. They had hoped that it was He who was to redeem Israel; but now they were disappointed and sorrowful. The stranger then shews them from the Scriptures that the pathway of Christ to glory must be through the grave. They found in the stranger a sympathizer, and listened eagerly. The sermon Christ preached from the Old Scriptures found a way to their hearts. Their hearts found a heart to love them, and they were drawn together by a common sympathy. They wished to hear more of his wondrous knowledge, and asked him to stay with them, and he did stay; and they realized that he was the very Christ. They go to their companions and tell the story of their wonderful companion, and he shows himself as their Saviour when he appears among them and shows his wounded hands and feet. He showed them that He was their friend and brother as much as He was before His resurrection. Christ had conquered His oppressors and appeared to His disciples in triumph when their thoughts were about him. Can it be doubted that he will come and be present now with those that look for him with eager and loving hearts. At this season we may all say it toward evening and the day far spent. Abide with us, and if we do so in the right spirit and with honest hearts Jesus will come and tarry with us and preside at our feast. Old hearts looking back on lost opportunities and regretting the neglected councils of God may well feel sad. They surely ought to ask the friend that loves them to abide with them, for the day is far spent. If they with earnest hearts turn to the Saviour he will give them the joys of a new spiritual life. The aged Christian has trusted his soul's highest interests with Christ. And the nearer the shadows of death, the more earnest he is in asking Christ to abide with him, for the day is far spent.

The middle aged, in their strength and prosperity, may think that they can walk alone. But the shadow of night is coming, and how can they die without a Saviour. Even the young, with their high hopes, their day may be far spent, their hopes may not be realized, and they should ask Christ to abide with them now. Then would they make sunny and happy homes here for a few years, and be prepared, when the shadows of death come, to enter their Saviour's home on high. The disciples gave their best years to the service of Christ. We are all, old and young, approaching the evening of life, and should be earnest in asking the friend that sticketh closer than a brother, to abide with us. In middle age many shadows cross our path.—Loss of health, of friends, or prosperity. But if we are walking with Jesus, they will become bright. Jesus left his home on his resurrection morning to attest to his people that he was the very Jesus who walked with them on earth. The same Jesus is knocking at the door of our hearts now, and if we ask him to tarry with us, he will respond to the call as he did to the disciples of old. Another year is nearly gone,—it's evening is at hand. Let us all, with heartfelt sincerity and earnestness, ask the friend that walked with the disciples to tarry with us, for the day is far spent. He will surely respond to the call. Then all will be well, even if the shadows of death gather around us. He will reveal himself to our souls as the conqueror of Death,

**WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.**

In accordance with the time-honored custom of the Methodist Church throughout the world—the employment of the last moments of the year in solemn religious service, a watch-night service will be held this evening in the Prince Street Methodist Church, to commence at 10.30. The whole service, hymns (selected) prayers offered, and addresses delivered, have special reference to the solemnity of the hour. The last moments of the departing year, are spent by the worshippers in silent prayer. Then, as the New Year is ushered in, the congregation are invited to join in the New Year's hymn: "Come let us anew, our journey pursue, 'Roll round with the year.'" One speciality of the Methodist Watch-night is, that, while under the direction of the Pastor of the Church, the arrangements are varied, and lay-members of the Church, usually local preachers, are called upon to take part in the service.

**Stipendiary Magistrate's Court.**

Dec. 31.—Francis McKenna, drunk and incapable, was fined \$2 or 8 days; James Curran, same offence, was fined the same; John Doyle, larceny, was ordered to be imprisoned for six months with hard labor.

**NOTICE!**

**NEVER** in the history of the "LONDON HOUSE" have we been selling DRY GOODS so **LOW** as at present, and we would invite those in Town and country, who have not participated in the EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS we are giving, to call at once.

We only ask a personal inspection to show that we are, in good faith, **SELLING OFF** at the **LOW PRICES** advertised.

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Dec. 13th, 1877.—cod2w

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AT MODERATE PRICES.

Office:—Ings' Old Stand,

Corner Great George and Water Streets.

CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN,  
Mayor's Office, Dec. 27, 1877.

**SEALED TENDERS**

WILL be received at the Mayor's Office, endorsed "Tenders for Blacksmith Work," until **TUESDAY**, 15th January, 1877, at 4 p. m., for **Blacksmith Work** required for the City of Charlottetown during the year ending 31st December, 1878. Specification to be seen at the Mayor's Office. By order,

WM. B. MORRISON,  
City Clerk.

Dec. 27—2aw till 15th ar till 15th

**GROCERIES.**

31 Hbds. SUGAR,  
25 Bbls. do.,  
255 Packages TEA,  
135 Boxes RAISINS,  
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All of Finest quality and at lowest figure

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A LARGE LOT OF LADIES' WINTER

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**Black or Colored Silks,** LOW, TO CLEAR.

**French Merinos** —AND—

**Cashmeres,**

OF BEST MAKES, 50% EXTRA VALUE FROM 46c.

**BLACK LUSTRES,**

From 15c to 70c.

**PAISLEY SHAWLS,**

\$4.70—WORTH \$5.84.

A large lot of

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Fancy and Plain, to close lot from \$1.10.

**Beaver, Pilot & President CLOTHS.**

(Cheap).

PLAIN AND FANCY

**WOOL TWEEDS**

From 60c., (for Ulsters).

**Crapes, Fringes, Ribbons,**

Feathers and Flowers, (cheap).

**WOVE HOSIERY,**

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**FLANNELS,**

A LOT OF

**LADIES' TRIMMED HATS,**

From 75 cents.

**Velvet, Plushes, & Velveteens,**

Black and Fancy Shades, (very low).

**Ladies' Stays & Corsets,**

From 36 cents.

**TABLE LINEN, SHIRTINGS, SHEETINGS**

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(Extra Cheap.)

**WOOL UNION, FELT and HEMP CAR**

PETINGS, (cheap); STAIR CARPETS,

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**Good, All-Wool 10-4 Blankets,**

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**MENS' REEFING JACKETS, (Good)**

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Charlottetown, Dec. 18, 1877.

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**BANKRUPT SALE.**

**TO BE SOLD, BY AUCTION,** On the premises occupied by the **Herald Printing Office,** on **Wednesday, 23rd Jan., 1878,**

at Fairhaven Press, 1 Columbian Hand Press, together with all the **Type, Furniture and Paper** belonging to the Printing Office. A catalogue of articles can be seen at the Office of the subscriber.

**B. WILSOY HIGGS,** Assignee.

Dec. 31—2i

**OSTRICH FEATHERS**

Cleaned, Dyed and Curled. **Kid Gloves, Neckties and Ribbons** Cleaned and Dyed. Also—**Gent's Clothing, etc.** Orders left at the Shop of Mr. W. W. Stumbles, 27 Great George Street, promptly attended to.

**G. C. Gilmour,**

Silk Dyer, etc., Fitzroy Street.

Dec. 26—1m 2aw

**1877 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. 1878**

**FRESH RAISINS, CURRANTS, ALMONDS, PURE SPICES, NUTS, GENUINE ESSENCES.**

**HERBS, CANDIED PEELS, GELATINE, MARMALADE, JELLIES, DRY SWEET GINGER,**

**MACCARONI, VERMICELLI, PICKLES AND SAUCES, PURE PORT & SHERRY WINES, HENNESSY'S BRANDY, &c., &c.**

**W. R. WATSON.**

Dec. 20, 1877.

**LEVEE.**

**HIS HONOR** the Lieutenant Governor will hold a **LEVEE** at Government House, **TUESDAY**, the First day of January next, 1878, at the hour of one o'clock.

Each gentleman is requested to be provided with a Card, to be handed to the Aide-de-Camp in waiting.

Gentlemen paying their respects to His Honor on the occasion will please to enter by the eastern door.

**J. LONGWORTH,**

Lt. Col. and Aide-de-Camp.

**R. R. HODGSON,**

Lt. Col. and Aide-de-Camp.

Government House, 24th Dec., 1877—

**NOTICE.**

All Persons indebted to the Estate of the late Hon. Patrick Walker, are required to settle up their Accounts within one month from this date.

The large and well-assorted Stock on hand will be cleared out at **FIRST COST** for cash only.

**ANGUS J. McCORMACK,** Manager.

December 17, 1877—2w

Wants, etc., etc.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for **TEN CENTS** per day.

**LOST**—Last Sunday evening, 30th instant, between Post Office and Wesleyan brick Church, a **LEATHER WALLET**, containing a sum of Money and papers of value to the owner. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this Office.  
Dec. 31—3i cod pat 2i law

**LOST**—On Monday, the 31st inst., on Queen Street, a Bunch of **KEYS**. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the **EXAMINER** Office.  
Dec. 31—4f

**WANTED**—To do General Housework, a Servant **GIRL**. Highest wages paid. Enquire at this office.  
Ch'town, Dec. 31, 1877.

**FOUND**—On the street, on Sunday night, a Fur **BOA**. Apply at the **EXAMINER** Office, corner Great George and Water Streets.  
Dec. 31—

**WANTED**—A Good **HOUSEMAID**. Apply at once at the **REVERE** HOUSE.  
Ch'town, Dec. 29—3i

REMEMBER you can still get the best American, Baldwin, Greening and Russett Apples, at corner Pownal and Water streets.—**F. T. & W. L. DEAN.** de266i

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**WANTED**—To Rent, a Shop, suitable for painting sleighs and wagons in for the winter. Apply to **EDWARD MACGOWAN**, City Painter.  
Dec. 22, 1877.—3i cod pat 2i law

**WANTED**—Immediately, a Tanner and Courier. Apply to **SIMON BOLGER**, Head St. Peter's Bay.  
Dec. 22, 1877.—4f

**WANTED TO EXCHANGE**—A Single Jaunting Sleigh, nearly new, for a **DOUBLE-SEATED SLEIGH**. Apply at this office.  
December 17, 1877—1w