...e of the Teacher was illustrative ...the heralded purpose. He taught that the love of God and man was the fulfilment of the whole law, and that for the weary and heavy laden there was rest. It was reserved for a metaphysical theology to separate morality from religion, and to substitute a confession of faith for the practical doing of the Divine will. If the priesthood barred the avenues to holiness & knowledge in the Teacher's days, in what respect has it improved? In a review of the wars and fighting, in which both sides invoked the aid of the God of battles, no wonder that one of our poets—Wordsworth if we are not mistaken—described "slaughter as God's daughter."

Standing upon "the skirts of the departing year," it will be profitable to make some inquiry of the days that are past. The very name of the month which is about to open is significant of review and preparation. January—from Janus the God of gates and avenues, and who in that character held a key in his right hand and a rod in his left, to symbolize his opening and ruling the year—is the turning point of the year and is an appropriate point for taking observations. Cowper, in the following verses, with which we close our remarks, affords the happiest illustration we remember to have seen of the practical advantages ...telligent observance of times and

...rmed philosopher
...a wholesome fear,
...n spite of pain;
...blows from the north,
Soon the sweet spring comes dancing forth
And Nature laughs again.

If hindrances obstruct thy way,
Thy magnanimity display,
And let thy strength be seen;
But oh! if fortune fill thy sail
With more than a propitious gale,
Take half thy canvass in.

☞ Monday last was observed as a holiday by the business of Durham, generally.

FAIRBAIRN'S CONCERT.—Angus Fairbairn, the Scottish vocalist, and his company intend giving a concert in the Orange Hall, Durham, on Thursday next, Jan. 5th, 1871. Mr. Fairbairn has been very highly spoken of by the press of both England and America.

☞ The Concert in the Orange Hall on Wednesday night, in aid of Trinity Church, Durham, was well attended, and the performance taken altogether was of a very pleasing character.

☞ Mr. H. W. Leeson has opened a Shoe Shop, in Upper Town, opposite the "Durham Hotel," and announces his intention of taking all sorts of farm produce in exchange.

roads and bridges, and the work performed under his supervision during the year.

Moved by Mr. Lamprey, seconded by Mr. Travers, That a vote of thanks be tendered to James Edge, Esq., Reeve, for the very courteous and amiable conduct which he has evinced on all occasions while presiding over this Council. Carried. The Council then adjourned.

A PRUSSIAN OUTRAGE.

Sinking of Six British Ships.

GREAT INDIGNATION IN ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 27.—The sinking of six English ships in the Seine by the Prussians for the purpose of obstructing navigation has occasioned great indignation here and throughout England. The British Vice Consul at Rouen has presented to the Prussian commander a formal protest against the act of spoliation committed upon British subjects.

London, Dec. 27 (noon.)—There is immense excitement in this city consequent on the alarming intelligence that the Prussians have virtually committed an act of belligerency in the sinking of six English trading vessels in the Seine for the avowed purpose of obstructing the navigation of the river. The *Times* has published an "extra," a most unusual course, and endeavors to calm public sentiment by expressing a hope that the report is exaggerated and expresses the strong conviction that the Prussians would not commit so suicidal an act.—People will not listen to this and point to the despatch with indignation which states that the British Vice-Consul at Rouen has presented to the Prussian commander at Rouen an indignant and formal protest against this act of spoliation committed on British subjects. This is regarded here as confirmation of the truth of the despatch, and the *Standard* and other Conservative newspapers have bitter war-toned articles calling upon the Government either to resign or to declare itself insulted and take the needful means for the correction of this outrage upon the British flag.

London, Dec. 27 (afternoon).—The *Shipping Gazette*, which first doubted, now admits the truth of the reports concerning the treatment of British vessels in the Seine by the Prussians, and declares that the Government must instantly demand explanation and redress from Prussia.

fice of literal historical accuracy, given its sanction to a political creed, which, in our view, is incompatible with the idea of practical progress. All that is necessary to ensure the reception of a Reform candidate, according to the Central Committee, is to "adopt the platform of the Reform Convention of 1867," and to "denounce the Patent Combination Government of Mr. J. S. Macdonald."

Three-and-a-half years since, the "Patent Combination" was passing through the hatching process. To-day it presents its history for perusal, and courts the closest criticism. It will probably survive the attack of the perpetual South Grey Central Reform Committee.

LARGE YIELD.—Mr. Robert Laidlaw, lot 11, con. 11, Bentinck, informs us that this last season he procured and planted one pound of Oats, Norway variety, from which he had the enormous return of 100lbs.

☞ In our last issue, in giving the names of candidates for Municipal honors, in Bentinck, we overlooked the name of Mr. Geo. Adlam. Mr. A. intends contesting the election, and if elected we have no doubt will make a very efficient Councillor.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—On Monday last a Mr. Thompson, of Normanby, was brought before D. Winkler, Esq., charged with cutting a pine tree on the land of one Morth. The case was dismissed, as it was proven that the tree was on Thompson's own land. The division line not being run was the cause of the difficulty. People in cutting timber on lands where the lines are not run should be careful, and so should parties laying informations under similar circumstances.

The Phrenological Journal for January —New Volume—contains—"The Beecher's of to-day," with five excellent portraits; Importance of Chemistry, by Prof. Chas. A. Joy; H. B. Claflin, the eminent merchant; Dream-land, the Nature of Dreams; Physical Education—Eating and Mental Action—Dyspepsia, etc.; Moderation, a Poem; Woman's Sphere and Influence; R. B. Woodward, of California; Decision, its relation to a successful life; The Mormon People, who and what they are, their Religion, Social Life, Accomplishments and Prospects; The Editor's Message; The Study of Man; Leigh Hunt as an Essayist; "What Shall I do?" Adventures of a Non-Combatant; The Condor, illustrated, and a dozen other articles, brief, pertinent and interesting. The whole making up a number of peculiar excellence among the issues of a Monthly whose general superiority is universally acknowledged. Single numbers 30cts; for the year, including a handsome chromo premium, $3. S. R. Wells, Publisher, 389 Broadway, N. Y.

W. G. & B. RAILWAY.—As will be seen by advertisement in another column, the Directors of this Company are prepared to receive Tenders for the third section of the railway extending from Harriston to Paisley, a distance of 36½ miles.

THE WAR.

It is more than one hundred days since the battle of Chatillon and the complete investment of Paris, and yet after this long siege the city presents as defiant an attitude as ever to the German foe. No one supposed it would have held out a month at the farthest, but more than three months have elapsed since its communications were cut off, and still there are no signs of surrender. The Parisians have certainly succeeded in surprising the world by their patient endurance.

There is a report that a plot had been discovered at Versailles having for its object the assassination of King William, Von Molkt and Bismark.—The police of the German army have been unusually vigilant, making domiciliary visits all over the city and requiring the residents to give an account of themselves. Two hundred persons have been arrested, including many who were found to be armed.

According to the reports of German officers who have been exchanged, the condition of the city is pretty much what the French papers represent it to be. The idea of surrender is unthought of, and there seems to be a supply of provisions sufficient to last to the middle of February.

SHOOTING MATCH.—A shooting match for Turkeys and Geese will take place at the "Orchardville Hotel," Orchardville, on Tuesday next, Jan. 3rd, 1871. Sport to commence at 10 a. m. Ranges for both Rifle and Shot Gun.

☞ Parties getting printing at this office for Concerts, Soirees and such like, are expected to call at our office immediately after such entertainments take place and settle their bills.

A fearful conflagration visited St. Thomas on Christmas day. The loss is estimated at $70,000 or $80,000, nearly all covered by insurance. Two men are supposed to be buried in the ruins, and another was seriously injured

...tection or ... and excitement, and wearying of those objects and pursuits which for a time give him pleasure.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS! ... just received at F. H. EDWARDS', ... per can. PRUNES! PRUNES!! 10 lbs. for one dollar, at Edwards.'—A large quantity of first-class DRIED APPLES just to hand at EDWARDS,' and selling cheap.

MONEY TO LOAN.—Apply to D. Jackson, jr., Durham.

☞ Read the prospectus of *Moore's Rural New Yorker*, in another column; it is one of the best papers of its class in the world. As a family paper it is unsurpassed.

W. M. S. S. ANNIVERSARY.—Sermons will be preached in the W. M. Church, on Sabbath next, by Rev. H. Matthews, at 10½ a. m., and 6½ p. m. Collections in aid of Sabbath School.

☞ Durham Post Office will be open only one hour on Monday next—from half-past eight till half-past nine a. m.

DIED.—At Durham, on the 25th inst., Mary, third daughter of Mr. Alexander Rose, aged 26 years.

Toronto Money Market

TORONTO, noon, Dec. 28, 1870.
Greenbacks, buying at 90; selling at 90¾.
Large silver buying at 6; selling at 5.
Small silver buying at 10; selling at 7.
Gold opened at 110½; closed at 110¾.
Bank of Upper Canada Bills, 60 cts.

Commercial.

Durham Markets.

Durham, Dec. 28, 1870.

Fall Wheat,	$0 95 to $1 00
Spring Wheat,	0 90 to 0 95
Oats,	0 28 to 0 30
Peas,	0 45 to 0 50
Barley,	0 35 to 0 40
Flour,	5 00 to 5 50
Butter,	0 12½ to 0 00
Lard,	0 10 to 0 00
Eggs,	0 12½ to 0 00
Hay,	6 00 to 7 00
Potatoes,	0 20 to 0 20
Wool,	0 15 to 0 20
Sheepskins,	0 25 to 0 75
Calfskins per lb	0 08 to 0 10
Hides per cwt.	5 50 to 6 00
Shingles per 100lbs	5 00 to 5 75

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL.

H. W. LEESON has opened a shoe shop, in Upper Town, opposite the "Durham Hotel," where he is prepared to make Boots and Shoes to order and repair all work brought to him. Hides, skins and all sorts of Farm Produce taken in exchange at the highest market price. All work warranted.

Durham, Dec. 28th, 1870.

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE IN attendance on Thursday, Dec. 29th, 1870, at 3 o'clock p. m., on the ground, to let Bridge over Kemp Creek, on lot No. 57, Con. 3rd, S. D. R., better known as Deviation at Milligan's.

JAMES HOPKINS,
Reeve.

Bentinck, 19th, 1870. 203 2.

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Durham, Dec. 13th, 1870.

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J. SLOAN respectfully directs the attention of intending purchasers to his large and varied stock of Instruments of every style and finish, which for purity of tone, beauty of finish, and all the essential qualities of first-class Instruments, stand unrivalled in the Dominion. Each Instrument is warranted for 6 years, and kept in good order free of charge. Also the only Agent in the adjoining counties for Heintzman & Co.'s Pianos, which have been awarded the first prizes at the last two Annual Exhibitions of Ontario, above all other competitors; they are warranted for five years. He will deliver them in Owen Sound free of charge, at Manufacturers' prices. Price List on application. Pianos tuned. A large stock of first-class Concertinas always on hand, at the lowest possible prices.

Dec. 6, 1870. 201-6m.

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NEW WINTER GOODS,
CHEAP FLANNELS, WINCEYS,
A Large Stock of
OVERCOATS
READY MADE CLOTHING,
DRESS GOODS, &c.,
Also, a lot of
Fresh Teas,
and a large stock of
FRESH GROCERIES.
☞ Call and see the BARGAINS we are giving.
Axes! Axes!!
in great variety.
JOSHUA WOODLAND.
DURHAM, Dec. 14th, 1870.

&c., sent free to all ... we want a live Club Agent in ...
Address
D. D. T. MOORE,
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PROSPECTUS FOR 1871
OF
PUBLICATIONS
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Witness Office.

CANADIAN MESSENGER.—Semi-monthly, containing eight 4-column pages, devoted to temperance, science, agriculture, education and choice stories for the young.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.—An elegant magazine of 64 pages, filled with choice literature, original and selected, ... more pictorial illustrations, fashion plates, &c., monthly, besides a piece of music. Terms, $1 50 per annum, or a club of five (addressed separately) for $5, postpaid by publishers.

THE WEEKLY WITNESS.—A religious, literary and commercial newspaper of eight pages, with occasional supplements, $1 per annum; club of 9, addressed separately, for $8.

THE MONTREAL WITNESS.—Semi-weekly, containing all the matter of the WEEKLY and as much more, and bringing news, and markets twice a week instead of once, $2 per annum.

THE DAILY WITNESS.—Containing all the matter that afterward appears in the Semi-Weekly and a great deal more, together with daily telegrams, market reports and advertisements, $3 per annum. This paper has usually 13 to 14 columns of fresh, choice, interesting and instructive reading matter, or about 4000 columns per annum for $3.

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THE DOMINION MONTHLY with WEEKLY WITNESS to one address, $2, with SEMI-WEEKLY, $3, with DAILY, $4. The matter of the Dominion Monthly is entirely different from the Witness.

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D. ...
Durham, July 18...
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☞ A few good farms for sale.

Professor Ringo,
(LATE OF TORONTO),
BEGS TO INFORM THE CITIZENS of Durham that he has opened a Barber Shop over Cole & Reed's store, Lower Town, where he will be most happy to attend to the wants of all those requiring his services.

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There is no possibility of the borrower from this Company ever being called on suddenly or unexpectedly to pay off his debt.
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No fines to pay. No shares required to be taken. No commission charged. No expenses of renewals.
I am receiving applications for Loans. All business connected therewith will be promptly transacted.
A. McLELLAN,
Agent and Valuer.
Durham, August 11th, 1870. 184-tf.

New Shoe Shop!
A. SIMPSON
HAS COMMENCED BUSINESS IN the above line, in the premises next door to G. Isaac's saddlery shop, Upper Town, Durham, where he intends to devote his entire attention to CUSTOM WORK. Nothing but the best stock used, and a neat fit guaranteed. ☞ Prices to suit the times. 163-y.

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...pey won ...ore dark he was well ...n horse-racing.

Pompey succeeded in getting home without exciting any suspicions, and he now longed for the next Sabbath afternoon to come, for he was determined to try again. He did go again, and again he won; and this course of wickedness he kept up for two months, making his appearance on the race ground every Sunday afternoon, as soon as he could after 'meeting was out.' And during this time Pompey was not the only one who had learned to love the racing.—No, for Morgan himself had learned to love the excitement of the thing, too, and his every motion, when upon the track, showed how zealously he entered into the spirit of the game.

But these things were not always to remain a secret. One Sunday a pious deacon beheld this racing from a distance, and straightway went to the parson with the alarming intelligence. The Rev. Mr. Ridewell was utterly shocked. His moral feelings were outraged, and he resolved at once to put a stop to the wickedness. During the week he made many inquiries, and he learned that this thing had been practised all summer on every Sabbath afternoon.—He bade his parishioners keep quiet, and told them that on the next Sunday he would make his appearance on the very spot and catch them in their deeds of iniquity.

On the following Sabbath, after dinner Mr. Ridewell ordered Pompey to bring up Morgan and put him in the stable. The order was obeyed, though not without many misgivings on the part of the faithful negro.

As soon as the afternoon services were closed, the two deacons and some others of the congregation, accompanied the minister home with their horses.

'It is the most flagrant piece of abomination that ever came under my observation,' said the indignant clergyman, as they rode on.

'It is, most assuredly,' answered one of the deacons.

'Horse-racing on the Sabbath!' uttered the minister.

'Dreadful!' echoed the second deacon.

And so the conversation went on until they reached the top of a gentle eminence which overlooked the plain where the racing was carried on, and where some dozen horsemen, with a score of lookers-on, were assembled. The sight

...mouth ...isn't it!" ...
These last words were ... into a fit ... to the horse, and no sooner ... hear them than he stuck his ... and again started off. The good parson did his best to stop the bewitched animal, it could not be done. The more he struggled and yelled, the faster the animal went; and ere many moments he was again at the starting point, where Morgan now stopped of his own accord. There was now a hurried whispering among the wicked ones, and a succession of very curious winks and knowing nods which seemed to indicate that they understood.

'Upon my soul, parson,' said the leader of the abomination, approaching the spot where the minister sat in his saddle, he having not yet sufficiently recovered his presence of mind to dismount, 'you ride well. We had not looked for this honor'

'Honor, sir!' gasped Parson Ridewell, looking blankly into the speaker's face.

'Ay—for 'tis an honor. You are the first clergyman who has ever joined us in our Sabbath evening entertainments.'

'I—I, sir! I joined you?'

'Ha, ha, ha! O, you did it well; your good deacons really think you tried to stop your horse; but I saw how slyly you put your horse up. But I don't blame you for feeling proud of old Morgan, for I should feel so myself if I owned him. But you need not fear; I will tell all who may ask me about it, that you did your best to stop your beast; for I would rather stretch the truth a little than have such a good jockey as you suffer.'

This had been spoken so loudly that the good deacons had heard every word, and the parson was bewildered; but he soon came to himself, and with a flashing eye he cried:—

'Villains, what mean you? Why do ye thus—'

'Hold on,' interrupted one of the party, and, as he spoke, the rest of the racing men had all mounted their horses, 'hold on a moment, parson. We are willing to allow you to carry off the palm, but we won't stand your abuse. When we heard that you had determined to try if your horse would not beat us all, we agreed among ourselves that if you came we would let you in. We have done so, and you have won the race in a two-mile heat. Now, let that satisfy you. By the hokey, but you did it well. When you want to try it again, just send word and we'll be ready for you. Good-bye!'

As the wretch th...

...money was so abundant with him, but he wished others to suppose that it was; that it was quite beneath his genius to care for such trifling amounts.

Do you suppose Tom deceived anybody, or made any one respect him more on this account? He might make stable boys occasionally, but others knew at a glance that he was possessed of a very shallow purse and shallower brains.

No business man ever desires such a boy about his establishment. No gentleman but would not wish his boy to have such an associate.

"Straw tells which way the wind blows," and the way a boy takes care of his money pretty surely foretells his future fortune.

Successful business men did not carry their money loose in their jackets when they were boys. They were prudent of even the pennies.

Some one asked Mr. Astor, in his old age, to tell him the secret of his great success in making money.

"Very willingly," said the old gentleman. "Just draw up your chair and we will put out the lights, as we can talk just as well in the dark."

"Oh, I see!" said the man. "The secret is unravelled. You became a millionaire by saving what others waste."

"Yes, the way to gain a million of dollars is to begin by the cents. They will soon turn into dimes and the dimes to dollars."

If you desire to become a millionaire buy you a good, strong purse large enough to hold the pennies and let frugality furnish you a pair of strings for it. Then, with industry and perseverance, you may soon be able to make a good beginning for a comfortable future.

He who gives way to angry invectives leads us to suppose his cause is bad.

The founders of large fortunes are generally themselves too mean to enjoy them.

An active life is the best guardian of virtue, and the best preservative of health.

Money and time have both their value. He who makes a bad use of the one will never make a good use of the other.

He is a wise man that can avoid an evil; he is a patient man that can endure it; but he is a valiant man that can conquer it.

Few things in the ...

...lament over lost opportunities for mental and moral culture.

In his autobiography, Sir Walter Scott says:—"If it should ever fall to the lot of youth to peruse these pages, let such youth remember that it is with the deepest regret that I recollect in my manhood the opportunities of learning which I neglected in my youth; that through every part of my own ignorance; and that I would give at this moment half the reputation I have had the good fortune to acquire, if by so doing, I could rest the remaining part a sound foundation of learning and science.'

Edmund Burke grew wise in this respect when it was not too late to retrieve most of his errors and losses, for, before his youth was entirely passed, he wrote a friend:—'What would I not give to have my spirit a little more stirred! I am giddy: this is the bane of life; it hurries me from studies to trifles, and I am afraid it will hinder me from knowing anything thoroughly. I have a superficial knowledge of many things, but scarcely the bottom of any.'

Washington Irving when giving counsel to his young friends, exclaimed in bitterness of heart:—'How many an hour's study have I had to subject myself to to atone in a slight degree for the hours which I have suffered society to cheat me out of!'

And Josiah Quincy, in his diary laments more than once his 'neglect that mental and moral cultivation' which he regards as the noblest of human pursuits. On one occasion he says:—'I resolve, therefore, in future to be more circumspect—to hoard my moments with more thrifty spirit—to listen less to the suggestions of indolence, and to quicken that spirit of intellectual improvement to which I devote my life.'

Loud and boisterous laughter. Reading while others are talking. Speaking aloud in company without being asked. Talking while others are reading. Cutting your finger nails in company. Leaving church before public worship is over. Whispering or laughing in church. Gazing rudely at strangers in the streets or elsewhere. Turning your head or body in order to see who enters the church. To neglect the aged under any circumstances, are impolite things.

The weather in California is fine, and strawberries and flowers are abundant and cheap in San Francisco markets.

Just as a traveller was writing his name on the register of a Leavenworth hotel, a bedbug took its way across the page. The man paused and remarked: 'I've been bled by St. Joe fleas, bitten by Kansas City spiders, and interviewed by Fort Scott greybacks, but I'll be blowed if I was ever in a place before where the bedbugs looked at the hotel register to find out where your room was?' And he sadly gathered up his baggage and departed in search of a house where the bugs were less highly educated.

WHO ART THOU?—A few Sabbaths since a stout, fatherly-looking man was pressing his way through the crowd in Plymouth church, in order to get nearer Beecher, when he was arrested in his progress by the great preacher's voice singing out the words of the text, 'Who art thou?' 'Who art thou?' again cried out the dramatic. The stout party, thinking himself in the wrong, perhaps, by pressing forward, and believing himself to be personally addressed, started the brethren and non-plussed their reverend chieftain by sedately replying: 'I'm a pig merchant from Chicago, sir. I hope you ain't mad.—There ain't nary chare, or else I'd a sot down.

The first lesson in drawing—Drawing your breath.

A gentleman who was passing through Hillsborough, Mo., recently, when he came upon a youth of apparently seventeen summers, who was furiously scratching at the side of a gravelly hill.

'What are you after, my friend?' inquired the stranger.

'After a ground hog I saw run in this hole.'

'Why, you don't expect to get him in that way?'

'Git him! Bound to git him.—We're out of meat!'

A stranger at New York, seeing a lady driving and her groom with folded arms behind, thought 'that nigger must pay that nice-looking girl a pile to drive his carriage for him.'

The latest case of verdancy noted is that of a young man who purchased a box of paper collars—14's—and finding but ten collars in the box, went back for the other four!

...arsenic, and the chickens ... die.

Conversation between an inquiring stranger and steamboat pilot: 'That is Black Mountain?' 'Yes, sir, highest mountain about Lake George.' 'Any story or legend connected with the mountain?' 'Lot's of 'em. Two lovers went up that mountain once and never came back again!' 'Indeed!—What became of them?' 'Went down on the other side!'

Many years ago a Boston lawyer, named Kent, got lost while travelling in the woods on Cape Cod. Coming to a house he rode up to the door and accosted the lady of the house as follows: 'Madam, if you tell me who I was, who I am, where I am, and where I am going, I will give you a dollar.' The woman eyed him from head to foot for a moment, and then said: 'You were Kent, the minister, you are now Kent, the lawyer; are in Falmouth woods, and you are going to the devil.' He handed her the dollor and rode on.—The lady happened to know him.

'Man wants but little ...
wants that little long,'
wants everything he c...
and never is willing to let ... grab. Whenever you find a man who is thoroughly satisfied with what he has got, you will find either an ideot, or one who has tried to get some more and couldn't do it. The older a man grows the more wantful he bekums; as his hold on life slackens, his pinch on a dollar grows grippy.—JOSH BILLINGS.

Volage, who is a single man, is generally considered honest, but says there are times when his fingers have itched to look a dress.

Seward, late Secretary of State at Washington, is wandering in China, and according to American despatches makes a sensation wherever he goes. He seems to be warmly welcomed, and the authorities are getting up all sorts of entertainments to do him honor. They had a thrilling one at Tien-Tsin after a favorite fashion of the 'heathen Chinee.' While Mr. Seward was the guest at a banquet at the Russian embassy, sixteen unhappy wretches with pigtails were slaughtered in a neighboring execution ground for participating in the Tien-Tsin massacre of last summer.