

For the Christian Messenger. MANCHESTER, N. S., March 3, '56.

MEMBERS EDITORS. On looking over a collection of Psalms and Hymns published for the Diocese of Nova Scotia, my mind was struck with the name, &c., of the person who seems to have authority over the church, in recommending them to be adopted for general use—signed "H. Nova Scotia"—Halifax, "Feast of St. Matthias."

Dear Sir,—I feel curious enough to ask you for an explanation of the same—"Understandest thou what thou readest?" Yours &c., J. C.

In answer to the above we may briefly state that whatever variation, however slight, in the observance of the Church of England ritual, it is necessary to have the sanction of the Bishop of the Diocese, who is accustomed on all occasions to drop his surname and adopt the name of the Diocese. In England this arose from the Bishops being temporal as well as Spiritual Lords, or Barons of the realm, and taking their seats as such in the House of Peers in right of their Barony. In ancient feudal times this Lordship was no mere empty ceremony, for Bishops were sometimes known to have appeared clad in armour at the head of their retainers, and were found in the thickest of the fight. It is to be feared the sword of the Spirit must have lost its temper in such hands. As regards Colonial Bishops, the mode of signature and the title of Lordship accorded them, must be merely of courtesy, as they do not possess the characteristics that (independent of Gospel principles) entitle them to it in England. As respects "The Feast of St. Matthias" the Church of England rubric, if we recollect aright, only recognizes as Saints Holy days, the days dedicated in the Roman Calendar to the Apostles, and certain services are accordingly appropriated for such seasons as Church feasts in the Book of Common Prayer.

Brother Rogers, of Pugwash, informs us he is about leaving for a tour in Canada West, on behalf of the Bible Union. We wish him much success.

Our latest European intelligence, which, by the Africa just arrived at New York, reaches up to the 23rd ult., still continues to afford sanguine hopes of the ultimate establishment of Peace. Many, we are well aware, are very incredulous on the subject. The conduct of Russia was in the inception of the war marked by so much bad faith and diplomatic knavery, that people cannot divest themselves of the belief that she is yet sincere in all her apparent movements towards ending the struggle. We believe, however, that Russia has stronger reasons than her own mere inclinations, to put a stop to the conflict. Her sufferings and loss, have we believe, been such as even with all her power and resources, she finds she cannot much longer sustain, unless at a peril which she is not inclined to brave. Isolated as she must shortly be even in her diplomatic connections with her nearest neighbours, and having the evidence before her eyes, that the resources of the Allies are still ample for an offensive system of warfare—she has, we think, at least begun to count the cost, and is not inclined to push matters further with so heavy a chance against her of still greater losses, than a peace, concluded at the present moment, would entail upon her. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries who are to decide the great question, commenced its sittings in Paris on the 23rd ult., and as our next English mail will have left on the 1st inst, it will, we may hope, bring us details by which we may be enabled to form some probable conjecture as to the result. We doubt not thousands of prayers are ascending to God, that a spirit of wisdom and peace may descend and direct their deliberations. By the last telegraphic despatch it appears that the excitement caused by the American question in England was subsiding. Until it really occur, we cannot bring ourselves to believe, that anything so insane as a serious rupture, can take place between Great Britain and the United States. We shall be anxious to hear what action will be taken in the American Congress on the subject of Slavery. The question is one that cannot possibly be staved off, as each returning Session of General Legislation must be called on to deal with it in one shape or another. Their success in the choice of a Speaker in the lower House has given the Anti-Slavery party an advantage which they will without doubt endeavour to improve. The Kansas affair will also tend to bring the matter before Congress under circumstances that can hardly be disposed of without some decisive measure of one kind or another.

The proceeding of our own Legislature will be found in our reporting columns. The debates of last week were concluded by a division, in which the Government had seven of a majority. The Education Bill, which is as yet the most important of the Session, has not yet come under discussion. It is probable that great diversity of opinion will prevail on the subject, both in the House and out of doors. We give a brief outline of some of its most important features in another column.

ARRIVAL OF THE ARABIA.

The Steamer Arabia arrived last night, bringing Liverpool dates to March 1st, from which we give the following brief extracts:—

Latest Telegraphic Despatch.

The Peace Conference.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The first sitting of the Congress took place yesterday, (Monday), at one, p. m. The Powers represented, and the Ministers representing them, are:—

France, Count Walewski and Baron Bourqueney; England, the Earl of Clarendon and Lord Cowley; Turkey, Aali Pacha and Mehemet Djemil Bey; Sardina, Count Cavour; Austria, Count Buol-Schauenstein and Baron de Hubner; Russia, Count Orloff and Baron Brunow.

The sitting lasted until half-past four.

It has been arranged that an armistice shall be concluded between the belligerents, to remain in force till the 31st of March. This armistice will not affect the blockade established or to be established. The plenipotentiaries did not meet to-day (Tuesday), but will assemble again to-morrow, at one o'clock.

General Intelligence.

The Hon. Samuel Chipman, Financial Secretary was returned for Cornwallis on Monday last, by a large majority.

J. S. Thompson, Esq., Lectured before the Mechanics' Institute, last Wednesday evening, on Mathematical Geography. Mr. Hugo Reid will Lecture next Wednesday evening.

Nineteen patridges were seized one day last week by order of His Worship the Mayor, the same being exposed in the market for sale, in violation of the Game Laws.

His Worship the Mayor justly mulcted two or three youths in the sum of 40s. each for using bad language on the streets near one of the churches on Sunday night last.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—To be Notaries and Tabellions Public—Peter S. Hamilton, Esq., of Halifax; William Bigelow, Junr., Esq., of Cape Canso, Guysborough.

FIRE AT DARTMOUTH.—A House on the Preston road, about five miles from Dartmouth, occupied by Mr. A. Bell, was burnt to the ground on Tuesday afternoon last.

FIRE AT ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—Mr John Burgoyne, of French Village, St. Margaret's Bay, had his barn—containing about 4 tons hay, several farming implements, and 10 sheep—totally consumed by fire on Tuesday last. We understand the loss to be about £160.

United States.

The U. S. President has recommended the appropriation of three millions of dollars for increasing the military efficiency of the country.

The accumulation of ice in the docks, in connection with a very high course of tides, says the Salem Register of the 11th, illustrates on a small scale, to be sure, some of the powerful operations in the Arctic regions. Some of the buildings over the water, in different localities in this city, have been raised six, eight and ten feet by the pressure of the ice; in some chimneys have been thrown down and floors forced up; and in several instances, heavy spiles on which they rested have been drawn up out of the mud by the action of the ice and tide. We understand, also, that several bridges in the vicinity have been similarly affected. Nature works with silent but tremendous power.

The Charleston Evening News understands that the elephant which was lost overboard from a vessel bound to that port, made its way safely into Mt. Pleasant harbour. The vessel was far out at sea, and a heavy gale was blowing when the elephant went overboard. Its feat of riding out the storm is the most remarkable instance of animal strength and endurance on record.

A remarkable fact contained in the abstract of births in Massachusetts in 1854, is the great increase of children of foreign parents. Of the 32,000 born, but 16,470 were of American parents, while 14,000 were of parents, one or both foreigners—and the increase from foreign parents was more than twice what it was from native parents.

HAVANA.—The United States mail steamship Quaker City arrived at this port on Thursday last, having been detained by the ice, just outside the bay, four days. The constant rains in Cuba have destroyed all the planters' hopes of a large sugar crop. A great many strangers from the United States have been spending the winter on the Island, and the carnival was kept up with great spirit. The festivities were to close on the 10th inst. Several vessels are in the harbor of Havana, fitting out for the coast of Africa. They are narrowly watched, however, and probably will be seized before they can sail.

The Rev. Dr. Newman is still at Rome. Dr. Manning was also expected there to preach during Lent.

Letters Received.

W. Armstrong, 28th, (rem.) D. McQuillan, 25th, (rem.) Wm. McCully, 1st. W. Churchill, Esq., (rem.) Rev. J. Stevens, 29th, (rem.) Rev. C. Tupper, (2 letters.) Rev. J. A. Stubbart, 7th. Rev. J. C. Morse, 25th, and 4th, (rems.) J. DeWolf, (rem.) R. S. Lowden, 1st, (rem.) Rev. J. C. Hurd, (2 letters.)—C. H. Harrington, 26th, (rem.) Rev. G. Armstrong, 27th and 3rd. G. V. Rand, 4th, (1 sub., rem.) J. F. Freeman, (rem.) J. C. Anderson, (rem.) N. E. Davison, 25th, (rem.) Rev. A. Shiels. J. Gourley, 5th.

Monies Received.

We have received from an anonymous friend the sum of Eight pounds on behalf of the Rev. Ronald McDonald's Mission to Margaree, C. B.

The Treasurer of French Mission Fund acknowledges the receipt of the following sums:—

Rev. J. J. Skinner, Port Medway Ch., £1 0 0
C. Tupper, collected by Rev. A. Stronach, 1 0 0
J. C. Hurd, per Canso Church, 2 0 0
J. C. Morse, Little River Church, 1 0 0
Henry Angell, Donation, 0 10 0

W. CHURCHILL.

Feb. 28th, 1856.

WHAT THE NEW YORK CITY FOLKS SAY OF

Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Vermifuge.

MANUFACTURED BY FLEMING BROS.

NEW YORK, August 25, 1852.

This is to certify that I am well acquainted with a man fifty years of age, for many years a resident of this city, who has been at times extremely ill, but could not tell from what cause, unless it was worms. He told his attending physician his suspicions, but the physician at once ridiculed the idea, and refused to attend him any longer. His son then mentioned Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge, and asked him if he would take it; his reply was—I must take something to get relief, or die.

They at once procured a bottle of Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Vermifuge, and he took one half at one dose. The result was, he passed upwards of three quarts of worms, cut up in every form. He got well immediately, and is now enjoying most excellent health; and, like the good Samaritan of old, is endeavoring to relieve his unfortunate neighbors. He makes it his business to hunt up and select all cases similar to his own, that may be given over by regular physicians, and induces them to try Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge. So far he has induced more than twenty persons to take the Vermifuge, and in every case with the most happy results. He is well satisfied that Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge, prepared by Fleming Bros. of Pittsburgh, is far superior to any other known remedy, and that if more generally known would not fail to save many valuable lives. For further particulars inquire of Mrs. Hardie, 124 1/2 Cannon Street, New York City.

Purchasers will be careful to ask for DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE, manufactured by FLEMING BROS. of PITTSBURGH, PA. All other Vermifuges in comparison, are worthless. Dr. M'Lane's genuine Vermifuge, also his Celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores. None genuine without the signature of FLEMING BROS.

Sold in Halifax, by JOHN NAYLOR, and WM. LANGLEY.

Commercial.

HALIFAX MARKETS.

CORRECTED FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 11

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Bread, Navy, per cwt., Beef, Prime, Ca., Butter, Canada, per lb., Coffee, Laguyra, Tea, Flour, Am. spf., Cornmeal, Indian Corn, Molasses, Mus. per gal., Pork, Prime, per bbl., Sugar, Bright P. R., per cwt., Bar Iron, com., Hoop, Sheet, Codfish, large, per qt., Salmon, No. 1, per bbl., Mackerel, No. 1, Herrings, Alewives, Haddock, Coal, Sydney, per chd., Fire Wood, per cord.

PRICES AT THE FARMER'S MARKET, MARCH 11.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Fresh Beef, per cwt., Oatmeal, Pork, Fresh, per lb., Veal, Lamb, Bacon, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, per dozen, Poultry—Chickens, Geese, Ducks, Turkeys, per lb., Calf-skins, per lb., Yarn, Potatoes, per bushel, Apples, per barrel, Homespun Cloth, (wool) per yard, Do. (sector and wool).

WILLIAM NEWCOMB, Clerk of Market.

Notices.

There will be a series of religious meetings held with the Baptist Church at Port Medway, commencing (D. V.) on Saturday the 22nd inst., at one o'clock. Ministering Brethren and others are earnestly requested to attend. May the Lord put it into the hearts of some of our brethren to come, and may they come "in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

Female Complaints.—Miss Edwards, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, aged 18, was for a long time in a very delicate state, the mother anxiously watched her daughter, and consulted many physicians in the hope of her being benefited, finding medical assistance unavailing, the mother boldly determined to have recourse to Hel-loway's Pills,—after the first week, the improvement was so decided, that she determined to continue them, and by persevering for two months with the treatment laid down by Professor Holloway, the mother had the satisfaction of once more seeing her daughter restored to health, although her life had been previously de-spaired of. These celebrated Pills are a certain cure for dropsy, as well as stomach and liver complaints.

The attention of the public is called to the advertisement of Dyer's Healing Embrocation, one of the best Remedies for Rheumatism, Cuts, Wounds, Scalds, Burns, Sprains and all external and internal pains ever discovered. For sale by G. E. Morton & Co., and Druggists everywhere.

Married.

On the 11th ult., by the Rev. C. Tupper, Mr. William Burton Downie, to Miss Sarah Ann Milbury, both of Upper Wilmot.

At Little Bras d'Or, by the Rev. Augustus Shiels, Mr. Donald McLeod, of Sydney Mines, to Miss Margaret Hull, eldest daughter of Mr. Moses Hull, of that place.

Died.

On the 2nd inst., Mrs. Elizabeth, relict of the late James Wilson, in the 53rd year of her age.

On the 3rd inst., Mr. Elias Woodworth, Locomotive Engineer of the Railroad, in the 45th year of his age.

On the 4th inst., Sarah, wife of R. T. Scott, Esq., Surgeon of H. M. 76th Regiment, in the 44th year of her age.

At Lunenburg, on the 3rd inst., Catherine Anne, wife of Charles N. Oxner, and eldest daughter of the late Chas. M. Cleary, Esq.

At Gairloch, Pictou County, on the 3rd inst., in the 27th year of her age, Jessie Graham, wife of Mr. Fergus Ferguson.

At Upper Aylesford, on the 1st inst., after a short illness, Mrs. Fanny Sheffield, wife of Mr. Benjamin B. Sheffield, in the 61st year of her age. Mrs. S. was an affectionate wife and kind mother, and was universally esteemed and beloved. She left the world with serenity of mind, and unwavering confidence in the Saviour.

At Liverpool, N. S., on the 27th ult., Alfred, son of Philip and Amelia Wiswell, aged 1 year and 10 months.

At Yarmouth, on the 27th ult., Geo. Fletcher, fourth son of Mr. Dennis Horton, aged 15 years.

At Mill Brook, Pictou, on the 24th ult., Mr. Thomas Fraser, in the 33rd year of his age.

At Mill Brook, Pictou, on the 24th ult., in the 60th year of her age, Isabella Ross, the beloved wife of Mr. Robert McKay.

At S. W. Margaree, C. B., on the 13th ult., of consumption, John McDougall, Jr., in his 24th year.

At Port Medway, on the 22nd ult., Mr. John Glasgow, in the 73rd year of his age.

At Round Hill, Co. Annapolis, on the 15th February, Sarah, relict of the late Mr. John Haley, of Lower Granville, aged 76 years. Her children and friends mourn not without hope. Her end was peace.

In Lower Aylesford, on the 9th ult., after a short illness, Miss Sarah Jane, daughter of the Rev. Henry Saunders, aged 28 years.

At Constantinople, 28th January, of Small Pox, Capt. Wm. Inness, master of the barque Alma, and a native of Liverpool, N. S., aged 37 years, leaving a wife and three children, and numerous friends to mourn their loss.

On the Indian Ocean, while on a voyage from Calcutta to London, on board the Ship John M. Wood; in the 24th year of his age, George B. Meloney, fourth son of John Meloney, Esq., of North Sydney, C. B. The deceased was a young man of sterling integrity and of much promise. His death is deeply and most sincerely lamented by his bereaved parents and relatives and by the inhabitants of the place generally. He professed faith in Christ when 13 years of age under the ministry of Rev. George Richardson.

Shipping List.

Arrived.

WEDNESDAY, March 5th.—Schr Aehiever, Banks, Portland, 5 days.—George H. Starr & Co.

THURSDAY, 6th.—Packet Brig America, O'Brien, Boston, 33 hours.—B. Wier & Co.—15 passengers; brig Ranger, Paynter, Cienfuegos, 23 days.—Firth & Harvey; schr Lunenburg Packet, Lunenburg, 4 1/2 hours; Mary, Liverpool, N. S.

FRIDAY, 7th.—Packet barque Halifax, Laybold, Boston, 50 hours.—Young & Hart; schr Isabel Maria, Smith, Antigua, 21 days.

SATURDAY, 8th.—Steamer Curlew, Hunter, St. Thomas, 10 1/2 days; via Bermuda, 4 1/2 days; Sylvia, Young, Lunenburg.

SUNDAY, 9th.—Brigs Bloomer, Woods, St. John, N. F., 16 days, via Bay of Bulls, where she was frozen in for several days—bound to Boston; Ada, St. John, N. B.—T. A. S. DeWolf.

SUNDAY, 9th.—Packet brig Ada, (new) Simpson, St. John, N. B., 50 hours.—W. L. Evans.

TUESDAY, March 11th.—Brig Africa, Meagher, Boston, 2 days.—B. Wier & Co.; schr Janiata, Willard, Baltimore, 8 days.—Creighton & Grassie; R. M. S. Arabia, Stone, Liverpool, G. B., 10 1/2 days.—S. Cunard.

Cleared.

THURSDAY, 6th.—Brig Dasher, Dolby, New York schr James, Walsh, Nfld.

FRIDAY, 7th.—Schr Harriet Newall, Parsons, New York; Medway Belle, Norris Philadelphia.

SATURDAY, 8th.—Napier, B. W. Indies; Vermont, McLeod, Boston.

MONDAY, 10th.—America, (pkt), O'Brien, Boston; Dart, Seaboyer, Baltimore.

TUESDAY, March 11th.—Brig Swordfish, Piers, Matanzas.