

shore, and was borne away gasping in death. How impressively does the tragical event illustrate the way in which a majority of impenitent sinners perish forever! It is not a deliberate purpose to neglect salvation. But in the pursuit of imaginary good, fascinated with pleasing objects just in the future, they lightly, ambitiously, and insensibly venture too far. They sometimes fear the result of desired wealth, or pleasure; they sometimes hear the thunder of eternity's deep, and recoil a moment from the allurements of sin; but the solemn pause is brief, the onward step is taken; the fancied treasure is in the grasp, when a despairing cry comes from Jordan's waves, and the soul sinks into the arms of the second death.—*Exchange.*

For the Christian Messenger.

Cape Canso.—New Parsonage.—Donation Visit.

MR. EDITOR,

This world, notwithstanding all its evils and deformities, is blessed—in connection with many other good things—with a certain class of men, who when they engage in any laudable undertaking, calculate to put it right through, despite all obstacles, difficulties, or obstructions of any earthly character; and very fortunately for us “Down easters,” a few of that same class happen to reside in this locality. You were informed a short time ago that the erection of a Baptist parsonage for this place was in contemplation. I am happy now to inform you that it was commenced shortly afterwards, and is now completed. It is sufficiently large, well-proportioned, and neatly finished. For comfort and convenience it is second to none, if not superior to any in the community; and considering the extreme depression of the times, owing to the comparative failure of the fishery during the past season, it is a credit to the whole-hearted Baptists of Cape Canso.

During the past 14 months we have been entertained at the house of our esteemed brother, Spinney Whitman, Esq., from whom, and his excellent family, we have received the greatest kindness and attention, which we shall ever hold in grateful remembrance.

On New Year's Day we removed and took possession of the new house. At about 3 o'clock, p. m., our friends began to gather, bringing with them very tangible evidences of good-will. At 7, we all sat down to a rich repast, provided by the ladies, whose entire efficiency in that department has been so often tested on similar occasions,—and regaled ourselves with a relish sufficient to demonstrate, that a pure atmosphere and industrious habits are at least conducive to a good appetite. The remainder of the evening was spent in our usual way—for we have a peculiar method of doing things down here, which we don't care to make too generally known.

After the formalities usual on such occasions, the exercises of the evening closed with singing and prayer, and the friends repaired to their homes, leaving behind them sufficient in value to furnish their pastor and his family with all the necessaries of life during the winter. Thus you see, Mr. Editor, that the first evening of the New Year passed off with us in a very different manner to that which it was your misfortune to experience; but that does not deprive us of a disposition to sympathize most heartily with you in the sad loss and inconvenience to which you have been subjected by the late calamity at Halifax. When the intelligence reached us, all hearts were saddened, not less on account of the distress into which you and others had been so suddenly thrown, than on account of the supposed loss, for some time, of our old and valued friend.—*The Messenger.* And you cannot imagine with what cheerfulness its unexpected return was hailed after even so short an absence. And although it is out of our power to do much, yet you may rest assured that nothing will be wanting on our part to act as promptly as possible upon the very wise and noble suggestion of your worthy friend, J. W. Bates, Esq.

Truly yours,
J. C. HURD.

Cape Canso, Jan., 1857.

The poet Campani once asked his friend Haydn, how it happened that his church music was almost always of an animating, cheerful, and even gay description? The great composer replied, “I cannot make it otherwise. I write according to the thoughts which I feel—when I think upon God, my heart is so full of joy, that the notes dance and leap, as it were, from my pen; and since God has given me a cheerful heart, it will be easily forgiven me that I served him with a cheerful spirit.”

Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, FEBRUARY 4, 1857.

The Supplement of the December Number of the English Baptist Magazine contains an enlarged list of the various Baptist Institutions and Societies in the United Kingdom. It affords a pleasing and satisfactory evidence of the gradual increase and influence of our denomination in the mother country. Their efforts and expenditures in the great objects, religious, moral, and benevolent, for which they have ever been conspicuous, are annually yielding increased contributions towards the advancement of genuine scripture truth and the alleviation of human misery. Their foreign Missionary operations, which are mostly confined to the Indies, East and West, and Africa, are making, although not great, yet encouraging progress. Their Educational Institutions in England, which are chiefly confined to the preparation of Candidates for the ministry of the Gospel, are also making favourable progress, while here and there throughout the country are springing up new interests and new places of worship, and new ministers are being yearly settled in various localities, disseminating the pure and simple truths of the Gospel.

The most prominent step in Educational affairs during the year, has been the removal of the Theological Seminary from Stepney, near London, to Regent's Park—a most eligible site, where the business of Ministerial preparation is intended to be conducted on an enlarged scale, and a commencement is also made of connecting with it the means of obtaining a liberal education for secular students.

By the published list of Baptist Ministers in England and Scotland, we observe that there are as many as 1500, including all the sections of the Baptist Profession. The great bulk of them, however, belong to the regular associated Bodies.

The English Magazine, which has been published now about fifty years, has, at the commencement of the present year, passed into the hands of a new Editor, the Rev. S. Manning, and will come out in an improved form. It has been a most useful and well-conducted Journal.

The Freeman, the English Baptist Newspaper, now in its second year, is an exceedingly well edited publication, and is obtaining a large and general circulation. It is not strictly a religious paper, although the great proportion of its matter refers to religious or ecclesiastical subjects.

We offered some short time since a few remarks, called forth by the warm political controversy still going forward, between the Hon. Joseph Howe and the Catholic paper. Had we not been specially referred to, we certainly should not have deemed it either proper or prudent, as a religious Journal, to say one word on the subject, nor has any thing since transpired to convince us that we were in error. On the contrary, such of our cotemporaries as have ventured further than ourselves, have, in our opinion, transgressed the bounds of prudence, and put themselves in a position, as regards the publication of communications on either side, to say the least of it, extremely undesirable. We have ever felt, and endeavoured to act on the principle, that a Religious Paper must seriously compromise its usefulness by allowing itself to be needlessly drawn aside to mix up in political matters. Were it otherwise, we might feel it our duty to offer our advice to our readers, or express our views on the important public questions now at issue. That they are important, both as to the future of our Provincial Diplomacy, and the great public interests of the country, we cannot doubt, but we cannot yet discern any adequate motives that should induce us to enlist ourselves in the contest.

To-morrow, is the day appointed for the meeting of our Legislature. We scarcely ever recollect a period when public expectation was more awakened to the commencing operations of the assembled body, or when there was greater uncertainty as to the results of the first week of the session. What new combinations may take place, or how the Ship of State is to be hereafter directed, is just now involved in no little doubt. We have not a few talented and leading men in the assembly who must be called on to take an active and decided part in giving shape and character to our future political prospects. We sincerely trust that an honest desire to promote the true interests of the country may be the prevailing motive that shall direct their course. If

such be the case, we may wait the issue with the assurance that even amid the collisions and asperities of public debate, the end will come out right.

Until important preliminary matters shall have been settled, we need not anticipate the future action of the Legislature as to questions that must come before them for deliberation. We shall as heretofore devote a good proportion of our pages to as full a digest as possible of the proceedings of both Houses.

We are glad to see from the brief communication of Brother Reid, of Ohio, (Yarmouth Co.) that a very satisfactory state of religious revival prevails in his Church. We trust it may continue, and leave the best evidence of its being a genuine work of Divine grace in the future lives of those who have been or may still be the subjects of its influence. The true minister of Christ can possess no solace or enjoyment equal to that of witnessing the fruits of his prayers and labours, in the abiding effects of that Gospel which it is his great object to hold forth in all its freeness and fullness to those who hear him.

Baptist College in Canada West.

We are rejoiced to see that our brethren in Canada West are likely soon to enjoy the advantages of collegiate education on their own soil. The experience of the past has taught them the unspeakable importance of making liberal provision for this service.

We extract the following from the *Montreal Pilot* and congratulate the denomination on the success that has thus far attended their efforts.

BAPTIST COLLEGE.—The town of Woodstock is the successful competitor for the location of the important school of learning which is about to be established in connection with the Baptist denomination of Canada West. The *Woodstock Gazette* says that the committee appointed to select the location, composed of the Rev. R. A. Fyfe, of Toronto, Rev. H. Lloyd, B.A., of Port Hope, and the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, of Lobo, met at Paris on Wednesday last, to decide the matter. Very liberal offers of pecuniary aid and sites were made by the towns of Fonthill, St. Catharines, and Brantford. That from Fonthill deserves especial mention. Mr. D. Everard, of that place, being present at Paris, guaranteed a very eligible site and the sum of \$18,000, if the Committee would establish the Academy there. The offer of Woodstock was a site of three acres from Mr. Henry Burch, and the sum of \$16,000.

The subject of Female Education has been pretty fully canvassed in our pages for some time past. This has, no doubt, caused many to think more of the importance and necessity of some denominational or public provision being made to give females, as well as males, opportunities of education in the higher branches, in their own province. We must confess with the writer of the article on another page, that we want to see some ACTION. We think it will probably benefit the cause more, if, in any further discussion, our correspondents, on this subject, will append their names to their communications.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Quarterly Session of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, was held at Rawdon, on Wednesday and Thursday last. The representatives of the city left on Tuesday morning and arrived there about 3 o'clock. They then proceeded on to Upper Newport to attend a Temperance meeting in the evening.

On Wednesday morning the 28th, the G. Division was opened; the officers being all present with the exception of the G. Treasurer and G. Chaplain. A good number of representatives were in attendance. Eleven new members were initiated. The business was transacted with great dispatch and in a most harmonious manner. On Thursday a public Temperance meeting was held in the morning, which was well attended. The G. W. P. Rev. Mr. McArthur, and the Rev. Mr. Cameron delivered eloquent and powerful appeals. In the evening another meeting was held when Messrs. Quinan and Barratt, and other brethren from Halifax, delivered addresses of much energy and appropriateness. Some of the friends of Temperance in Rawdon, also spoke in favour of the cause, and urged immediate attention to the using of means in order to secure a good Temperance lecturer. The occasion was one of great interest, and calculated to encourage all concerned in the ultimate triumph of the good cause, notwithstanding the many reverses it has had, and may still have to endure.

The brethren from Halifax returned on Friday afternoon, highly gratified with their visit, and the hospitality of the brethren and ladies of Rawdon; and cheered with the appearances and prospects of the cause in that locality.

The English mail, which reached us on the 28th inst., by the Steamer *Arabia*, adds very little to our stock of European news. There are some few days later accounts from China, but not of much importance. Fighting was still going on to some extent, and Government are using means for an immediate increase of her forces there. It appears that the American Ships-of-War, and residents there, had become involved in the affair, the Chinese Governor of Canton having taken and put to death some Americans.

The Russian Treaty is finally adjusted, and unless new points of collision shall grow out of the Persian war, between England and Russia, there is some prospect of a permanent peace between the two countries. The English East India forces are marching through Afghanistan, in order to support that power in their war with Persia. No further news has transpired of the Indian fleet in the Gulf of Persia.

It appears that Lord Napier, and not Lord North, as mentioned in our last, is to be the Ambassador from England to the United States. He has been employed for some years past in Diplomatic missions, but never in so prominent a station as the present.

The Arch-Bishop of Paris has been assassinated by a man named Verges, while officiating at the Altar. The perpetrator of the crime was a dismissed Priest. The deceased Prelate was said to be an amiable and worthy man.

General Intelligence.

Foreign and Domestic.

A new dwelling in course of completion owned and occupied by James Kenney, at the North end of the Common, was destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon last. We understand there was £70 insurance on it.—*Journal.*

There has been a rumour for the last day or two that the Hon. Joseph Howe has been offered the government of Mauritius, but we will not vouch for its accuracy.—*ib.*

The Third Annual Report of the Young Men's Christian Association has been put into our hands. It shows an encouraging degree of progress. It has 62 members besides 85 subscribers to the Reading Room.

We perceive by the list of Newspapers received from Great Britain, and we presume paid for, as the sum paid for newspapers, &c. in 2 years is £30 2s. 10d., it has those representing various denominations and churches. It should have notified that the City press supply papers to the room gratis, &c. &c.

The library consists of 1100 volumes. This association occupies a most important position amongst the Institutions of the City.

J. S. Thompson, Esq., will deliver a lecture this evening at the Mechanic's Institute. Subject, “Lamarine and his writings.”

A vast amount of criticism has been expended on the present Emperor Louis Napoleon and his sword; it is well to have our thoughts directed, a little to his predecessor Lamarine and his pen. It is just possible the latter may yet prove as powerful as the former.

Messrs. McKinnon and McHefley were sworn in as Executive Councillors on Thursday last.

We believe that Capt. Hall who has distinguished himself under Admiral Seymour, in the late affair at Canton, is son-in-law to Justice Foreman, Esq., of this city.—*ib.*

A prospectus for constructing a Marine Slip in this Harbor has been laid upon the desk of the Merchants' Exchange.

F. N. Gisborne, Esq., has placed an elegant map of the Trans-Atlantic Sub-Marine Telegraph route on the table of the Merchants' Exchange Reading Room.

We regret to learn that the new moulding room recently in course of erection by Mr. Thomas Mitchell in connection with the Chubucto Foundry, Fresh Water, was blown down during the severe gale on Thursday evening last. The loss of time and material will be considerable. The room is 98 feet—Mr. M. and some of his men had only left the building a few minutes prior to the catastrophe.—*Chronicle.*

The Congregation of St. Matthew's held a meeting on Tuesday evening last, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Argyle Street, when it was decided to erect the new edifice on the site of Bishop Binney's Garden, situated on Pleasant Street, between Government House and the residence of Robert Noble, Esq. The price of the ground is stated to be £2300.—*ib.*

FIRE.—On the morning of the 9th inst., a store belonging to Mr. Josiah Hooper, Run Fouché, C. B., containing all the Sails, Running and Standing Rigging of the schooner Eliza Hooper, and the sails of the schooner Bar, together with 140 lbs. Salt, 400 empty Barrels, 6,000 Hoops a large quantity of tools and a variety of other articles, took fire and was burned to the ground. The total loss was about £500. It originated from a defect in the chimney, which was in the Cooper's Shop in one end of the building. No insurance.—*C. B. News.*