For the Christian Messenger.

Ministerial Education Fund.

THE Committee appointed by the Convention to take charge of this Fund in Nova Scotia would again take the opportunity of calling up the attention of the churches and their pastors to this vitally important subject. They are rejoiced to learn that on the plan recently given in the *Messenger* for contributing to benevolent objects, one of the churches has raised subscriptions to the amount of Sixty Pounds. Fourteen pounds of this being towards the fund given in charge to this Committee. We are persuaded that even greater ability exists in many other churches in the Province, and doubt not there is also the same ready mind to devote to it a portion of that with which the Lord has prospered them. A plan only is needed to bring forward their substance into the Lord's treasury.

It is hoped then that these generous offerings may remind others of their privilege to contribute as the Lord hath prospered them, to augment this, and other funds now so much required.

We esteem the cause of great consequence, Many young men are sighing for the advantages of a liberal education, to qualify them for extended usefulness, but are destitute of means to carry out the desires of their heart. Some of those young men hearing of Societies in the U. States affording aid to indigent Candidates for the ministry, have gone abroad to seek the assistance they could not get at home; depriving us of the luxury of aiding them; and in some instances depriving our churches of their future labors.

Many churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island are now destitute of pastors. How is the deficiency to be supplied? Novices without knowledge and experience they will not have, nor is it scriptural or reasonable that they should. Whence then is the supply to come? We know of no system more scriptural than prayer for laborers and assistance to those who need it to cultivate their minds, so far as to make them intelligent and acceptable to congregations with more or less literary cultivation.

Now the sooner the effort is made the sooner will be accomplished what we so much desire. Let humble young men seek for aid where it should be found, and avail themselves of that assistance which they require, at home. Let them repair to our own Institutions and qualify themselves for usefulness in their own native land. To effect this object, rethren, 'Bring ye the tithes into the storeouse, and prove the Almighty therewith, and ee if he will not pour you out a blessing.'

D. McN. PARKER,
R. McLEARN,
S. SELDEN.

Halifax, Dec. 22.

Religious Intelligence.

The Revival is still progressing with wonderful power in Ireland and Scotland. Tipperary, almost a Catholic county, has become the field of some late manifestations of the Spirit's power, and public meetings for united prayer are attended by crowded and anxious multitudes All Scotland may now be said to be more or less moved, there being manifestations of the power of God in the remotest districts of Caithness and of Ross. London is in much the same state as hitherto, though prayer is becoming more extended among the people.

A lady in London, has forwarded to the Missionary Union, the sum of one dollar each for the Queen of England and all the members of the British Ministry, toward paying the debt of the Union.

ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST.—The riots at the unfortunate church of St. George's have toned down a little in their violence, and on Sunday the manifestations of popular displeasure were very slight. After the Litany service in the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Lowder was followed from the church, and it was found necessary to ask the assistance of the police, to protect him from insult and violence; but, in the evening service, the congregation were comparatively well behaved. The clergyman who preached in the evening, the Rev. Mr. Machonichie, appears to have win the attention of his audience thoroughly, and only once, when he turned his face to the east, was there anything like an outburst. A concession was made to the congregation by the use of the old reading-desk.—*Freeman.*

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR THE WORKING CLASSES.—The success which attended the Special Religious Services for the working classes last winter, at Exeter-Hall, St. James's-hall, &c., has led to the desire on the part of many gentlemen to extend the benefits of similar services to other localities in the metropolis during the ensuing winter. Yesterday afternoon a conference of Christians of all evangelical denominations held at the London Tavern, Bishopsgate-street, for the carrying out of this object. The Right Hon. A. Kinnard occupied the chair. The following points were discussed:—I. Is it desirable to open additional buildings for special religious services? II. If so, shall it be the united effort of all Christians? III. How far, or in what manner, shall the union be carried out? IV. Will it be desirable to use the Litany in the services? V. Is it advisable to employ theatres? The meeting appeared to be agreed to all points except the opening of theatres and the employment of the Litany. It was thought that those points should be referred to a committee which was then appointed. A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting.

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, December 19th, 1859.

APPOINTMENTS.

Charles W. H. Harris, of Ken vile; John W Ritchie, of Halifax; and John C. Wade, of Digby, Barristers at Law, to be of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, in this Province.

John L. Tremain, of Port Hood, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Inverness; also, to be Registrar of Deeds for the same County, also to be a Notary and Tabellion Public.

Henry Davenport, to be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits and Recognizances to hold to Bail, and for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, in the County of Cape Breton.

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George P. Lawson, to be Cashier of the Savings Bank and Principal Clerk to the Receiver General, in the place of Edward Duckett.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, has also been pleased to re-appoint the High Sheriffs, for the Counties without any changes.

OUR CURRENCY.—We are pleased to learn that the efforts to retain our copper coin from circulation until after the 1st of January, is likely to be a loosing speculation. The parties who have any quantity will probably be glad to sell it out at cost, or a little below.

POLITICAL DREAMS.—Our politicians of both parties are indulging each other with relating their dreams. It is certainly harmless fireside amusement for these cold long evenings. The amusing part of it is that each side declares that the interpretation of the other's dream must be by the rule of contrary. The *Chronicle* dreams that His Excellency will not order a dissolution of the Legislature or else—. The *Colonist's* dreams however, are that the responsibility of calling a new Parliament rests on the Government, and not on the Governor, and is dependent on the legislators observing the law of the land.

EDWARD BINNEY ESQR., has presented a valuable and handsome Piano-forte to the ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

Dr. Dewolfe in his note of thanks says:—

"The soothing effect of music is proverbial; and through your well timed generosity, those who are with us now, as well as hundreds who may come hereafter, will feel its beneficial influence.

That you should thus bountifully provide one of the essential "means of cure" is certainly most praiseworthy; and it is highly gratifying to find there are men among us who can so well appreciate "the luxury of doing good."

We have it from a reliable source, that the contract for the six warehouses in Granville street, for Messrs. Billing, Mignowitz, Skerry, and Chipman, has been taken by Mr. Lang, who is now engaged building the County Court house, and that they are to be built alike of freestone of the best quality, under the superintendence of Messrs. W. Thomas & Sons, architects. The cost of these buildings will be about 15,000.—*Chronicle.*

The building about to be erected by the Corporation on the Market Slip is to be of wood and three stories in height. The law relating to wooden houses of a certain altitude does not apply to erections on the wharves.

The Rifle Companies in this City appear to be doing a good business in enlisting volunteers. The Highland, Mayflower, and Greys, are now fully organized. At a meeting of Irishmen and their descendents, held on Monday evening last, about ninety men volunteered, and it is probable that the number will be increased to at least three hundred before the close of the present year.—*Journal.*

We learn that through the exertions of Major J. H. Belcher, of the 3rd Halifax Regt., that a very efficient company of Volunteers has been raised in Cornwallis. This is very creditable, not only to the Major, but also to the people of that portion of King's County.

A *Nova Scotian* writes us to show the folly of emigration from these Colonies to New Zealand. We fully agree with him. New Zealand is designed to be a country of some importance, but as yet it is very far behind these Provinces in everything that renders life desirable.—*Witness.*

The body of a woman, well dressed, was washed ashore at Indian harbor, (near the mouth of Margaret's Bay,) on Wednesday last. From the description of dress it is supposed to be the remains of one of the passengers of the ill-fated steamer *Indian*, which had been carried, by the force of a strong current which sets in that direction, such a long distance from the scene of disaster. Near the body was found a keg of butter—the keg being of a description quite different from anything used for the same purpose on this side of the Atlantic.—*Colonist.*

Several cases of Small Pox are reported at Annapolis, Bear River and Granville,—taken there from St. John.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT SEA.—On Wednesday morning last about 8 o'clock, a young man was swept from the jib-boom of *Jenny Lind* on her way from Boston to Little River, Digby Neck. The vessel at the time was about 40 miles west of Brier Island—the sea rough—and the wind was increasing. The deceased, with another was trying to take in sail. Both were swept off by a huge wave. One of them regained the rigging of the jib-boom, and the other sank to rise no more. The young man, who thus found a watery grave without a moment's warning, was the son of Mr. Stephen Denton, of Little River, who within five years has been bereft of three promising sons in the same manner—swept overboard at sea—and each of them about the same age—nineteen or twenty. These repeated strokes have produced the keenest anguish in the hearts of the parents of the deceased. Their house of course is a scene of domestic grief such as is not often experienced. We sympathize with them in their bereavement.—*The Acadian*

THE SMALL POX AT THE PETITE PASSAGE.—The entire family of Mr. Luke Therio have been down with this destructive disease. Mr. Therio, aged 46 years—his daughter Elizabeth, aged 17—and an infant, aged 17 months, have died. The rest of the family, nine or ten in number, are recovering. Whether the infection will spread further remains to be seen Vaccination is the only sure method of avoiding this contagious destroyer.—Ib

On Monday last a seaman's chest was picked up on the shore at the West Cape, containing a sextant, quadrant, Bible, Prayer Book, some clothing, &c.; also, the Log Book of Brigantine Margaret Mortmer, Burke, master, from Cienfuegos de Cuba towards Montreal, commencing June 27, 1856; also, an American Protection granted to William Thompson, dated at Wilmington, Nov. 21, 1846—a letter dated Petit Revere, Nov. 17, 1156, signed Magret Coglan, and another letter dated Baltimore, Oct. 12, 1857, signed Matilda Thompson. The chest, with its contents, are in possession of Mr. Benj. Tooker.—*Yarmouth Herald.*

A young man named John Grigor, aged about 17 years, belonging to Birch Town, was drowned in the harbour on Tuesday, by the sinking of a boat in which he was bringing a load of sea-weed to town. His body had not been found yesterday.—*Ib.*

Prince Edward Island.

ARREST OF W. HUGHES AND SON, OF LOT 61.—Wm. Hughes and his son, were on Sunday morning last arrested in the dwelling, by a pose of Constables despatched from Charlottetown on Saturday evening last, for that purpose—the former being implicated in the shooting of the horse of the High Sheriff of King's County some few weeks since, when proceeding in the execution of his duty; and the latter for deliberately shooting his own brother, a few days since, instigated to the diabolical act by his father. A brother of Hughes the elder, found in the house, and said to be implicated, was also arrested. The parties were lodged in the Jail at Georgetown.—*Royal Gazette, Dec. 6.*

New Brunswick.

The residence of the Rev. F. Coster, at Carleton, N. B., was destroyed by fire on the 13th instant.

Saco Beach, an Indian of the Penobscot tribe, was frozen to death in Portland, during the storm of Sunday night week.

SMALL POX.—This fearful disease is spreading throughout all parts of the City. Medical men inform us that the only human safe-guard now is vaccination. It is the duty of every one who has not attended to this to do so at once.—*N. B. Visitor.*

COASTING.—Yesterday afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock, a young girl aged 10 years, named Matilda Story, while coasting on the east end of King-street. went over the bank into Courtenay Bay, and was drowned.—*Nbkr.*

The St. John *Freeman* says a small box of coal clay and clay and coal had been sent to the office by parties who state that they have found a vein of coal in the parish of Alma, Albert County, on the coast, 250 feet above water. At first it was but an inch thick, but they followed it for three quarters of a mile, and it gradually grew to nine inches in thickness. They describe it as following the shore for 100 rods, and then running directly inland, and say they expect to find a large coal bed. The coal seems to be of the same quality as that from the Victoria Mines.

Canada.

The recklessness of party advocates and apologists has been strikingly exemplified recently by the Toronto *Leader*, which affirms that the customs duties have been decreased latterly, and that the debt incurred on account of Upper Canada is about twice as much as that incurred on account of Lower Canada. The first proposition it makes out by including in its average the produce entered free under the reciprocity treaty, much of which is merely in transit; and the second by leaving out on one side such trifling items as the four millions presented to the *habitans* to redeem their farms from seignorial dues, whilst it exaggerates the expenditures of Upper Canada. The *Globe* exposes the fallacies of the *Leader*, in a very able manner.—*Montreal Witness.*

THE NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.—We have reason to believe that the impost upon newspapers will shortly be removed. It was a mistake to fall back on the old method of charging postage.—*Three Rivers Inquirer.*

Freight trains are now crossing Victoria Bridge.

OPENING SERVICES IN CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL, MONTREAL.—On Sunday week this beautiful edifice was opened for Divine Worship. The consecration is postponed till the Spring in consequence of the work not being quite completed, and for other reasons.

United States.

Four of those associated with John Brown, in the Harper's Ferry rebellion were executed on the 16th inst.

Three thousand inebriates have applied for admission into the New York States Inebriate Asylum. Among the number are 30 clergymen.

A child lately died from the bite of a land turtle. The effect of the bite was similar to Hydrophobia.

BURNT IN EFFIGY.—William H. Seward and Henry Ward Beecher were recently burnt in effigy by the students in Princeton N. J. One of the professors of the College, in attempting to stay the proceedings of the students, was wounded and his life endangered.

Jose Maria Mato Blanco Governor of Bogota was assassinated by his brother during a dispute in the street.

Capt. William Clark, of Eastport, Me., died very suddenly on board the steamer Admiral, on her last trip hence to Eastport. He was formerly a pilot on board the Admiral.—*Boston Herald.*

Ex-President Martin Van Buren passed his 77th year on the 5th inst. He is said to be writing a memoir of his times.

Preparations have been made at the Central Park Skating Pond, to render it a place of unusual attraction during the present winter. When completed and fully flooded it will cover twenty acres, and afford ample opportunity for hundreds of performers. The arrangements for furnishing new supplies of water when the ice has been thoroughly cut up, are so complete, that with an accommodating frost every night, there can be no doubt of good skating for many weeks.—*N. Y. Paper*

Lydia Maria Child is to write the life of John Brown, on behalf of his family. No better choice could be made, and it is to be hoped that the announcement will prevent the publication of other biographies by incompetent persons. Mrs. Child, we understand, is already in possession of all the facts and incidents of John Brown's earlier history.—*Ib.*

The late law of Louisiana prohibiting commercial ships or vessels bringing free men of color into the port of New Orleans, does not work advantageously for the shipping interest. The largest item of disbursements in a voyage is discharging and loading. White sailors often leave the ship and take other voyages, but colored men stay on board and work. The exclusion of the colored men has raised wages and disbursements prodigously. The *Tribune* quotes a case of two ships of equal capacity, one with a white and the other with a colored crew going to Mobile, in which the disbursements on cargo account were $3,000 in favor of the latter.

The coloured waiter who was accused of offering to sell life-preservers to the passengers on board the steamers *New World* when she sank, committed suicide a few nights since by jumping overboard from the *Hendrick Hudson.*

The Tammany man that made the foolish wager on the result of the last election, that if Ferendo Wood was elected, he would walk a distance on Broadway equal to that from St. Nicholas Hotel to the Astor House, behind a band of Music, or forfeit three hundred dollars, performed his wager on Monday morning by walking barefoot, and preceded by a drummer and fifer, from the St. Nicholas Hotel to the Astor House. On reaching the latter house he got into a carriage and drove off. The performance was witnessed by a large throng of persons who had heard of the singular wager.

The foreman of a cooper shop in Water street, named Thomas Flemming, made a bet with a friend that if Fernando Wood was elected Mayor of the city, the foreman was to take a broom and sweep one of the crosswalks in Fulton street from 8 o'clock in the morning till 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and never, during all that time, to say a single word to any one. On the appointed day he performed his part of the agreement to the letter, and to the amusement of crowds of spectators.

The venerable Archibald Maclay, D. D., now in the eighty-third year of his age, and the fifty-second of his ministry, is so ill that his friends cannot be surprised at any time to hear of his death. The consolations of the religion which he has so faithfully commended to others are now the strength and joy of his departing spirit. *N. Y. Examiner*

Rev. Dr. Pomeroy, for many years Secretary of American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions at Boston has been removed from office for immoral conduct. He acknowledges having associated with public women on three different occasions, and each one of the depraved characters with whom he had correspondence had extorted from him $500. The clue to these facts was revealed by opening private letters, supposed to be on the business of the Board, while Dr. Pomeroy was temporarily absent from Boston. *N. Y. Chronicle*