

## Home Missionary Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

## Monthly meeting of Home Mission Board.

Members present at the last meeting:

Bro. J. W. Nutting in the chair.  
 Rev. A. H. Munro, Rev. W. H. Humphrey,  
 Brethren J. Whitman, S. Selden, D. Mc. N.  
 Parker, W. L. Evans and R. N. Beckwith.

Letters received during the month from

Rev. M. A. Bigelow, I. J. Skinner, Augustus  
 Shiels, Hugh Ross, John Whidden, Ronald  
 McDonald, A. F. Porter, Brethren C. H. Corey,  
 J. F. Kempton, and S. B. Kempton.

Amount of funds in the Treasury - \$8.70  
 Amount due Missionaries for la-  
 bour already performed about - 500.00

Missionaries and their fields of labour,

Rev. M. A. Bigelow, Bay of Islands and  
 neighbourhood.

Received by the Treasurer during the month,

Mabou Church, - - - per S. Selden - \$4.00  
 Mrs. J. M. Bowden, Tracadie " - 2.00  
 Upper Stewiacke Church, per  
 Rev. O. Chute - - - - 3.75  
 Balance from Treasurer of Cen-  
 tral Association - - - - 30.20  
 From W. L. Evans, Esq. - - - - 20.00

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## Mission to Cumberland and Colchester.

DEAR BROTHER,

Having performed the mission assigned me  
 by the Board in the counties of Colchester and  
 Cumberland, I proceed to report.

I have been sixteen weeks engaged in Mis-  
 sionary labour, during which time the follow-  
 ing places have been visited, viz: Great Vil-  
 lage, Five Islands, West Brook, Little Forks,  
 Spring Hill, Salt Springs, East Branch, Glen-  
 ville, River Philip, Little River, Mount Plea-  
 sant and Greenville.

I left Halifax Aug. 2nd, and spent the fol-  
 lowing Lord's day at Great Village. This is a  
 very flourishing village in the county of Col-  
 chester, destined at no very distant day to be-  
 come a place of considerable importance. The  
 Baptist church is small and not of very long  
 standing, yet the Lord has abundantly blessed  
 them. A neat well-finished place of worship  
 and the maintenance of Conference and Prayer-  
 meetings in the absence of a minister, are evi-  
 dences of the praiseworthy efforts on the part  
 of the few on whom it devolves to sustain the  
 worship of God. I am happy to learn that  
 they have secured the labours of our esteemed  
 Bro. Balcom a part of the time for the ensuing  
 year.

At Five Islands the Baptist interest is small,  
 there being only two male church members;  
 these with a small number of sisters belong to  
 the church at Lower Economy, of which the  
 Rev. S. Thompson is Pastor. He visits Five  
 Islands once in eight weeks. The people are  
 anxious for more ministerial labour. I preached  
 twice on week evenings to very interesting and  
 earnest hearers, after which I proceeded to  
 West Brook.

Here is a church of some thirty to forty  
 members in a somewhat cold and scatter-  
 ed condition, yet endeavouring to "hold on  
 their way." They have what was once I sup-  
 pose a comfortable meeting house; but it is  
 now in a very dilapidated state. They talk of  
 building a new one. Notwithstanding it was  
 the most busy season of the year, the people  
 turned out remarkably well to attend the meet-  
 ings. I spent two Sabbaths here—held Confer-  
 ence and administered the Lord's supper.  
 They have a prospect of obtaining stated minis-  
 terial labour.

At Little Forks there is a branch of the Mac-  
 can church. There are a few members strug-  
 gling along through the trials and difficulties  
 common to the Christian's lot. They have been  
 some time without a Pastor but are expecting  
 one soon. I attended Conference and Lord's  
 day morning service and administered the  
 Lord's Supper. In the afternoon preached at  
 Spring Hill. These are interesting localities  
 and should be supplied with the faithful preach-  
 ing of the Word.

At Greenville there is a church of some thirty  
 members, organized a few years since, composed  
 chiefly of numbers of the old River Philip  
 church. Quite a number have since been ad-  
 ded. I spent four Sabbaths in this place and  
 River Philip and administered the Lord's Sup-  
 per twice.

At River Philip where once was a flourishing  
 Baptist church—where our Fathers in the  
 ministry performed much missionary labour and  
 where our esteemed bro. Rev. J. E. Cogswell  
 laboured as Pastor, there is scarcely the somb-

lance of a church remaining. They have, it is  
 true the name of a church consisting of nine or  
 ten members, but they are so scattered that they  
 are not able to sustain even a prayer-meeting.  
 They have a comfortable meeting-house, but its  
 doors are closed save when some traveling min-  
 ister happens to come along.

Little River is quite a flourishing settlement  
 about 8 or 9 miles from the post road leading  
 to Amherst. A church was organized about  
 eleven years ago, which has maintained its vis-  
 ibility until the present. The Lord has been  
 pleased of late to water his people with the dews  
 of Heaven, and cause the moral "wilderness and  
 solitary place to be glad," and "the desert to  
 rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Thirteen have been added by baptism increas-  
 ing the number to over fifty. They have no  
 meeting-house at present but they talk strongly  
 of building the next season. I spent seven Sab-  
 baths in this place and Leicester and adminis-  
 tered the Lord's Supper three times. The peo-  
 ple are very anxious to obtain the labours of a  
 Pastor.

At Greenville there is a church numbering  
 nearly one hundred members. The people  
 generally, have to struggle with hard times, but  
 still they make a comfortable living from the  
 fruits of the soil and a little lumbering. A very  
 respectable meeting-house erected on a pleasant  
 spot, speaks in their favour. Congregations  
 were good and attentive. I spent one Sabbath  
 with them, and held several meetings during  
 the week.

The other places above mentioned were visit-  
 ed, and meetings held on week evenings. They  
 are thriving settlements and present an inviting  
 field for usefulness.

During the sixteen weeks I have travelled up-  
 wards of 1,000 miles; preached 73 Sermons;  
 attended 27 meetings for prayer and Conference;  
 made upwards of 100 family visits and baptized  
 13 persons. I desire to acknowledge with grate-  
 ful feelings, the infinite goodness of God in the  
 preservation of my life and health; and the  
 uniform kindness with which I have been receiv-  
 ed by the people with whom it has been my  
 privilege to labor.

The people complain of hard times and scar-  
 city of money. I have collected \$52.81, and  
 believe much more might have been obtained  
 if the people had been in possession of it.

In looking over this extensive county of Cum-  
 berland with its population of more than  
 4,000—rich in its Agricultural and lumbering  
 sources, and seeing the moral and spiritual deso-  
 lation which so largely prevails, my heart is  
 irred within me. There are no less than 13  
 Baptist churches in the county, and at  
 present not one settled Pastor. This is indeed  
 fearful and deplorable state of things, and yet  
 am inclined to think that if the churches  
 themselves were more fervent and believing in  
 prayer to the "Lord of the harvest" for lab-  
 orers; and more united, systematic, and  
 energetic in their efforts to supply the needful  
 for their support, it would do much towards  
 applying them with the ministry of the Word.  
 May the Lord awaken his people to more active  
 endeavors for the promotion of his cause and  
 kingdom!

I. J. SKINNER.

To R. N. Beckwith, Esq., Sec. of H. M. Board.  
 Little River, Nov. 28th, 1860.

## General Intelligence.

## DOMESTIC.

The Supreme Court now sitting, decided last  
 week the case between the Government of the  
 Province and the City of Halifax concerning the  
 assessment of the citizens for interest of £100,  
 000 towards the Railway. The decision was  
 given against the Government, and that the City  
 Council had no power to assess the citizens, the  
 rule was therefore discharged.

The Sheriff of counties for the ensuing year  
 were gazetted last week. All but Mr. Kerr of  
 Cumberland were reappointed. Mr. R. Mc-  
 Lean was appointed for that county.

The Dartmouth Ferry Steamer ran foul of  
 the schooner Bonita on Monday last and serious-  
 ly damaged her.

The frame of the building to be used as a  
 drill room by the volunteers was raised on Fri-  
 day last, but was blown down by the storm on  
 Monday night. When completed, it will be 110  
 feet by 60.

The Bridgetown Register says a flock of  
 sheep—numbering 270—en route for St. John,  
 passed through that town on the evening of the  
 28th ult.

We regret to announce the untimely death by  
 drowning, of Mr. James Spears, while bringing  
 a raft of lumber down the River early this morn-  
 ing. He was seen to slip from the raft in to the  
 water and heard to exclaim—"I'm in," but  
 before assistance could be rendered his life was  
 extinct.—*Liverpool Transcript.*

The Express says—"A countryman was robbed  
 on Thursday night of sixty-four pounds, in a  
 house said to be occupied by a notorious char-  
 acter."

FIRE AT PUGWASH.—The store of Mr. Wm.  
 Rogers, of Pugwash, was destroyed by fire on  
 Saturday night last. We have not heard how  
 the fire originated. The loss is said to be cov-  
 ered by insurance.—*Chronicle, Dec 11th.*

The Pictou Standard says that Charles J.  
 Campbell, Esq., is actively canvassing the Coun-  
 ty of Victoria, with a good prospect of success  
 —there having been an extensive reaction there  
 lately.

The British Government have sent through  
 the consul at Boston, a valuable gold Chrono-  
 meter and chain to Capt. Wilson, of the Min-  
 no Slesher; a telescope to the mate, Thomas  
 Conant; and \$10 to each of the crew, for  
 their noble efforts in saving the crew and pas-  
 sengers of the Galway Steamer, Connaught,  
 without the loss of a single individual.

H. M. S. Nile, bearing the flag of Rear Ad-  
 miral Sir Alexander Milne, left our harbor on  
 Thursday last, for Bermuda.

It is stated that the Newfoundland Fishery Con-  
 vention is still a sealed book to those most inter-  
 ested in its complexion and operation. It is  
 known to the people of Newfoundland that a  
 new convention between France and England  
 was arranged last winter; but the terms of the  
 instrument are still withheld from publication,  
 and not even Governor Bannerman has been let  
 into the secret. It is said that the new Con-  
 vention will go into effect without reference to  
 the wishes of the legislature of that Province.—*Pro-  
 testant.*

STARTLING NEWS FROM THE EASTWARD.—  
 A telegram received at the Merchants' Exchange  
 Reading Room, from J. Hoyt, Esq., dated  
 "Plaister Cov, Decr. 6," states that the position  
 of affairs Eastward is truly deplorable.

The Fisheries are a total failure.

Business of all kinds stagnant.

People along the shores of Guysborough  
 county were in a state of starvation. No money  
 circulating at all.

A murder was reported to have been com-  
 mitted at Baddeck, being the second this season.  
 A post office robbery had been committed at  
 Port Hood.

A store was entered at Cape Canso, and pro-  
 visions stolen therefrom.

Telegraph line had been cut in several places  
 and the wire rotten. Mr. Hoyt was likely to  
 discover depredators in one case.

One of our exchanges speaks of apples thir-  
 teen inches in circumference, and thinks them  
 extremely large. We were presented by Mr.  
 Roop a week since with a couple of Concord  
 Pears which exceeded thirteen inches in cir-  
 cumference; they grew in his orchard on the  
 Ridge.—*Digby Advertiser.*

A coroner's inquest was held at Baddeck,  
 Victoria county, on the 26th Nov., on the body  
 of a man named John McLellan, found dead ly-  
 ing on the street, and a verdict of manslaughter  
 was returned against Angus Cameron, as princi-  
 pal, and Neil McIsaac, as accessory.

The following letter was received in this city  
 a few days ago, by J. Munro, Esq., Superintend-  
 ant of the Merchants' Exchange:

MAGDALEN ISLANDS, 24th Nov., 1860.—Sir  
 —On 17th Nov., a small wooden box about a foot  
 long, was found on the North Shore of these Is-  
 lands, it contained a number of papers, saturated  
 with water, which became much torn in separa-  
 ting and drying. They were shown to me and by  
 comparing the pieces I could make out the fol-  
 lowing.

A sort of Deed of sale, dated 31st March,  
 1860, between Arches or Ancus Drake and  
 Jerusha his wife, and James Drake, of Indian  
 Harbor, County Guysboro', for a piece of Land  
 at Indian village.

Several letters or portions of letters to said  
 Arches Drake, one from Andrew McNab of Halifax  
 mentioning his return from Newfoundland, and  
 stating that his friend Compton was drowned  
 from the "Quickstep."

Several portions of Bills due by Drake to Mc-  
 Nab & Co., of Halifax.

Portions of letters from Israel Faste, to his  
 wife.

The box I did not see.

Perhaps this may lead to the detection of the  
 vessel from which this came—from the contents  
 of the letters it would appear to have been a fish-  
 ing vessel, and probably she was lost in the late  
 disastrous gale.

I am also informed that several barrels of La-  
 brador herring have been picked up in the Is-  
 lands marked J. M., and inspected in Canso in  
 October.

I am, yours truly,

CHARLES C. FOX

## New Brunswick.

FIRE.—Last evening the building owned by  
 Mr. Cashman on Brussel Street, which was par-  
 tially burned some time ago, was totally consum-  
 ed together with two others adjoining occupied  
 by Messrs. Fegan, Leiry and Brookings. Owing  
 to the difficulties of getting water the fire-  
 men had to use the most strenuous exertions to  
 subdue it. It is reported as the work of an  
 incendiary.—*Nbr.*

EXPORT.—We are gratified to learn that the  
 Caledonia Oil Works Company sent down nearly  
 nine thousand gallons of Crude Oil to be  
 shipped by the Admiral from Boston on Mon-  
 day. Many imagined these works had suspended  
 operations.—*Frmz.*

SENTENCE OF DEATH was passed by Mr.  
 Justice Ritchie on W. Munford, for Murder, and  
 on J. Bean, for Rape, on Wednesday last, at  
 St. John, N. B. In the former case, the jury  
 appended to their verdict of guilty a recommenda-  
 tion to mercy, but not in the case of the latter.

When Bean was asked if he had anything to  
 say why sentence of death should not be passed  
 upon him, he lifted his hand towards heaven and  
 said, "I declare before God I am innocent of the  
 charge." The Judge told him that he must not  
 delude himself with a hope of escape, and think  
 by protesting his innocence that the vigour of  
 the law might be softened. He advised him to  
 look to the Judge of all the earth, who alone  
 could pardon him, and to that Saviour who,  
 though his sins were as crimson, could make his  
 soul like the snow.

The 5th of January is named as the day of  
 their execution.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A most melancholy and  
 fatal accident took place on Saturday last, at  
 Dumberton Station. D. M. Bennett, eldest  
 son of Mr. Bennett, Station Master, while in the  
 act of coupling two cars to the down train, by  
 some means the cars ran into each other, crush-  
 ing the young lad in a shocking manner, and  
 killed him instantly, in presence of his parents  
 and family.—*Standard, Nov. 28.*

There was good sleighing in St. John on  
 Thursday last.

## United States.

WHAT SECESSION MEANS.—The Herald's  
 special Virginia correspondent writes from Rich-  
 mond on the 29th as follows:

"The best informed men in this section—  
 among whom I class some of our wisest represen-  
 tatives in Congress—seem to entertain very  
 slight hopes of any good result from a Southern  
 Conference. There is one serious obstacle, which  
 will probably nullify all efforts at reconciliation,  
 viz: The Cotton States believe that secession,  
 intrinsically, involves much more benefit to them  
 than could result from a continuance in the  
 Union. Their prime, animating motive in pursu-  
 ing this policy is to re-open the African slave trade,  
 and that they are aware they never can do with-  
 in the Union. Secession is, after all, with them  
 a matter of material interest. I do not mean to  
 insinuate that the movement is solely actuated  
 by that consideration, but there can be no doubt  
 of its exerting a controlling influence in it. This  
 you may rest assured of.

The N.Y. Tribune says the South Carolinians  
 have seized on Lincoln's election as their oppor-  
 tunity—they hardly make it a pretext. They  
 have created a Reign of Terror, under which  
 even slaveholders dare not directly oppose their  
 doings, lest they be denounced and mobbed as  
 Abolitionists. If you want to make them con-  
 tented in the Union, offer to reopen and protect  
 the Slave Trade, and they will listen to you; but  
 to talk of repealing Personal Liberty acts, &c.,  
 only does mischief by impelling conservative  
 Southerners to unite in their demands, in the  
 hope of averting Secession. Better say nothing."

TERRIBLE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—Maunch  
 Chunk, 40th.—A car on the Beaver and Mead-  
 ow Railroad was precipitated into the Lehigh  
 River on Thursday. There were 28 passengers  
 in the car, 5 of whom were drowned. The car  
 sunk in 20 feet of water. The bodies were re-  
 covered.

COLUMBIA, S.C., Nov. 27.—The Governor's  
 message was laid before the Legislature yester-  
 day.

He recommends the arming of the State by  
 guaranteeing to take \$50,000 worth of arms  
 annually from Major Ripley.

One of the "oldest inhabitants," with which  
 the country abounds, assures an exchange that  
 "the approaching Winter, from the scarcity of  
 beach and hickory nuts, will be a mild and open  
 one."—*Boston Herald.*

Mayor Wood of New York issued an outrage-  
 ous thanksgiving proclamation, which has been  
 described as "the most extraordinary mixture of  
 blasphemy and bitterness, ever put forth by an  
 American public functionary under pretence of  
 a religious observance."

Professor Spear, of Madison University, al-  
 ready sorely afflicted, has lost four children by  
 diphtheria, a disease which is prevailing to an al-  
 arming extent in Madison County. They died  
 within a few days of each other.

They have a pear tree in the town of Adams  
 that has bloomed three times the present year.

In Plymouth Mass. a sexton in sweeping the  
 meeting house found a hundred dollar bill. A  
 deacon claimed it, and the two are now engaged  
 in a law suit for its possession.

Every Judge on the Supreme Bench is for the  
 Union, although much pressure of sectional sen-  
 timent had been brought to bear on Judge Camp-  
 bell with a view of inducing him to resign, and  
 thus second the secessionists in their scheme to  
 break up the Government.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY PERSONS HANG-  
 ED IN TEXAS.—The Mobile Mercury says:—In  
 Texas the hanging process was rife some while  
 back. He says the distant public is not infor-  
 med of the extent of the hanging. He is a  
 member of a Vigilance Committee, which has  
 been in correspondence with the committees of  
 other counties, and estimates that no less than  
 two hundred and fifty persons have suffered  
 death at a rope's end.

A SECESSION BONNET is composed of white  
 and black Georgia cotton, covered with a net-  
 work of black cotton, the streamers ornamented  
 with Palmetto trees and Lone Stars, embroide-  
 red in gold thread, while the feathers are formed  
 of white and black worsted."