

she professed faith, and was baptized by the writer. During her short pilgrimage she continued strictly attentive to the duties of religion. Whenever it was in her power she was invariably present at prayer meetings and conferences.

In her last sickness, which was of about five months continuance, she endured much suffering with remarkable patience and cheerfulness. She was not anxious to recover, as she feared that, if restored to health, she might wander from God, and sin against Him. She expressed pleasure and thankfulness that when on a particular occasion she had been urgently importuned to join in dancing, she was enabled to resist the temptation, and so to avoid bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ. About nine days before her departure she was favored with a season of spiritual rejoicing in her beloved Saviour. Her faith was uniformly strong, and her hope steadfast.

A funeral sermon was preached by the Pastor on Lord's day, June 17th, a very large and solemn assembly, from a text expressive of the state of our dear young sister's mind when approaching her heavenly home, namely, Phil. i. 23, "Having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

MARY LAVINIA RAY,

Only daughter of John W. and Eliza B. Ray, of Tremont, Aylesford, was removed by death on the 16th day of June, 1860, aged 9 years and 3 months. She was a child of remarkable intelligence. Grace appears to have very early influenced her mind. She delighted in religious reading, and pious conversation. To a friend she remarked, that she "loved to read Isaiah, and John, because he said so much about Christ." Among hymns which she voluntarily committed to memory, she seemed peculiarly interested in that which begins with the words, "And am I only born to die;" and used to repeat with special earnestness the lines—

"No room for mirth or trifling here,
Nor worldly hope, or worldly fear,
If life so soon is gone."

This dear child told her mother she sometimes felt happy in secret prayer. She also expressed concern about the salvation of her little brother.

When it was remarked to her, in her last illness, "You know that you are a sinner," she answered, "Yes, but Jesus has forgiven my sins." On being asked by the writer, "Do you think you are dying?" she replied, "Yes, sir." To the inquiry, "Are you willing to die?" She gave the same answer. Her extreme distress was endured without a word of complaint, little before her departure she clasped her arms around her father's neck; and said to her weeping mother, "Don't cry." She remained perfectly composed to the close of life. One of her last expressions was, "I hope He will receive me."

Her funeral was attended on Lord's day afternoon, 17th, by a numerous concourse of persons sympathizing with our deeply afflicted brother and sister Ray, in the removal of their lovely and idolized daughter. An attempt was made by the writer to improve this afflictive but faithful dispensation of Providence by a discourse founded on Ezek. xxxvi. 25, "From all your idols will I cleanse you."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

MISS ELIZA NICHOLS,

Daughter of Robert and Maria Nichols, who died May 10th 1860, aged 23 years. Our sister became the subject of serious impressions in early life, but did not obtain a hope in Christ until some years after, when she had a clear evidence that Christ had become her Saviour. During the revival in this place in the early spring of 1859, she felt it her duty to make a profession of her faith before the world. After many doubts and a careful search of God's word to be satisfied for herself, she soon saw her way plain to obey Christ in the ordinance of baptism, and united with the Baptist Church here. Shortly after she became indisposed for some time and felt Christ to be precious to her to cheer the prospect of death, but she became again to enjoy a degree of health until the early part of last winter, when the dread disease consumption became apparent, and which quickly finished her course.

During her sickness she was reconciled to the will of God, and trusted all in Christ. During her christian course she adorned her profession by manifesting a meek and quiet spirit, a deep interest in the cause of religion, and especially for the salvation of her friends.—Communicated by Rev. James L. Read.

For the Christian Messenger.

The Manning Professorship.

DEAR BROTHER,

Pressure of engagements has till now prevented a statement for the Messenger of the following additional donations to the Edward Manning Professorship:

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Several churches have commenced to raise a sum of £100 each in the Manning Fund, which amount will also entitle such churches to the advantage of scholarships. Let fifty churches do this and the amount is realized. Churches and individuals wishing scholarships would do well to secure them immediately, as in my opinion the interests of the College will require the discontinuance of this system of scholarships after the next £5,000 is raised.

Yours in the Lord,
D. FREEMAN.

Wolfville, June 28th, 1860.

Religious Intelligence.

PRESBYTERIAN.—The Free Church held its Annual Synodical Meeting at New Glasgow on the 34th ult. This body includes the Presbyteries of Pictou, Halifax, P. E. Island, Victoria, Richmond and Cape Breton. The Roll consisted of 33 ordained ministers.

Addresses were given by a number of ministers on the State of Religion in the several Presbyteries. In most of them advance is said to have been made. The Rev. A. McKnight is reported to have given the state of the Presbytery of Halifax, and in doing so spoke very favorably of several places, Cornwallis, Lawrence-town, Musquodoboit Harbor, and the Eastern Shore; but remarked "Halifax and Dartmouth are *in statu quo*. In the latter place they are not very many, and they are very dry."

We much prefer our practice of sending letters from the churches to the Associations. When a minister has to give a verbal account of such matters, it is more liable, although unintentionally to be tinged with the complexion of his mind and feelings at the time, than to be a correct view of the matter. Two men may differ much as to the opinions they entertain of the state and prospects of a congregation; this was seen with regard to some places in the Synod.

The question of Union between the Free Church and the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia appears to have been the most prominent one. A conference on the subject was held at Pictou, between the two bodies on Monday afternoon, at which both parties agreed to meet and consummate the Union at Pictou, on the 4th of October next.

ST. GEORGE, N. B.—The Rev. S. Marsh gives an account in the *Christian Visitor* of a revival religion at George. He has recently baptized nineteen converts at the Second Falls Church, and three at the Upper Falls Church.

ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST.—The disgraceful Anti-Puseyite proceedings here appear to be but little abated. On a recent Sunday evening when the clergyman had given out his text from John xv. 3, "Whither goest thou?" A response came from a large number of voices in the congregation, "To Rome." Whenever the text was repeated during the sermon the reply was given by these parties, and accompanied with a loud peal of laughter.

METHODISM EXTENDING.—It was announced in the City Road Chapel, London, by the Rev. Mr. Waddy, President of the Conference in England, that there had been an increase during the past year of 16,460 full members, and 28,000 were "on probation."

PREACHING IN THE LONDON THEATRES.—The Special Services at the Victoria and Sadler's Wells Theatres are brought to a close. It was announced at the last of the services that a short prayer-meeting would be held immediately after the conclusion of the service. With the exception of about 200 persons, the whole of the vast assembly remained behind. A prayer-meeting was held, beginning and concluding with a portion of the hymn, "Just as I am," &c., sung to the Old Hundredth. A preacher then pronounced the Benediction, and the people separated. It is estimated that upwards of 77,000 persons have heard the Word of Life in the Victoria alone since the commencement of these services. At Sadler's Wells, the afternoon preacher was the Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel, whose discourse was an affectionate commentary on Acts xiii. The success of the whole movement has been such as to encourage the committee to make arrangements to renew these services as early as October in the present year.

THE REV. C. H. SPURGEON.—The friends and admirers of this popular preacher met at New Park-street Chapel on Monday evening last to take leave of him for a short time, as he is going to make a tour through Switzerland, and will be absent from his congregation about two months. Mr. Spurgeon has for some time past complained of great weariness, brought on, no doubt, by his indefatigable zeal. The amount of his labours may in a measure be estimated when it is stated that for the last seven years he has preached on an average ten sermons a week, always to large congregations, but sometimes to as many as 30,000 souls at one time, besides other public duties. There appears to be no doubt that his physical and mental energies greatly need a relaxation from such excessive toil. However, he has several engagements to attend to in some of the principal cities in Germany while absent from England. The esteem in which he is held by thousands in London was manifested on Monday evening, as the chapel was crowded to excess. Several addresses of good-will and affection towards him and his wife were delivered by his deacons and elders. During Mr. Spurgeon's absence various eminent ministers will supply his place, both at Exeter-hall and New Park-street. It is the intention of the building committee to get the new Tabernacle so far advanced towards completion as to hold a monster meeting in it on Mr. Spurgeon's return.—Freeman.

ROMANISM.—Ronde is not quite forsaken by the saints. Three miracles just performed have shed gladness into the hearts of the Pontiff and his friends. His Eminence of Westminster has been benefited by one. Another beatification was the cause of this. It was that of Benedict Joseph Labre on the 20th of May. "The first one happened thus: a poor man was lying in bed, with a broken leg, awaiting the arrival of the surgeons, who had already decided on amputating it. As he had heard of the approaching beatification of Venerable Benedict, he determined to ask a miracle of God, through the intercession of His Saint. Accordingly, taking his picture, he applied it to the broken limb, and shortly after fell into a deep slumber, from which he was roused by the surgeons, who had come to perform the operation, and were surprised to find the man so calmly sleeping. On awaking, he declared that all the pain had ceased, and on the bandages being removed, the leg appeared perfectly healed. For the truth of this we can vouch, as also for the other two; one was a broken arm, instantly healed; and the other was worked on a woman, who, on the point of death, invoked the Blessed Benedict, and was also instantly restored to health.—His Eminence Cardinal Wiseman has had a very severe attack of palpitation of the heart, which was very fear-proving fatal. So violent was the pain that he thought he was going to expire, when suddenly he thought of the Blessed Benedict Labre, who was to be beatified on the morrow, and invoked his assistance, which he had no sooner done than the violence of the palpitation ceased, and he was greatly relieved. We are now informed that he is gradually recovering, but it will be a long time before he will be able to return to England!"

Colonial & Foreign News.

New Brunswick.

We learn by a correspondent that in some parts of New Brunswick the grubs are doing immense mischief, some fields and gardens are completely overrun by them; frost too has done some considerable damage.

It is stated that Dr. J. R. Hea has been appointed President of King's College, Fredericton, now "the University of New Brunswick." Dr. Hea is a native of this Province, and is said to be well qualified for his high and responsible office.—*Church Witness*.

THE ROUTE OF THE PRINCE.—There is quite a strong objection raised at St. John to the proposed route of the Prince of Wales. A public meeting was held last week at which the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That an honorable reception should be extended to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on his arrival in this city; and that a Committee be now appointed to act with the Common Council in making the necessary arrangements—such arrangements not to include an evening entertainment.

And whereas, it is understood that the Railway from this city to Shediac will be completed by the 1st August next, and it would afford much satisfaction to the inhabitants of this Province, if His Royal Highness would formally open the same for traffic, and embark at Shediac for Prince Edward Island,—

Therefore Resolved, That the Committee take such action as may be necessary, to secure an alteration in the proposed arrangement, so as to effect this desirable object.

It was also proposed to place the residence of the Chief Justice at the disposal of the Prince during his stay in St. John, but it is now determined that the residence of Robert Reed, Esq., shall be secured for His Royal Highness.

Canada.

The crops are said to be presenting an excellent appearance and promise abundance.

United States.

A young girl, eighteen years of age, was struck blind on the 31st ult., in the city of Baltimore, under singular and awe-inspiring circumstances. She had been accused by her aunt of falsehood, which she positively denied, calling upon God to strike her blind if she was not telling the truth. In a moment after a film began to gather over her eyes, destroying the sight, and leading her to confess her guilt.

Many of the Japanese embassy are becoming reconciled to the use of our beds, but not to our pillows. They still use the wooden blocks which they brought with them from Japan, and which they say are very comfortable.

A cabbage tree growing in a garden in Sonora, California, has attained the great height of eight feet. The stalk is about the size of a man's wrist, and stretches up about four feet before it exhibits any leaves or branches. It is more than one year old. A sparrow has built her nest among its branches, which already contains three eggs.

Four thousand five hundred dollars were lately stolen from a cellar in Montreal, where it had been kept between forty and fifty years. So that by not investing it the owners have lost about nine thousand dollars interest, and now lose the principal into the bargain.

Mr. Wadia, the distinguished Parsee merchant from India, now on a visit to the United States, has been refused a room at the N. Y. Hotel, on the ground of being a mulatto.

The bark Wildfire, recently captured with a cargo of slaves is said to have been owned and fitted out by a Boston house, who anticipated clearing over \$200,000 by the operation.

A company in Philadelphia proposes to supply that city with water gas at an annual saving of \$200,000 as compared with gas made from coal.

Boston is gorged with beef and veal at low prices. The fear of the spread of the cattle disease is supposed to have occasioned a general slaughter of calves and such cattle as are in a condition for market.

A farmer of Prairie Bridge, Iowa, feeds his cows on tomatoes green and ripe, and finds the milk greatly improved in quantity and quality.

Our English friends are calling for the number of Teetotalers in the forthcoming census. Why should they not have it, as well as the number of Catholics and Presbyterians?

The Rhode Island Supreme Court, at its present term, has divorced forty-nine couples, three-fourths of the complaints being the wife.

The bronze doors for the Capitol, at Washington east at Munich at a cost of forty thousand dollars, have arrived in Philadelphia.

The product of four different oil wells in Pennsylvania is 4,360 gallons per twenty four hours, or an average of 1,090 gallons each.

The *Ohio Journal of Education* quotes an account of a school where, out of thirty-five scholars, nine boys chew tobacco, and five girls were smokers.