

Friday 18th.—Came to Great Village where I expect to remain over the Lord's day—will give particulars in my next. Meanwhile let me ask an interest in the prayers of God's people, that I may be guided aright, and that I may be fitted for the right discharge of the weighty responsibilities resting upon me.

Yours truly,
I. J. SKINNER.

Great Village, May 18th, 1860.

P. S.—I should be very thankful for any information from our Brethren in any parts of the Province, or on the Island respecting the destitute regions, and the necessity for missionary labor, and should any of our Brethren in the ministry, Pastors of churches, feel inclined to spend a few weeks in the service of the Board, they will please let us know.

I. J. S.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visit.

TO REV. J. BANCROFT.

MR. EDITORS,

Best kind friends who have been in the habit of visiting us annually for a number of years, should consider me ungrateful, allow me through the columns of the Christian Messenger to thank you to acknowledge the following donations, received Jan. 20th, 1859, being the result of a donation visit, £32 11s. 9d., twenty pounds of which were in cash. Also on the 4th January, 1860, on a similar occasion, £28 1s. 10d., twenty pounds seventeen shillings of which were in cash, about ninety persons assembled at our dwelling each time, during the latter visit we were much edified and comforted by remarks from the Rev. Mr. McLeod Presbyterian minister and other friends, the good will manifested on those occasions was christian-like and encouraging and the sumptuous fare such as done credit to our good sisters, may the Lord reward them. He who commanded his disciples to take no thought for the morrow, evidently disposes the hearts of men, and the wants of his servants are supplied.

The Annual donations received forms no part of my salary, (as has been reported), but are free will offerings, nevertheless while striving to live on a very small salary, they serve admirably toward making up deficiencies.

Yours truly,

J. BANCROFT.

Woodville, April 16th, 1860.

P. S.—I have had the privilege of baptizing eighteen converted persons, I trust, who have been received into the Old Baptist Church, at Newport, one in the Autumn and seventeen during the Winter.

J. B.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notice.

MR. JOHN B. HAND,

Second son of Rev. James Hand and Mary A. Tupper, died in Queensbury, N.B. April 26th, of Consumption, aged 21 years. Our young brother professed religion when he was 12 years of age, and was baptized by his father, during a revival in Keswick; but like many others was led away by light company out of the path a christian should walk in. During his wandering, he was asked by a brother in the church if he thought he ever was converted. After a pause he replied, "I do not know, but I think I received something I never can forget, and why I am in this state I do not know; I do not wish to be here." During the Spring of 1859 he was revived in his mind, and took a decided stand in the church. From this time he became a living epistle of Christ, known and read of all men. But in August last he was taken unwell, and gradually sank under the withering disease Consumption. He bore all his sickness with patience and composure, being resigned to the will of God, and in his last moments was peaceful and happy. His funeral sermon was preached from Rev. 14th chap, 13th verse, by the Rev. George Campbell, to a crowded congregation on the 29th, at the Macknoquack, N.B.

Colonial & Foreign News.

New Brunswick.

Several fires have occurred in St John during the past week, some of them of a somewhat serious character.

In eight Artillery and Rifle Companies in St. John there are about 400 men, who meet regularly for drill.

SALE OF IMPORTED HORSES.—On Friday the horses recently imported under the auspices of the Provincial Board of Agriculture, were sold at auction on the Market square. The bidding was not brisk. The general opinion of those present seemed to be that the animals were inferior. The first horse sold was a Messenger Horse, grey, 4 years old, 15 1/2 hands high, weight over 1100, cost \$500, and was knocked down to H. Mc Monagle, Esq., for \$220. The second was a Vermont Morgan Hawk Horse, 7 years old, 15 1/2 hands high, \$420. The next, a Brown Messenger Horse, 5 years old, 15 1/2 hands high was sold to Mr. Douglas, of Loch Lomond, for \$220. The last a Canadian Horse, purchased in Quebec for \$600 was sold to Mr. John Dever for \$240.

The horses are not to be sold out of the Province—nor are they to be allowed to work in the woods; and they may be repurchased at any time within four years by the Board of Agriculture for the money now paid for them, if the Board see fit to do so.—New Brunswick.

SMALL POX IN ST. JOHNS.—Number of cases reported at Board of Health Officer, for week ending May 19—Thirty one. Number of deaths, two.

JOHN ANSLEY, Clerk

OUR NEW POST MASTER GENERAL.—The Christian Visitor remarks under the above caption.

"It is reported that the Hon. Charles Connel has resigned his seat in the Executive Council and the office of the Post Master General; the immediate cause being the interference of the Government with his department by countermanding the issue of the new postage stamps bearing his likeness. The manner in which this was done, was, we understand, considered by Mr. Connel uncourteous and offensive, and left him no choice but to resign."

"It is further stated that James Steadman, Esq. M. P. P. has accepted the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Connel, and is now Post Master General of New Brunswick."

"We trust Mr. Steadman will not only succeed in discharging the duties of Post Master General to the satisfaction of the Province, as we have no doubt he will, but also in inspiring the Government with some faint idea that, aside from the mere routine of office which they have subordinates to perform, there exists duties and obligations which they owe to the country as a Government, in devising and carrying out measures of progress and general utility, concerning which so far, they have done nothing. The term of office of the present Administration is well nigh spent, and we tell them in all candour and for their own benefit that if what remains is not made better use of than the past they had better have had a millstone tied to their necks and been cast into the depths of the sea than ever to have assumed to govern this long mis-governed Province.

Our neighbour is somewhat caustic in his conditional denunciation. Of course, after that, the government will forthwith set about and mend their manners!

United States.

CONGRESS.—The house passed without debate a bill reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs authorizing the appointment of a full Minister to Sardinia at a salary of \$12,000, with a Secretary at \$1,800 per annum. The Tariff bill is to receive immediate attention. The interest of the approaching presidential election are too absorbing to permit legislators to devote much attention to public concerns.

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY.

A large share of public attention has been given to these strangers since their arrival in the capital of the Empire State.

The reporter of the New York Tribune, who, with others, boarded the frigate, says:—

Altogether, so far as we were able to discover in a somewhat hurried inspection, the appearance of our Japanese visitors was most agreeable and prepossessing. They were mostly dressed in loose blue coats and wide trousers, white stockings and leather slippers, (these last undoubtedly supplied them on board the ship, as their foot covering when at home is made of straw.) and with uncovered heads. Their hair was drawn up in two long bands to the tops of their heads, and was there confined by a singular contrivance of wood or horn, the exact nature of which it was not possible to detect in the darkness. In stature they were generally a little below the average of our own people, and in complexion somewhat darker, although a few exceptions showed that there are among Japanese complexions as fair as those of Caucasians. Their countenances were full of intelligence, and an expression of great amiability seemed to belong to all alike.

There are seventy-one Japanese on board the Roanoke, one of the original delegation having been taken ill at San Francisco and left behind to be reconducted home. These seventy-one were so lively in their movements, and so excessively omnipresent, that their numbers seemed multiplied at least seven times. At every turn, and in every corner, a Japanese appeared—always smiling blandly, and making a sort of effort to indicate good fellowship in some mute manner. A few words in English would put him in the best possible humor, which he would manifest in a few responsive syllables of Japanese, by the interchange of all of which, sentiments of perfect reciprocity were established on every side.

THE OBJECTS OF THE EMBASSY, ETC.

The Embassy will remain only some four or five weeks, then leave for home. The principal object of the mission is to get an English copy of the treaty signed by the President of the United States. The original was burnt in the great fire at Jeddo two years ago. The copy in Japanese was saved. This they bring with them and a copy of it (not signed), and a letter from the Tycoon to the President. The box containing these documents is looked upon by them as almost sacred. It is called the "treaty box," and is never allowed out of their sight. It is a box three feet long, twenty-six inches in depth and eighteen inches wide, covered with red morocco leather, and neatly sewed round the edges. There are three "japanned" boxes placed together, and then covered. Around this box is a light frame, and when carried is borne on the backs of four men by poles.

The Embassy brings with it some \$80,000 cash, for the purpose of making purchases. They bring an immense amount of baggage—over eighty tons—which made four full car loads over the Pacama Railroad. They have fifty boxes containing valuable presents for the President of the United States.

They spend much of their time in reading, writing, drawing and making sketches of every-

thing they see. They generally lie stretched out full length on deck when reading or writing. They have any quantity of books of every description, from the size of Webster's large dictionary to the little pamphlets of half-a-dozen pages each, illustrated, some of them in the most beautiful style of art.

The living of the servants consists of rice, soup, fish, vegetables, chow chow, &c. They are very small eaters, but eat very often.

The Embassy were received by the President on Thursday the 17th Inst. Assurances of perpetual friendship were given and received and all parties seem to have been well pleased.

The proprietors of the Boston Journal are about erecting a model printing office, four stories in height, of Nova Scotia sandstone; when finished it is to be furnished with new machinery, rollers, engines, presses, shafting, type, etc., at a cost of \$50,000.

The Courier and Enquirer announces the discovery of a new silver lead mine in Pennsylvania "within eight hours' ride of the city of New York," the ore from which has been examined, among other reliable men, by Prof. Torrey, of the Assay Office, and found to yield silver to the value of three times the rich placers of Arizona.

Mr. Charles Chubbuck, the venerable father of the late Mrs. Emily C. Judson, died at Hamilton, N. Y., on the 20th ult. He had reached the age of more than eighty years, and died respected and beloved by all who knew the sterling excellence of his character.

A shark was captured in the harbour of Nassau (N. P.) recently. On opening the fish the head of the unfortunate Isaac Wylley, who was drowned outside the bar on the 11th ult., together with a goat's head, having horns 7 inches long, were found in the stomach.

A thoughtful lad, named Selby, was walking on the Cincinnati Railroad, on the 3rd inst. observed one of the rails loose. He stood in the centre of the track and hoisted his handkerchief, in time to be seen by the engineer, who stopped the train, and thereby saved the lives of many persons.

Last year the Police of Boston killed seventeen hundred unlicensed dogs.

The New York Herald states that six vessels have left New York within a fortnight, for Africa expecting negroes for a return cargo.

The New York Times accuses Members of the State Legislature with having sold their votes.

Chicago is taking steps to defend the reciprocity treaty at Washington.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

BRIBERY AT ELECTIONS.

Mr. Peel moved an address to Her Majesty to cause inquiry to be made, by the appointment of commissioners, into the existence of extensive bribery at the last election for the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed. He had, he said, no party object in the motion; he took this course simply with the view of discharging the duty that devolved upon him as chairman of the election committee. He stated the particulars of the case, showing the nature and result of the inquiry, which was, he said, incomplete, and it was for the House to consider whether it would carry the inquiry further. He thought it desirable to ascertain to what extent corruption had prevailed at the last election, and the persons who supplied the money for the bribery.

Mr. Marjoribanks, member for Berwick, in vindication of his honour and that of his constituents, said he had given a pledge, to which he had adhered, never to spend a single sixpence in bribery. He should vote for the motion.

After a loud discussion the motion was agreed to. Mr. Peel then moved that Mr. Attorney-General be directed to prosecute William McGill for wilful and corrupt perjury in giving his evidence before the Berwick-upon-Tweed Election Committee; this motion was agreed to.

THE ITALIAN KINGDOM.

Victor Emanuel's kingdom has made a stride from weakness to power which will be understood by the following table:

Table with 3 columns: Kingdom, Area, Population. Rows include Old Kingdom (Piedmont, Island, Savoy) and New Kingdom (Piedmont, Island, Lombardy, Tuscany, Romagna, Parma, Modena).

Sardinia has nearly doubled her territory, and more than doubled her population. It now ranks among the formidable powers of Europe, being in population only a little behind Prussia, Spain, or Turkey, while it completely outranks Portugal, Sweden, Belgium, Naples, or Denmark.

Piccolomini has been singing in England to the tune of £100 per night. The little songstress has given utterance to many sweet notes, but to utter £100 at once is the most charming performance of all.

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SAMUEL STRONG,

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BAZAAR.

A BAZAAR will be held, D. V., at Walton, on the 3rd day of July next, for the purpose of procuring funds, to assist in furnishing the Baptist Meeting House at said place. The friends of Zion are earnestly solicited to aid the above benevolent object. Articles and funds may be deposited with the following Ladies:—

- MRS. FRANCIS PARKER, Rawdon. MRS. LEVI DIMOCK, Newport. MRS. SHUBAL PARKER, " MRS. SAMUEL KNOWLES, " MRS. SHUBAL DIMOCK, " MRS. JOHN BURGESS, Cheverie, MRS. F. PARKER, Walton.

May 10th 1860.

FRANCIS PARKER.

May 23.