

people, yet we are not without reasons for thankfulness and hope. The experience of the past, and the promises of the Most High, shew that a brighter day is to break on the earth; when righteousness will be exalted, and truth shall triumph. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice!

Each returning week of the past year we have endeavoured to present our readers with a picture of the world, in its various aspects, religious, political, and general. However incomplete the sketch may have been in its detail and finish, the outline, we believe, has been a faithful one. The thoughts which have been sent forth from the pens of our respected brethren, on their never-ending mission, will continue to live when the writers shall have passed away from earth and joined the company of "the spirits of just men made perfect." Although we have the honor of being the senior of all our religious contemporaries in British America, yet we feel that we are ourselves but just beginning to live. The struggles for existence in the past have given us some valuable experience, which, with our responsibility to Christ and the direction promised to those who commit their ways to the Lord, leads us to anticipate the future with confidence. We expect to have greater things to communicate to the people of God each succeeding year.

Some of our Patrons to whom we have sent the Christian Messenger every week for two or more years, have forgotten or neglected to send in return the amount due for the same. In justice to those who pay regularly, and to our own creditors, we much regret that we shall be compelled to remove some of these names from our list of Subscribers. As we have no means, except what our books tell us, of discriminating one from another of our friends, we may possibly take off the names of some who have no intention or desire to discontinue. Should this be the case we shall be happy to hear from them immediately, so as to avoid the expense and trouble, to them and ourselves, of collecting the amounts due. We shall be glad also to restore their names and send on the missing numbers.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—In our issue of Sept. 18th, we gave the substance of a Circular issued by the London Committee of the Evangelical Alliance proposing to observe the first week of the year 1862 by Special Prayer and suggesting topics for each day. The subjects were then given in full. We repeat the leading topics for each day, by way of refreshing the memory of those who have not preserved their papers. The proposal was to make the week begin on Lord's Day, January 5th, and on that day to have attention given to "The Holy Spirit."

Monday.—Humiliation and Confession of sin. Tuesday.—Home objects for Prayer. Wednesday.—Foreign objects for Prayer. Thursday.—The Church of God and the Christian Ministry. Friday.—The Word of God. Saturday.—The Lord's Day. Sunday.—The signs, dangers and duties of the present times.

The Committee of the Halifax Union Morning Prayer Meeting have made arrangements for a series of services, morning and evening, during that week according to the programme suggested in the above-named Circular.

Circulars will be issued during the week with the programme and sent to the Evangelical Ministers throughout the Province.

Union Prayer Meetings are to be held every morning and evening during the week. On Monday evening we believe the meeting will be held in Temperance Hall. We shall refer to these meetings more particularly in our next.

"A REAL GRIEVANCE."—The Presbyterian Witness under the above caption asserts that "Presbyterian Ministers never celebrate marriage unless there has been a due proclamation of banns or else a legal license has been procured and paid for. Romish priests dispense with both these conditions and thus celebrate illegal marriages with impunity," and asks "Why should it be so? What right have they to treat our laws with contempt?"

We would suggest the enquiry, that, if our contemporary is aware of this being the fact, why has he not informed the proper authorities, so that proceedings might be instituted against the parties so offending? Have we no Crown officers, for bringing such offenders to justice? Let the editor of the Witness do his duty in this matter!

HALIFAX YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIANS ASSOCIATION.—The next Lecture of the Course before the Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered (D. V.) on Monday instead of Tuesday Evening next, the 30th inst, at Temperance Hall, by Professor DeMill of Acadia College.

Subject; The Catacombs of Rome. Chair to be taken at half past 7 o'clock.

As Professor DeMill has personally visited the Catacombs at Rome, he may be expected to give the results of his own observation, in those interesting caverns of the departed. We doubt not the lecture will be a rare treat. The change is made from Tuesday, the usual day, to Monday evening, on account of its being the day before New Year's Day.

News Summary.

DEATH OF PRINCE ALBERT!

The following despatch was received yesterday morning. The news it contains will cause intense sorrow on behalf of our beloved QUEEN VICTORIA in the hearts of her millions of subjects in all parts of the world. The suddenness of the calamity, and so soon after the death of her mother, the Duchess of Kent, will doubtless render it a blow to the Royal Family, and particularly to Her Majesty, which may be attended by even more disastrous consequences. It becomes us to lift up our prayers to Him who has the hearts of all men in his hand, and beseech Him to bestow upon her the consolations which she now needs, and which He alone can afford under such circumstances and trials.

The Persia from Liverpool 15th, arrived off Cape Race at 5 o'clock on Monday night, 23rd.

PRINCE ALBERT EXPIRED AT NOON ON SUNDAY, THE 15th INST., OF GASTRIC FEVER.

The Persia has 1100 troops on board bound for River de Loop or Bic. Liverpool Mercury of the 14th says report prevails in London that Earl De. by has been consulted by Government, and that he approved of the policy in reference to the American difficulty.

It is suggested to ship-owners that they instruct Captains of outward-bound ships to signalize a y English vessels, that war with America is probable. This suggestion is strongly approved by underwriters.

Australian sailed from Liverpool 13th, with troops for Canada, 1st Div. 10th Brigade. A garrison of artillery embarked per Niagara for Halifax. It is understood that ten companies of Engineers will be sent to British America.

PARIS, 13th.—Bourse heavy. Closed 67.60. Austrian advices from Vienna 10th, state that during Emperor's stay, he liberated all political prisoners.

NAPLES, 13th.—Borges Brigand Chief executed.

Prince Albert's illness was not considered dangerous till Friday.

Arrival of American wheat and flour heavy. Small business doing.—prices favor buyers.—By Telegraph to News Room and Reporter.

The Cunard Steamer America, on her way to New York with the English Mails, touched here on Saturday last, to deliver Government Dispatches. Her dates were up to the 7th inst.

Intense excitement prevails in England in consequence of the seizure of Messrs. Slidell and Mason by Capt. Wilkes on board the U. S. steamer San Jacinto, which the English Jurists unanimously pronounce to be a direct infraction of International Law. Instructions have been sent to Lord Lyons, our Minister at Washington, to demand a sufficient apology for the outrage on our flag, and an immediate surrender of the Southern Delegates. This momentous question is now under consideration by the U. S. Executive and on its speedy solution will depend, whether a war shall or shall not follow. We most devoutly hope for the latter alternative, although we deeply regret that both the House of Representatives and some of the principal Departments of State at Washington, have already committed themselves to a policy that augurs ill for the continuance of friendly relations between the two countries. Whatever may be the ability of the statesmen at Washington in other respects, we do not think their prudence on the present occasion has been very conspicuous. In the meantime the English Ministry have taken prompt and energetic measures in contemplation of the worst that may happen. 10,000 men are to be at once sent to Canada, some of which have already sailed, intending to land troops, if possible, at the mouth of the St. Lawrence. Others are expected to land at this port, and pass through New Brunswick, while several ships of war are under orders to sail for the American Coast at the shortest notice. Officers and Sergeants from different regiments are also to be sent at once to drill and discipline the Canadian Militia. All this wears an ominous and gloomy appearance, still we cannot bring ourselves to the belief that a bloody and ruinous war between two such nations as England and the United States is on the eve of breaking out, almost without notice. A few days will no doubt decide the question.

There is nothing in the movements of the hostile Armies during the past week to which our remarks in our last number will not apply.—Great movements of the Federal Armies are talked of, but as far as appears, the indications do not warrant the belief that anything decisive will immediately take place.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

Accommodation is being provided at the different barracks and dockyard in Halifax for a large accession of troops to this garrison.

The argument of counsel on the trial of Burdell and Lane was closed Monday morning. No sentence is yet passed upon them.

The large brick building south of Nash's Variety Store we learn is to be fitted up as a hotel to be called the International.

Major Patterson H. M., 63rd Regt., died on Tuesday 17th in the 30th year of his age and was buried in the Military Cemetery.

EXHIBITION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.—The fruit and vegetables sent to the Commissioners of the International Exhibition have been open for public inspection the past week in the new brick building near the Steam-boat wharf. The display of these productions is highly creditable to the Province. The specimens of fruit—apples in particular exceeded anything we ever saw before. The splendid potatoes, turnips and beets were such as we believe might vie with those of any country. If it were possible to place these articles as they now are in the London Exhibition they would command for Nova Scotia a place she has not held in the estimation of the parent country.

ANOTHER VICTIM.—James Miller of New Annan was found quite dead in a ditch on the road side a short distance from Tatamagouche on the 11th inst. There was only a few inches of water but owing to his being drunk he appears to have been suffocated in it. An Inquest was held and a verdict in accordance with the facts rendered.

Letters Received.

Ward Eaton, Esq., 17h, 2 subs. Rev. H. Achi les, 13th, 2s. 2 subs. Rev. J. J. Skinner, 10th, 2s. 1 sub. Rev. A. F. Porter, 17h, 2s. 1 sub. T. I. Fairbairn, 7th. Rev. A. Cogswell, 15th. Rev. P. F. Murray, 20h, 2s. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 23h, 1s.

Marriages.

On Wednesday last, by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, Mr. J. rep Young, of Lunenburg, to Mary Anne, daughter of Mr. John Burke, of the same place.

On the 15th inst., by the Rev. J. Brewster, Mr. Frederick Lyons to Miss Caroline Dixon.

On Saturday evening, 21st inst., by the Rev. J. M. Brewster, Mr. Jonathan Crowe, to Miss Mary Stafford, both of this city.

At Guysborough, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. George S. Milligan, A. M. Jonathan Hartley, Esq., of Pirate Cove, to Miss Lavania Davies, youngest daughter of John Jost, Esq., of Guysborough.

On the 3th Nov., at New Harbor, by the Rev. A. F. Porter, Mr. Samuel I. Kerby, to Miss Mary Jane, second daughter of Robert Kerby, Esq.

At the Leach Settlement, Annapolis Co., by the Rev. H. Acallies, Mr. Benjamin McCool, to Miss Aba J. Turpell.

Nov. 6th, by the Rev. P. F. Murray, Mr. John Sabean, to Mrs. Appeleria Hicks, both of Port Williams.

Nov. 7th, by the same, Mr. James Mitchell, to Mrs. Eliza Foster, both of Chute's Cove.

Nov. 24th, by the same, Mr. William A. Marshall, to Miss Eleanor J. Messenger, both of Port Williams.

Dec. 9th, by the same, Mr. William H. Sabean, to Miss Ruth Ann Wilkins, both of Port Williams.

Deaths.

On Sunday morning, Michael Flinn, aged 25 years. On the 15th inst., John Lewis, in the 93d year of his age.

On the 13th inst., at Indian Point, Mahone Bay, Captain Patrick Ernst, in the 70th year of his age. Suddenly, on Mount Thom, Pictou, on Sunday evening, Nancy, widow of the late Hugh Fraser, aged 63 years.

At Miramichi, on the 1st inst., after a long and severe illness, which he bore with christian fortitude, John Beaul, Esq., J. P., aged 53 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, on the 22nd inst., Joseph Brashear, aged 23 years, a native of Newfound and.

At Chester, on the 8th inst., Caroline, wife of Mr. D. vid Corkum, in the 37th year of her age, leaving a husband and one child to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and mother. Her protracted sufferings were endured with much patience, and she died in hope of eternal life.

In Harmony, Aylesford, (whither she had been recently removed from Victoria Road, Wilmot), Mrs. Sarah Canning, wife of Mr. George Canning, aged 84 years.

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Shipping List. PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, Dec. 17h.—Government scho. Darting, D. J. Sable is and, 3 days.—No. weeks at the Island, Chris Sea View, Merriam, Boston, 7 days.—John Tobin & Co. and others: Ocean Traveller, (Am.) Smith, Gloucester—bound to Newfound and; Union, Lent, P. E. I., 6 days—bound to New York; Margaret, O'Connell, Sydney.

Wednesday, 18th.—Schr's John, O'Hara, Canso, 2 days; Fortune, Cape Breton; Re-ident, Lang, P. E. Island; Rising Dawn, Mil s, do.; Emerald, do.; Foaming Billow, Sydney; Augusta, do.; Sarah, Furney, Shelburne; Joseph, Ellinger, Trinidad, 33 days,—experienced very severe weather on the passage; Friend, Westhaver, Lunenburg—J. M. Watson & Co. Thursday, 19h.—Brigt Vivid, Duquette, Turks Island; Tryon, Holmes, New York, 5 days.—Young & Hartt and others; schr's Sir Colin Campbell, Vigns, do.—McLean, Campbell & Co. and others; Native Lass, Gerroir, Boston, 4 days—bound to Arichat; Gazelle, Swain, P. E. Island; Ranger, Parr, do.—T. S. Tobin.

Friday, 20h.—Schr Seraph, Cleveland, Sheet Harbor—G. H. Starr & Co.; Re-ponsible, Walsh, P. E. Island, 9 days; Western Packet, McDonald, do.; Gold Hunter, McKay, do.; Inkerman, Cook, Canso; Eliza Catherine, Marie I., Newfound and; Odesa, Bradley, New York, 10 da.—S. A. White & Co. and others; Shannon, Arichat,—J. G. A. Creighton & Co.; Defiance, Shippeg, n,—do.

Saturday, 21st.—R. M. Steamer America, Liverpool, via Queenstown, 13 days—with despatches for Colonial Government; brig Queen of the West, Dickson, St. John, P. R., 18 days.

Sunday, 22nd.—Schr's Swan, Myers, New York, 8 days, to Young and Hart; Mary Day, Boston, 2 da. to B. Wier and Co.; Camelia, McFarlane, Demerara, 30 days, to C. Allison and G. C. Harvey.

Monday, 23rd.—Brig Falcon, Wilson, Trinidad, 23 days, to J. T. Wainwright; Schr's Mulgrave, Romney, New York, 5 days, to Wm. Hare and Co.; Ach- fever, Banks, Boston, 3 days, to B. Wier and Co.

Cleared.

Monday, 16th.—R. M. S. eamer Europa, Anderson, Boston; brig Florida, McDonald, Porto Rico; schr's Oases, Stanley, B. W. Indies; Virgin, Sampson, Descouse; P. L. G., Cruickshank, Strait of Canso.

Tuesday, 17h.—Brig W. R. Kirby, Bartow, New York; schr's Fair Play, McKay, St. John, N. B.; Beauty, Creighton, B. W. Indies; Lite Buoys, Allen, F. W. Indies; Janet, (new) Crowell, Baltimore; Emily, Gay, P. E. Island; Nancy Lily, Bell, do.; Sea Bird, Slattery, Lunan; Water, Terrio, Arichat; Hero, Robbins, Yarmouth; Curlew, Cunningham, Harrington; Lucinda, F. a. ry, Sydney.

Wednesday, 18 h.—Brigt Lady Dundas, Gordon, Georgetown, P. E. I. land; Boston, O'Brien, Boston; brig Horned, Anderson, Cuba; schr's Paradise, Berry, Philadelphia; Ida, McAlpine, Newfound and; Lender, P. shell, Antigonish; Sixe Goth, Martin, Port Mulgrave; Eucharist, McKemie, Ragged Islands.

Friday, 20h.—Brigt Ne-on, Bonchie, Arichat; schr's Inkerman, Cook, New York; Ita-Ska, Bucks, Mangaree and Port Hood, Rachael, Roche, Lunan; Emery, Blanch, Sydney; J. C. Archibald, Turry, do.

Saturday, 21st.—Steamer America, Stone, New York; schr's Margaret, Fraser, Nassau; Scotia, Woodley, L. W. Indies; R. McAfee, Bishop, St. John, N. B.; Cherub, Bears, P. E. Island; Topsy, Reddy, Guysboro; Levi Hart, Hurdison, Guysboro; J. J. Marshall, Bruce, Canso; Rival, (pkt.) Dunlap, Liverpool, N. S.; Seraph, Cleveland, Sheet Harbor; Chr'es A bert, Kennedy, Sydney; Agility, Pye, Sydney.

MELANCHOLY LOSS.—The following has been sent to the Commissioners of Board of Works—

"Gentlemen.—A brig sunk this morning about 9 o'clock, about a mile W. of the Light House; can see about four feet of her masts; all lands are lost. It is blowing so hard that we cannot get off from the shore—wind N. W. A boat came on shore, but there is no name on her. One tub of flour came on shore which was marked "Northern Light stores."

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