

Porter, for his address. Rev. J. Davis seconded the motion, and added to it a request that an outline, containing the substance of the address, might be furnished for publication in the Ck. Messenger.

The Association resumed its session, and after transacting the few remaining items of business closed its session by Prayer and singing the Union Hymn. The Moderator declared the Association adjourned to meet next year with the Church at Great Village, Londonderry.

A session of greater harmony and earnestness in the attention of its members to the matters brought before the Association, could scarcely be held. The brethren seemed truly "of one heart and one mind"; and kept the various subjects more distinct than usual; which is a great advantage to the congregations who attend to listen to the discussions that arise.

RETURNING HOME.

Tuesday afternoon and evening brought us in company with other friends to Antigonish.—Here Romanism is in the ascendant, with its college of St. Xavier, Church of St. Zinian and bishop's residence. The Supreme Court being in session and several exciting trials expected, brought many strangers into the village, filling up the public accommodation. Our venerable friend Rev. J. Whidden, however, with his generous hospitality afforded us a hearty welcome. The compactness of the buildings here give to the street more of a town appearance than many larger places. The foundation of a large Presbyterian Church here is just finished, which will be raised in a few days, and we learned will be in advance of any other building in the neighbourhood. Wednesday was fully occupied in passing from Antigonish through New Glasgow and West River to Truro.

Although we were early on our way to take the train at 6 o'clock next morning, the indefatigable Superintendent of the Normal School, Dr. Forrester was at work in the garden of that institution, before we passed. Regretting that we could not remain to witness the examination of the Model Schools, on that and the following days, we were soon being propelled towards the metropolis far more rapidly and agreeably than in the other public vehicles we had left behind.

PRAYER FOR A REVIVAL.—The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland at their recent meeting, passed the following resolution:—"That the General Assembly, taking into consideration the hopeful indications of a blessing from the Holy Spirit on the work of the ministry, in various parts of the country, and the great responsibilities which are laid upon this Church by such tokens of the favor of our Divine Head, humbly and with thankfulness acknowledge His great goodness in the measure of success which during the past year have attended the use of the means of grace, renew the earnest recommendations of last General Assembly to the ministers and elders of this Church, to persevere in the use of all holy means to promote the progress of vital religion in every parish, and, in particular, to continue in prayer for the Holy Spirit, that the work of the Lord may be revived in the midst of the years, and His Church may by Him be established, and become more and more a praise in the earth."

WORTHY OF ATTENTION.—A correspondent writes to the Biblical Recorder:—"One of the first evidences of a decline in religion is an indifference to the religious paper. I have sat in churches where scores of members have been excluded. If the excluded were reading men, and took a religious paper, I have noticed that the first palpable backward step was a discontinuance of the paper. This is the result of thirty years' observation."

WE have to apologize to some of our readers for the imperfect impression given to a portion of our last week's issue. It was occasioned by the removal of the steam-press on which the Messenger is printed, and a slight accident which occurred on going to press.

THE COMET recently so brilliant an object in the northern firmament, appears to have taken its departure into the vast depths of the illimitable heavens. What its mission is we have yet to learn. The grandeur of the great "works of the Lord" is shown to some extent by the vast revolutions of these "wandering stars."

Professor Bond, of Harvard Observatory, in noticing its sudden appearance, shows that the earth barely escaped a collision. He says:—"Until within the past week the head of the comet has not been visible in the northern hemisphere. It crossed from the Southern side of the plane of the earth's orbit about the 28th of June. Previous to that date it must have been a brilliant object in the Southern hemisphere, especially at the time of its perihelion passage, which took place on the 11th of June. On the 28th the earth passed close to the tail, which crossed our path a day or two only in advance

of us, so that we barely escaped passing through it. The distance of the Comet from the earth is now about twenty-five millions of miles, and it will be a satisfaction to some, perhaps, to know it is increasing. It will soon fade out of sight."

THE CENSUS.—POPULATION OF HALIFAX.

Table showing population of Halifax by religious denominations: Roman Catholics (11,417), Church of England (6,068), Presbyterian Church of Lower Provinces (1,954), Established Church of Scotland (953), Methodists (1,978), Baptists (1,501).

The CENSUS at TRURO shows that there has been a large increase of the population in that district since 1851, but, strange to say, a diminution of Presbyterians, and an increase of Baptists.

News Summary.

OUR English Mail brings London dates up to the 29th ult. The state of commercial and monetary affairs in England were more satisfactory than could well have been expected and not as much affected by the troubles in the United States as had been feared.

The Bill for the abolition of Church Rates had been lost in the House of Commons by the casting vote of the Speaker.

Lord Campbell, the Lord High Chancellor of England, had died very suddenly, in his eighty-second year. He was the son of a Scotch minister, and had risen to the highest station a subject can occupy by the exertion of good working abilities, sound legal acquirements, and indefatigable perseverance and industry. He was also honorably distinguished by numerous professional and biographical writings. He is succeeded by Sir Richard Bethell, one of the most eminent and profound English Lawyers, who has been raised to the Peerage with the title of Lord Westbury.

The SULTAN or Emperor of TURKEY, styled also the GRAND SEIGNIOR, is also dead, at the early age of 41, and is succeeded by his brother.

The French Emperor has at length publicly recognized the existence of the new Kingdom of Italy. He has not, however, withdrawn the French Garrison from Rome. The health of the Pope appears, from all accounts, to be in a very precarious state.

The Great Eastern has arrived at Quebec after a passage of ten days, with several regiments on board to reinforce the troops in Canada. This precautionary measure has been adopted by Government in consequence of the disturbed state of the neighbouring Union. The Naval force on the North American coasts has also been very considerably increased.

Nothing of importance in the movements or operations of the belligerent parties at the Seat of War, appears to have taken place during the past week.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

At the HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BAZAAR last week over £200 are said to have been taken.

Several of the medical gentlemen of the city have resigned their office as Governors of the Dispensary, in consequence of the Resident Physician's course of proceeding, particularly with regard to the Indian Small-pox remedy.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held last week on the body of an Indian girl, who died of small-pox. She had been treated by the so-called Indian remedy. The Jury returned a verdict that the child had died of small-pox, and had not received proper attendance.

HYDROPHOBIA.—On Saturday last a very handsome setter dog was killed on a wharf at the South end, in a rabid state of madness. An end was put to his sufferings, by a blow on the head from a truck-pin, administered by a bystander.—Sun.

An Obelisk of solid granite has been erected to the memory of the late Chaplain of the Forces, Dr. Twining, at the place of his interment on the S. E. angle of the Military Cemetery on Fort Massy.—Church Record.

FIRE AT PARROBORO.—The store of Francis Carroll, Esq., with its contents, was destroyed by fire about one o'clock, on Tuesday morning last. The loss is estimated at nearly £600, which is partially covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

MEN OF WAR in HALIFAX HARBOUR.—Nile 90, screw, Flag ship; Firebrand 6, paddle-wheel, steam sloop; Cygnet, 5, screw, steam gun vessel; Nimble, 5, screw, steam gun vessel. The Valorous, 16, paddle-wheel steam frigate, and the Challenge, 22, screw steam corvette sailed on Friday last, the former for England and the latter for the West Indies. The Driver, 6, paddle wheel steam sloop sailed on Saturday afternoon for Bermuda.

REGATTA.—A meeting was held at Mason Hall on Saturday last, when the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, It is the intention of the Royal Halifax Yacht Club to sail their first annual match for the Prince of Wales' Challenge Cup, on the 1st day of next month,

And Whereas, The Scull Race for the Championship of Harbor, is also to take place on that day,

And, Whereas, Other boat races to come off at the same time would increase the interest and amusement of the day,

Therefore, Resolved, That on the first day of August next, a Regatta take place on our harbor.

GOLD NEWS.—It is said that Gold has been discovered at Lunenburg and that a company has been formed in Halifax for working there.

A quartz crushing machine arrived in the Eastern State from Boston for a company at Tangier. Another is said to be ordered from England.

Guysboro and Nictaux are now added to the list of gold producing districts.

We should be glad to hear of the enterprising parties being remunerated for their labor. One Shilling per day is named as the probable average made by those engaged at the diggings.

THE TELEGRAPH DEPREDATORS, Levi and David Dobson, were sentenced at Guysboro, on Saturday, the 6th inst., one to 6 months and the other to 12 months in the County Jail. The N. B. Visitor says "the case created considerable interest in Guysboro, as the guilty persons were of a respectable family." This, we are happy to say, is a great mistake, the parties, both witnesses and prisoners, being amongst the most disreputable. The only regret we heard there a week or two since, was that the prison was not such as to render the punishment more effectual—no employment being prescribed for the prisoners, and no fence being placed around the jail, the confinement is calculated to produce greater corruption of morals and at the same time damage the physical health of the inmates.

A saw-mill, belonging to Mr. James W. Pratt, of Smith's Cove, was burned on the 18th ult. Everything was complete in the mill, with the exception of irons. It was partially insured.—Digby Acadian.

Sealed Tenders were received until Tuesday, at noon, to construct the Public wharf at Digby. We have not understood whose tender has been accepted.—ib.

HONORARY REWARD.—The Marine Board, of Cork, has presented to Mr. John Le Maitre, mate on board the Queen of Liverpool, a fine telescope. The telescope is a handsome production, and the following is engraved on it:—"Presented by her Majesty's government to Mr. John Le Maitre, in acknowledgement of his services to the Crews of the barque Syphax, of Yarmouth, (N.S.), and the brig Rambler, of Sunderland, whom he assisted to rescue at sea on the 8th of October, 1860."—Journal.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—"In the midst of life we are in death." It is solemn and affecting to see the human system yield to the force of painful and protracted illness; how much more so, when we behold the most robust snatched away in the bloom of youth, without a moment's warning.

At Kempton, near Hammond's Plains, on Saturday, the 6th inst., Robert Little, in the 19th year of his age, met his death while bathing. He was very much overheated, and it is supposed that the sudden reaction of the cold water upon the system caused his death. He was observed a few moments previous, standing in the water, when suddenly, those who were with him, heard a splash, and turning round saw the waves close over him. His father and uncle who had likewise been bathing, succeeded in getting him out, but life was extinct.

He was an amiable young man, and generally beloved.—Com. by R. O. B. Johnson.

For Colonial and Foreign News, see sixth page.

Letters Received.

James Pyle, 20th. Rev. W. Dobson, 3rd, \$5. X. Z. Chipman, 4th, \$23. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 3rd, 1 sub. 5c. Joseph Dimock, 4th. Rev. D. Freeman, 8th. B. L. Teller, 2nd.—Will write. W. J. Gates, 5th & 6th, \$16.—Will write. J. A. Black, 3rd, \$20.—Will write. J. F. Nash, S. R. DeWolf, 9th. Rev. E. M. Saunders, 8th. Rev. J. C. Morse, 6th. W. S. Raymond, Esq., 5th, 1 sub. E. M. Morse, 6th. John Kerr, 5th. Rev. W. Hall, 28th. Rev. D. McKeen, 2nd. Rev. Chas. Randall, 24th. Rev. Obed Chute, 5th. Chas. Mosher, 8th. L. S. Payzant, 8th. W. H. Harris, 9th, \$8. Rev. J. Shaw, 4th, \$8. H. J. Gesner. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 8th. Chas. H. Chesley, 5th. G. V. Rand, 15th.

NOTICES.

ACADIA COLLEGE. A Special meeting of the Governors will be held in the Library on Wednesday, the 31st, at ten o'clock. A. M. A full attendance is requested. S. W. DeBlais, Secretary. Wolfville, July 15th 1861.

Marrriages.

On Tuesday 9th, by the Rev. J. Brewster, Mr. John L. Perry, of Tanbridge Wells, England, to Miss Mary Forrest, of Newport, Nants. On the 10th, by the same, Mr. William Probert, of Monmouth, Wales, to Miss Jane Thomas, of the same place. At Boston, July 3rd, by the Rev. Phineas Stow, Mr. J. Franklin Nash, of London, England, to Amelia, eldest daughter of E. C. Gourley, Esq., of Brookfield, Colchester County, Nova Scotia.

At Boston, July 6th, Mr. Winthrop Sargent, to Miss Emma A. Homer, of Barrington, N. S.

By the Rev. James L. Read, Mr. James Crocker, to Mrs. Abigail Brinnin, of Upper Aylesford.

By the Rev. John C. Morse, at the house of the bride's father, Little River, on the 3rd July, Mr. William A. Dodge of Islesboro, Me, to Elizabeth A., second daughter of Mr. Stephen Denton.

At Upper Stewiacke, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. O. Chute, Mr. A. J. Walker, of Truro, to Miss Rosanna Layton, eldest daughter of Mr. Jacob Layton, of Upper Stewiacke.

Also by the same, at the same place and date, Mr. Hugh Logan, to Miss Ann Layton, third daughter of Mr. Jacob Layton.

Deaths.

At his residence, Smith's Cove, on the 25th ult., Benjamin Potter, Esq., aged 84 years. He leaves an aged widow and large circle of friends and relatives to mourn their bereavement.

At Beach Hill, Cornwallis, May 7th, aged 38 years, Mrs. William English, leaving a husband and four children.

At Cornwallis, very suddenly, May 15th in the 57th year of her age, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Gideon Hiley, and daughter of the late Eliakim Tupper. Mrs. I., was a highly esteemed member of the Baptist Church, a devoted mother, and an affectionate wife. A faithful christian and constant friend of the poor has gone to receive a crown of life.—Communicated.

On the 5th July, John Gilday, in the 39th year of his age.

At his residence, near Elmsdale, on the 27th June, Joseph Brown, aged 71 years, a native of Windsor, N. S. and for nearly forty years a resident of Nine Mile River.

At Lower Bedford, July 6th, in the 44th year of her age, Margaret, the beloved wife of James Doyle, and third daughter of the late John Hedler.

At Barrington, on 25 ult., Captain John C. Crowell, jr., aged 49 years and 7 months.

In Melvern Square, Wilmot, of diphtheria, May 30th, Charles Leason, aged 3 years and 8 months, and June 2nd, Ingram Oakley, aged 1 year 9 months, children of John and Catherine Fales.

Of diphtheria, at Upper Aylesford, March 28th, Richard Clark Banks, aged 6 years, son of Mr. Alexander Banks.

Also of diphtheria, Aylesford April 9th, Aby Jane, aged 2 years and 7 months.

April 17th, John Francis aged 5 years and 5 months. April 22nd, James Whitfield, aged 14 years and 3 months, and William McKenzie, aged 12 years and 2 months, all children of Mr. John Felch.

Of the same disease, May 5th, Oliver Randall, aged 14 years. May 18th Nathaniel Parker, aged 12 years, children of Mr. Samuel Taylor.

In Berwick, May 27th, in the 63rd year of her age, Frances H., daughter of the late Robert Jefferson of Annapolis, and wife of Mr. John Webster.

The deceased had been a member of the Baptist church for twenty four years. She was a good wife and mother, good neighbor, and a warm hearted friend to the whole circle of her acquaintances. She died exercising a strong hope of meeting her Saviour in peace.

At the Poor's Asylum, July 9th, John King, aged 25 years, a native of Halifax.

Shipping List. PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, 9th.—Bark Annie, Parker, Liverpool, N. S.; brig Jessie, Murray, St. John, P. R., 32 days—D. Cronan; schrs Challenge, Rogers, Boston 4 days—S. Cunard & Co; Mend, Pictou; brig Gem, Leigh, Newfoundland 4 days—J. G. A. Creighton & Co; H. M. Steamer Valorous, Bermuda.

Wednesday, 10th.—H. M. steamer Cygnet, from England; R. M. steamer Canada, Moodie, Liverpool via Queenstown 12 days—70 passengers, 25 for Halifax; brig Sophia, Banks, Liverpool, G. B., 34 days—Salter & Twining; Government schr Daring, Daly, from the Eastward.

Thursday, 11th.—Schrs Kate, Messervey, Newfoundland 6 days—Win. Lawson; Flirt, Magdalen Islands—wrecked materials.

Friday, 12th.—Bark Halifax, O'Brien, Boston 4 days—J. M. Watson and Co. and others; R. M. steamer Europa, Anderson, Boston 2 days—35 passengers, 17 for Halifax; brig Argyle, Phillips, Liverpool, G. B. 36 days—Black, Bros. and Co; steamer Eastern State, Churchill, Boston and Yarmouth—60 passengers; schrs Weathergale, McAlinsh, Newfoundland—J. A. Moren; Melrose, Reynolds, New York 7 days; Eclipse, Connoughton, do 8 days—Young and Hart; E. len, Pentz, P. E. Island; brig Advaloreim, Lyons, Cienfuegos 25 days—C. Allison.

Saturday, 13th.—Brig General Williams, Doane, St. John, P. R. 13 days; ship Durward, Morrison, Liverpool, G. B. 34 days—called for orders; schrs W. M. McLellan, Lingan 6 days—bound to New York; Levi Hart, Canso 6 days—T. C. Kinnear and Co.

Sunday, July 14th.—Ship Piscatriqua, Weeks, Liverpool, 34 days, to Young and Hart; Brig Valorous, Allen, Cienfuegos, 21 days, to do.—Brig Sarah Crowell, New York, 6 days; Schrs Alfred Vitvory, Rarey London, 35 days, to Mr. Tobin and others; Mary, Lawson, Newfoundland, 6 days; Isabella, Hadley, Guysborough; Friend Westhaver, Lunenburg.

Cleared.

Monday, 8th.—brig H. Havelock, Dexter, Lingan; schrs Durham, Ragged Islands; Hero Crowell, Porto Rico.

Tuesday, 9th.—brig Hedley Vicers, Murphy, Brasd'Or, C. B.; schrs Greyhound, Sydney; Susan, Canso; Stirling, Arichat; Mary, do; Advance, Lingan; Sceptre, Murphy, Liverpool, G. B.

Wednesday, 10th.—schooners Trial, Kennedy, Baddeck; Samuel Jones, McDonald Port Hood and M. rgrace; Sisters, McKenzie, Sydney and Cow Bay; Celerity, Foster, Port Medway.

Thursday, 11th.—Clara, Oang, St. George's Bay, Nfld; Jasper, Port Medway; Meteor, Sheridan, Queenstown, Ireland; brig Africa, Lassen, Kingston, Jam; R. M. steamer Canada, Moodie, Boston.

Friday, 12th.—Ospray, Gulliford, Sydney and Newfoundland; Europa, Anderson, Liverpool; Margaret Ann, Thomas, L'Ardoise and River Bngois; Balesma, Sturmes Paspodiac; Josephine, Fairrel, Sydney; Rosalie, Langl, Tatamagouche; John Silver, Vebo, Fortune Bay.

Saturday 13th.—Harmony, Hayes, Sydney; Express, Stewart, Georgetown; Mary, Charles, Babin, P. E. I., Strait of Canso and Antigonish; Mary, Day, Bird Island; Lone Star, Gallaway, a market in the United States; Tornado, Morrison, New York; Doan, Bride, Swain, Bird Rock and Gulf St. Lawrence; Challenge, Leblanc, Arichat; W. S. McLeod, Perry, Shelburne; Lady Mulgrave, Hartigan, Lingan.