

considerable interval between them, and that interval was marked by coldness and declension. Let me illustrate this by a tabular statement of the number of baptisms in six of the largest churches in the Association.

Table with 7 columns: Year, Horton, Second Cornwallis, Third Cornwallis, Nictaux, Wilmot, Second Yarmouth. Rows show baptism counts from 1839 to 1850.

Here is the history of twelve years. And a very singular history it is, in a christian point of view. Four years of prosperity were enjoyed by the Horton church in the last of which, especially, marvellous scenes were witnessed, mighty manifestations of the power and grace of God; but there were four years in which nothing was done, and the remaining four years exhibit but a meagre report of progress.

What shall we say to these things? Is such a course of events satisfactory to the christian heart? Are we to suppose that years of spiritual barrenness, following each other in melancholy succession, and then a few months of sudden outburst of feeling, with another time of dearth at the close, ought to be regarded as the natural product of religious effort, conducted on the principles of the New Testament?

March 15, 1862.

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PROVERBS FROM POOR RICHARD.—An egg to day is better than a hen to-morrow. Hunger never saw bad bread.

For the Christian Messenger.

Letter from Burmah.

My Dear Messenger,—

How often it is the case, that our mercies and blessings become the occasions of neglect of duty! My wife and little girl have been brought safely back to me from America, after an absence of three years, and consequently I have neglected to write to you for two months and more!

Let me, here, acknowledge the receipt, by Mrs. Crawley, of £5, from Miss Bent and others at Amherst, for the Female School. This School will probably be commenced immediately after the meeting of our Association in February next.

Faithfully yours, ARTHUR R. R. CRAWLEY. Henthada, Dec. 24, 1861.

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HALIFAX, MARCH 26, 1862.

News Summary.

London news to the 8th inst., was received by the R. M. S. America, which arrived on Friday evening. A motion in Parliament to declare the blockade of the Southern Ports by the Federalists as merely nominal and inefficient, was defeated by the general voice of the Commons.

dress in the Corps Legislatif, (The French House of Commons) has demanded that the French Troops should be withdrawn from Rome, and the Romans and the Pope left to manage their own affairs.

The Austrian Emperor is at length conceding to his subjects large and important measures of civil and religious liberty, and adopting to some considerable extent, the forms of a Representative Government.

There has been nothing of importance transpired during the week relative to the movements of the hostile armies in the South. Severe and destructive gales have prevailed on the European coasts, and numerous shipwrecks have occurred.

LEGISLATIVE.—The proceedings of the Legislature on Saturday and Monday last, have produced much excitement in the capital.

ACADIA COLLEGE AGENCY.—We forgot to mention in our last week's issue that the Rev. A. D. Thomson had been in Halifax last week on his way to New Brunswick.

You are aware that I received \$400 from one brother, and \$20 from another before I left you. I got \$460 the next day in Truro, from an Alumnus, and \$4 more from an old friend.

The two largest donors in the above (I mean in Halifax and Truro) have received, and know how to appreciate a course of College training.

I would just say for the encouragement of friends to the Institution, that at no period of my acquaintance with it, do I believe it stood more firmly, or had more true friends than at the present day.

Yours as ever, ADAM D. THOMSON.

THIRTY-TWO YEARS AGO.—A copy of the Acadian Recorder, dated March 20, 1830, came into our hands a day or two since.

The parliamentary report gives but few names now found in that department. A Memorial of the Judges of the Supreme Court, for an increase of salary is the principal subject of discussion.

St. Patrick's Day seems to have been observed with all honor. One of the toasts at the Annual Festival of the Charitable Irish Society then was "The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Bishop of Tanen and the Clergy of the Province."

We find in many of the advertisements the same names as at the present day, most of them however being fathers of the merchants of this date.

Notices, &c.

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To those who have paid for their paper.

Dear Friend,—Many thanks for your remittance. May you continue to enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you "owe no man anything, but love."

Not to be read by those who have paid.

Dear Friend!—Are you not in arrears for the Christian Messenger? Large demands are made upon us for labor and material to supply you with the paper, please send on what is owing by you without delay, and oblige

THE PROPRIETOR. Christian Messenger Office, 49 Granville St., Halifax, N. S.

Letters Received.

G. V. Rand, 17th. D. Mosher, 15th, 20s. James B. McNutt, 15th, 10s., per Alex. Cummings. J. W. Cobb, 19th, 20s., per Mr. Cohoon. X. Z. Chipman, Esq., 13th, 1 sub. H. T. Goudy, 17th, 20s. I. McNayr, Esq., 15th, 25s.—Can only send Young Reaper from March. W. Sabean, 15th, 10s. Rev. James Stevens, 19th, 1 sub. W. L. Crowell, 15th, 20s., 1 sub. Rev. D. M. Welton, 21st. G. Langille, 12th, 10s. J. Spidel, 10s. Rev. J. E. Balcom, 20th.—It has been sent regularly, as first directed.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

The City Council have moved in the matter of the Chimney Sweepers.

A lot of old Province Notes were burned by a Committee of the House on Thursday.

We had a letter yesterday from Sherbrooke, giving a very favorable account of the gold prospects there.—Col.

The Hon. Joseph Howe will deliver an Address this evening before the Mayflower Volunteer Company, on "The Art of War."

Wm. Hickman, Esq., has been appointed Private Secretary to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, vice Capt. Stapleton, resigned.

VOLUNTEERS' LECTURES.—Mr. Marrow lectured on Wednesday last on the Vikings—the ancient pirates of the North—with extracts from the writings of the Sagas and early Scandinavian history.

PROGRESS WESTWARD.—The Sun has the following:

"We are informed by a gentleman recently returned from the westward, that shipbuilding is progressing with great rapidity in that direction. At Shelburne there are 16 vessels now building. Yarmouth, 12. Tusket, 5. Argyle, 3. Liverpool, 2. Barrington, 2; and several at St. Mary's Bay."

It is stated that parties from the States are purchasing large tracts of land at and near Sheet Harbour, and making arrangements for carrying on extensive saw mills, &c. Two or three vessels are now on passage from New York, laden with supplies necessary for prosecuting work at the locality in question.—Express.

PRESERVATION OF ISLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.—A meeting of the Society having this object in view was held in Masonic Hall, on Tuesday 18th Inst. Capt. Chearnley in the chair. P. S. Hamilton, Secretary. Statements were made shewing that great destruction of moose had been effected by some gentlemen from England and resolutions passed for preparing an Act to be presented to the Legislature, for preventing the wanton and improper destruction of moose and game.

WINE HARBOUR GOLD DIGGINGS.—The auriferous deposit at this place, from all accounts, appear to be more extensive and richer than was at the first discovery anticipated. A gentleman from Pictou, was in Halifax, a few days since, and was shown the produce from a barrel of quartz from this place, the value of which was \$36, after deducting the fee for crushing; and was purchased by giving in exchange a barrel of herring, valued at \$3. There was not the slightest evidence upon the exterior of the quartz, that it contained gold. There is no doubt but thousands of tons of this quartz will go through the crushing operation the ensuing summer, and probably of a much richer quality. We learn that the claims are nearly all taken up.—Pictou Chronicle.

WEST INDIES.—The Greyhound from Bermuda, reports fourteen men-of-war lying at those Islands.

The last arrival from Havana reports that three schooners had succeeded in running the blockade and getting in there with cargoes of cotton.

Bermuda was visited with a severe storm on the 9th inst., doing considerable damage.

Several rebel schooners had been brought into Key West, including the William Mallory.

A number of rebel schooners with small quantities of cotton on board had reached Havana.

Two slave dealers had been murdered at Havana. The assassins were four in number, including a mulatto, who confessed the crime and is under trial.

AUSTRALIA, Melbourne, Jan. 26.—The English cricketers victorious. The above intelligence has been telegraphed from Alexandria. How important!

Garibaldi has arrived at Genoa. The Committee of the Provedimento Society are preparing to celebrate his arrival with a banquet.