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THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

be the elevation of the status of Teachers." successor, whoever he may be, that the rev- The des; erate fight at Pittsburg has ap-

their course and appreciate their labours more whatever they may be. fully.

REV. DR. PRYOR .- We learn that this esteemed brother closed his pastoral labors with the Old Cambridge Baptist church last Sabbath preparatory to his removal to Acadia College, the scene of his future labors. Dr. Pryor "is greater portion of it, as follows :--a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."-Under his faithful and judicious labors, the Baptist church in Old Cambridge has assumed a position and influence worthy of the place and the denomination. He is one of those men whom we can ill afford to lose from the vicinity of Boston. We have none too many of them at the most.-Boston Christian Era.

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Dr. Pryor arrived in Windsor, by the Steamer from St. John, on Saturday last, and passed on to Wolfville.

The following paragraph was "set up" by one of the pupils of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum in this city. Having been in a printhour or two on Saturdays, which we readily our notice just at the same time. The coincidence was pleasing to ourselves, as we doubt not it will be to our readers.

An interesting scene, says the Philadelphia Christian Chronicle, occurred at the Eleventh church on a late Sabbath evening, when the pastor, Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, baptized a young to take up this matter. lady who was deaf and dumb, but was able, by her heart. Many were affected to tears at the them be urged to do it in the properly defined about it .- Chronicle. sight.

them. We learn from the constitution that is idle, whether his people are profitted by his difference in their policy that party names " the primary object of the Association shall ministrations or not, and for the sake of his seem to have lost their meaning.

This is of great importance to the profes- enues should not be withheld. The former parently paralyzed the action of the belligesion, and consequently to the rising genera- rule with regard to ministers, we think, would rent armies in the West. Nor is there any tion. We think this might be done to some be advocated only by those who from cupidity intelligence of late of the advance of the extent in the city of Halifax, by raising the or a love of power wished to avoid regularly Federals under Gen. McLellan in Eastern fees in the public schools. One dollar per contributing according to their ability .- Virginia. As there is a strong Confederate quarter is too low a fee where so many of the Where a people expect their minister to be force there commanded by one of their best poor are admitted as free scholars-without an honest man they should give him an op- Generals, Joseph Johnston, it is probable the any payment. Let the teachers speak out on portunity to regulate his expenses by his in- armies will approach each other with great this and all subjects affecting them, and the come, that is, let him know what his salary is caution. Whenever the conflict occurs it is public will doubtless be ready to approve to be; or be prepared to assume his liabilities, likely to be an obstinate and bloody one.

> We have been led into these remarks by an article which appeared a few weeks ago in the Provincial Wesleyan on "Donation Visits." We have thought it might interest some of our readers, and therefore have copied the

There are some denominations in the provinvinces, whose ministers are hired for a term, (we use the word with some disgust, but it is the term used by the congregations themselves and permitted by their ministers) : but this is not the case with the Wesleyan ministry-Their allowances are fixed on a uniform scale, gradu-

ated according to the amount of their claims; if Our friends will be pleased to hear that these allowances are not paid, they have a claim in common with other brethren, on the Contingent Fund. At the Financial District-meetings in September an average deficiency is struck in order that each preacher may know the real ground of appeal to the liberality of the people -he still retaining his recognized claim for deficiencies on the Contingent Fund. Now it has frequently happened to our knowledge, that those ing office a few weeks, some time ago, he circuits who have made up the amount required of them, have supplemented the same with a donation visit;—and yet, the same minister has C. Halamore, 24th, \$5. J. M. Leslie, 14th. S. Brown, asked permission to come into ours for an of them, have supplemented the same with a granted. This interesting fact came under received his claim from the Contingent Fund, to 21st. the manifest injury of other brethren, who have laboured on poorer circuits-where the people have been unable or unwilling to make a donation visit.

We have no wish to legislate or to dogmatize in a public journal; but we do think it would be well for the Committee of the Contingent Fund

Let the matter be fully ventilated, and decidigns and writing, to express distinctly the happy ed upon ex cathedra. If the people are able to ed at NINE-MILE River, Hants County. The can McKay, Albion Mines. To be Masters in

Notices, &c.

Received for French Mission.

From a friend......\$2.50. From Guyshoro Baptist Church...... 4 00. W. Churchill, Esq., Treasurer, will please debit the same to us.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Com-mittee of the N. S. Baptist Education Society, at the College Library, on Wednesday the 7th of May, at 2 o'cock. As important business will be before the Committee, a full and punctual attendance is therefore requested.

A. S. HUNT.

Letters Received.

Dr. Woodbury, 18th, 1 sub. £2. Rev. Dr. Tupper 18th, 20s. W. G. Gates, 17th, \$14.50. H. R. Cun-ningham, 15th. Rev. Isa. Wallace, 16th. J. W. Barss Esq, 23rd. R. R. Layton, 16th, 20s. Rev. D. McKeen, 16th. W. Churchill, 19th. Mrs. J. Keddy. Rev. R. S. Morton, 19th. Rev. I. J. Skinner, 21st. Robert Upham, 18th. R. C. Grant, 15th. Joseph D. Marsters, 24th and 31st.—All right. Melatiah Kinsman 25th 20s. C. H. Hairinght. Melatiah

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

GOLD.

It is said that £20,000 is required to be expended on the water works.

A PUBLIC MEETING was held on Monday to prepare for the celebration of the 8th of June.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT SHERBROOKE .- Four young men from Halifax, part of a company of seven, formed for a gold mining expedition were in a boat or Sherbrooke Harbor on Thursday last, when a sudden squall upset the boat. Three of them swam to the shore but the other one Mr. James Granger, melancholy to relate, was drowned. He was the treasurer of the company and had the funds of the whole with him at the time of the accident. He was a worthy intelligent young man, about 27 years of age, a carver by trade, and did the greater part of the carving in the furniture, made by McEwan & Co. for the International Exhibition. He was a member of the North Baptist congregation, as were several others of the company.

SUPREME COURT .- A man named Harrey was tried on Wednesday last and found guilty of stealing a net at Margaret's Bay : sentence, one year in Penitentiary. On Thursday the Artimerym n Lonergan was found guilty of manslaughter with recommendation to mercy, for throwing a stone which caused the death of the boy Foley, on Steele's pond. A man named Grennan charged with shooting at Mr. Kearney's horse was fined \$40.

In the case of Frost vs. Morton a verdict of \$500 was given to plaintiff.

FIRE AT LAKEVILLE.-Rev. James Parker's house we are informed was burnt down on Friday last, in the forenoon. The fire caught in the upper part of the house, it is supposed through a crack in the chimney, and had advanced so far before being discovered that nothing could be saved from the second floor where was much valuable property, among, which was Mr. Parker's Library. We deeply sympathize with Brother Parker in this sad calamity.

> PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, April 16th, 1862. APPOINTMENTS.

Kings Co.-Coroner-James S. Miller, M. D. Health Officer at Canning-James S. Miller, M. D.

Pictou Co.-Justices of the Peace-George NINE-MILE RIVER -Gold has been discover- Bruce, of Barney's River ; Hector McLean, Dunchange Divine grace had wrought recently in do more than they do in the general way let good people of that district are greatly excited the Supreme Court-Martin I. Wilkins, Daniel Dickson.

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Sustaining Ministers of the gospel, **Donation Visits**, &c.

Priestcraft has in all ages sought to surround with mystery the means of supporting the priesthood; and has endeavoured to give them a sort of security concerning the things of this life not possessed by ordinary mortals. Christianity, however, has given plain directions on the provision to be made for the ministers of the gospel, calculated to dispel all such superstition. Still, in the early ages of the Christian Church, when corruption had changed the minister to the priest, combinations were again formed which were designed to deprive the people of a voice in disposing of church resources and property, and of confining it to the hands of those holding the sacerdotal office. This has been so completely the case in many countries that the State has been made subordinate to provision for the Church, and the ecclesiastical ruler has become possessed of more power than the civil magistrate, and the revenues of the latter have been almost absorbed in those of the former.

We have, in the present day, various modifications of ecclesiastical authority over church revenues. In some bodies the funds are managed entirely by those holding the ministerial office, and the people have nothing else to do but contribute, whilst in others the minister is relieved of all responsibility in the matter of church funds. Each denomination adopts its own method of raising and disposing of monies. We are not aware that any positive law is given in the New Testament, as to the neans of accomplishing this important part of ospel machinery. The Scriptures give geneal principles which may be worked out acording to circumstances and cases. From th Apostle Paul, 1 Corinthians ix. 14, we lean that "So hath the Lord ordained that the which preach the Gospel should live of "he ospel." Our Lord too has instructed us by he significant words, "The laborer is

methodistic plan. If they cannot, their feelings will not be hurt by being contrasted with the last contains a letter dated Sherbrook April better ability of others.

If the ministers are compelled to receive donation visits, let the proceeds go to the Contingent | are inproving every day in richness. There are Fund-and let us still maintain the high distinc- several parties making their fortunes: Nickertion which has always been conceded, to the financial economy and liberal endowment of the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist church.

We have some aversion ourselves to the term "hired" when applied to a minister of the gospel, and yet in the "some denominations" referred to, we presume nothing more is meant by the word "hire" than in the passage above quoted. No disrespect is intended.-The engagement between a pastor and a Baptist Church is sometimes made for a limited specified time, at the end of which both parties feel at liberty to make a tresh engagement or not, as may seem desirable, but more commonly it is considered as a permanent settlement, to continue until either party desires the diggings. This will no doubt be a great its termination. This permanency, we think, business place, and money is being made fast by for the benefit of all concerned should be sought. The serious cvils which arise from a frquent change in the pastoral relation both to the minister and people are at the expense of both, and are disadvantages which have no equivalent in the probability of a more suitable connection being subsequently formed.

With regard to Donations to ministers we would just remark that when an affectionate people have paid their pastor all the salary they had agreed to do, and desire to make his heart glad by an addition to what he was by agreement entitled, it must be an acceptable offering in the sight of God and man.

Where the Donation Visit is part of the stipulated or understood salary it cannot with any propriety be published as a Donation any more than the fact of other churches having paid their ministers' salary in full, on the day it became due, without making such "visit."

News Summary.

HALIFAX April 18, 1862. McDonald, of S. E. Mabou. Justices of the Our English Mail has not yet arrived. It Messers. Editors .- I observe in your last pa-Peace-Donald McIntosh, Dougald Kennedy. is not probable, however, that we shall reper that there is a difference of opinion as re-Guysborough Co.-To be Justices of the worty of his hire," and again the apostle ceive any very important news from Europe. gards the coal seam at the Albion Mines being Peace-The persons heretofore appointed and teache us that "they who sow unto you spi- Quiet appears to be the order of the day on the thickest known in the world. Now, without now acting as Justices of the Peace for the Disritual hings shall reap your carnal things."that side of the Atlantic. We much fear wishing to disparage the Albion Mines Coal trict of St. Mary's, namely-Hugh McDonald, In therightly constituted heart the law of from the entire silence of the English papers seams, I would quote from Brand's Encyclopæ Sherbrooke ; John Hattie, West River, St. love wi have a large share in this privilege. on the subject, that the hopes of obtaining dia, page 243 : Mary's; Angus Kirk, Glenelg, John W. Mc-Our Lod said " Verily, verily, I say unto Parliamentary aid tor the Inter-Colonial "The thickest seam of coal at Wood Mill Hill Keen, Sherbrooke; Abner P. McKenzie, Still-Colliery, Staffordshire, exceeds forty feet." you, Hehat receiveth whomsoever I send, re- Railway are but slender. Business in the water, St. Mary's ; Thomas O'Flavin, Marie Jo-The Morning Journal of March 8, 1862, says ceiveth 19." This shews that Christ would English Parliament appears to be of the most seph, John Sinclair, Goshen, St. Mary's; John -" The coal seam at Karbitz, in Bohemia, is Rude, senr., Indian Harbor; Robert Kennedy, have it tibe esteemed a great privilege to uninteresting nature. A Bankrupt and an more than forty feet thick, and throughout the receive hisninisters. senr., Indian Harbor; Thomas Smith, Marie Education Bill seem to have been the two Elbe coll'ery, which is near the centre of the Joseph ; William Pride, St. Mary's ; Alexander Some has attempted to carp at the idea principal matters that have created any dis- basin, the seam will be from sixty to eighty feet Sinclair, St. Mary's; William Lynch, Sherof a miniter having a definite stipulated cussion in the Commons, but neither of them thick." brooke. amount of sary and have thought it unlike have excited any thing like a stirring debate. If my memory serves me aright, the thickest Yarmouth Co.:-Commissioners for taking afthe examplest Him "who, though he was The state of parties in England is very nearly known seam is at St. Etienne, France, which is fidavits and recognizances of bail : Thomas Wilrich yet for ur sakes became poor," whilst balanced, and it is highly probable that the upwards of 70 feet thick, and the whole seam lett. James M. Lent. Commissioners for relievworked out by a succession of branches as is others have extended that a minister of the next General Election will throw the Governing Insolvent Debtors: Thomas Willett, James mentioned in the report of one of the English gospel should we a regular stipulated sum ment into the hands of the Conservatives,-M. Lent. Commissioners of Schools: William Inspectors of Mines, five or six years ago. J. Hatfield, Trooet Boudrot. Justice of the which he may ty upon whether he works or so-called, although there is in reality so little Yours, etc., HENRY POOLE. Peace : Cyril Porter.

SHERBROOK.-The Chronicle of Saturday 18th. The following extract if a true account indicates it to be a valuable field .- " The mines son the discoverer, is making from £10 to £15 per day, in washings, out of his small free claim. The Hewitt claim between it and the free claim is rented for \$320 per share per annum; there are twelve shares, which amount to \$3840. The men who have rented know what they are do ing, for they have been working at it from the first, I understand. The parties who now have the claim pay all expenses. I hear that they calculate that they took out \$1000 worth to-day but it is the result of several days' work. There is another company, a short distance from the above, who has discovered a lead, which promisses to be richer than anything yet discovered.-They also have rich washings. There are many other discoveries, of more or less importance and there cannot be a doubt as to the riches of many persons."

PORT LATOUR .- " James Smith, Esq., Light house keeper at Baccaro, in this township, whilst out guning on the beech, about three weeks since discovered a small vein of quartz rock running through a bed of slate. He traced the vein a long way, and then went to work with some rough implements and broke out of the slate some 70 or 80 lbs of the quartz, but could not see a speck of gold-yet it looked like gold-bearing quartz. So he boxed it up, and sent it to Halifax to be crushed-and the 70 or 80 pounds produced about 12 grains of pure gold. Now this lot of quartz was taken right off the surface of the slate. where it crops out at the beach.

" On Thursday I was down to Baccaro, and in cruising along the beach I noticed that the veins of quartz run in a west-north-west direction and vary in thickness from one to seven inches. think the whole of Baccaro is composed of one solid bed rock of slate, and that it is full of these quartz veins .- Yarmouth Tribune.

COAL SEAMS .- The following letter to the Sun will correct some of the statements which have appeared in some of our papers :---

Sydney Co.-Justice of the Peace-Toussaint Deslauriers, of Tracadie. Commissioner of Schools-The Rev. Thomas Downie.

Queen's Co.-Commissioner of Schools-Joseph J. Letson, in place of Eldred Cohoon, resigned. To be Commissioners under Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, of removing obstructions from the River known as the Lower Great Brook, in Queen's County-Joseph P Freeman, Nathan Minard, Thomas Burnaby, Huston Cole, Zenas McLeod. Coroner-James Collie. Commissioners of Schools for the Northern District-Edward P. Freeman, and Thomas Flynn, in the places of the Rev. A. Jordan, removed from thence, and of Douglas Thorp, deceased; Charles Cameron.

Halifax Co.-To be Commissioners for exemining Pilots-John U. Ross, John Taylor, William Cunard Willam Roche, and Daniel Cro-

Cape Breton Co.-To be a Port of Entry and Clearance-Glace Bay and Union Mines, Bridgeport. Collector of Colonial Duties, and also Controller of Customs for Glace Bay and Union Mines, Bridgeport-George McKay. Justice of the Peace-George McKay. Master in the Supreme Court-Donald Norman McQueen,

Hants Co.-Justices of the Peace-James F Cochran, Robert Hunter, William Church, junr. Robert Faulkner.

Colchester Co.-Commissioners of Sewers for Mass Town Great Marsh-Alfred Wilson, Robert McCully,

Cumberland Co.-Justices of the Peace-John Trueman, Metis Chappel.

Victoria Co .- Notary Public-Alex. Munro, of Boularderie.

Shelburne Co .- Justices of the Peace-Theodore Nickerson and Heman Kenney, of Barrington.

Lunenburg Co.-Commissioner of Schools for the Central District-The Rev. J K. McAtee. Digby Co.-To be Custos Rotulorum for the Township of Clare-The Hon. Anslem F. Comeau. Justice of the Peace-Avit Amerault. Commissioners for taking Affidavits &c. -Louis J. Bourque, Basil A. Robicheau, Charlton Sabean. Commissioners for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors-Louis J. Bourque, Basil A. Robicheau, Charlton Sabean.

Inverness Co.-Commissioner of Schools for the Southern District-The Rev. Alexander