

another week or two. New Subscribers may however commence from any date. Respected Reader! How many families do you know, who might be induced by a word from you to become Subscribers, and would be benefitted thereby? If you think of but one, may we ask you to go to that one and TRY TO DO IT.

The late W. S. Jacobs, Esq., of Liverpool.

DEAR BROTHER,— You have doubtless heard of the death of our much esteemed brother Jacobs, of Liverpool, which took place on Saturday last. The loss will be severely felt by the church in Liverpool, and by our deceased brother's friends in other parts of the Province. He was one of the "pillars" of the cause. His warm-hearted piety, christian discretion, tenderness of feeling, and enlarged benevolence, were the fruits of faith and evidences of union to Christ. Would that we had more such men!

A few weeks ago I asked him for some assistance towards a benevolent object. He sent me immediately fifteen pounds, directing me to apply five pounds to the object I had brought under his notice, five pounds to the relief of Brother Hull (through the Infirm Ministers' Board of the Eastern Association), and five pounds to Home Missionary operations. Having given these directions, he wrote as follows:—"It is more than probable we shall never again meet in this world; but although I feel very unworthy, I hope and trust, in the mercy of God, through my blessed Redeemer, to meet you—and Pryor—and Higgins—and Barss, and a host of others, at Jesus' feet, in that better world." Thus he wrote, Dec. 29th, last. In less than four weeks afterwards he "crossed the flood," and is now, we doubt not, safe and happy before the throne.

Is not heaven becoming more and more attractive to God's people?

"There our best friends, our kindred dwell, There God our Saviour reigns."

Yours truly, J. M. CRAMP. Jan. 26, 1863.

[We received a letter from our venerable friend on Saturday last, in which he said: "I have been and am still very sick, which is the reason I have neglected sending you the amount for your paper for this year. I now do so."

He also sent the name of a new subscriber. We little thought that even before the letter had reached us, he had departed "to be with Christ, which is far better." Capt. Jacobs, we are informed, was 74 years of age.—Ed.]

News Summary.

Our London dates by the last mail are to the 10th inst. European news is happily all pacific, otherwise the English papers are very barren of interest. From the general tone of the journals we should gather, that the pressure on the manufacturing population of the Northern counties, is gradually lessening. The public revenue, notwithstanding the large deficit occasioned by the failure in the Cotton trade, shews an excess of upwards of two millions sterling over the year 1861. This and the increasing buoyancy of many branches of foreign commerce, give a hopeful aspect to the coming year.

The only foreign news appears to be the accounts of an entire revolution in the Government of Japan, by a transfer of power from the hands of the Tycoon or political King or Emperor, to those of the Mikado or Spiritual Emperor, hitherto a mere nominal Ruler, living in entire seclusion from sublunary affairs. The change seems to have been effected without violence, and is supposed to have been principally produced by the friendly intercourse of the Government with foreign nations. If so, it bodes no good to existing treaties with European and American powers.

There is little or nothing of note to communicate as to war matters. An approaching battle is spoken of as likely to occur between the armies of the Potomac. The items of interest on the subject will be found in our columns.

Notices, &c.

Annapolis Co. Ministerial Conference.—The next meeting of the Annapolis County Conference of Baptist Ministers, is appointed to take place at Pine Grove, Wilmot, on Tuesday the 10th Feb., at 9 o'clock, A. M. Preaching on the previous evening in the Middleton Schoolhouse, at 6. As subjects of exciting interest will be under consideration, a full attendance is earnestly solicited. ISALAH WALLACE, Secretary. Lower Granite, N. S., Jan. 20th, 1863.

Monthly Meetings of Home Missionary Board.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DEC., 1862. Present—Rev. A. H. Munro in the chair. Rev. R. R. Philp, Brethren S. Seiden, Geo. Robins, H. N. Paint, J. F. Burnham, Alex. Robinson, Thos. Wesley, D. McN. Parker, Hon. J. McCully and Secretary. Letters received—From Rev. D. M. Welton and Malcom McLeod, Jr. Appointment—Rev. Ronald McDonald, 6 weeks at Big Interval and vicinity.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7TH, 1863. Present—Bro. J. W. Nutting in the chair. Brethren Alex. Robinson, Geo. Robins, S. Seiden, and Secretary. Communications from Rev. Jas. Stevens and Rev. F. F. Foslay. Received by the Treasurer since previous report—From Hon. J. McCully, \$4.00. From a friend in Liverpool, to be expended within the limits of the Eastern Association, per Rev. Dr. Cramp, 20.00. From Isaac Lloyd, Locke's Island, 4.00. From Rev. I. J. Skinner, Chester, 4.00. Amount in Treasurer's hands, 428.81. Estimated liabilities, 360.00. R. N. BECKWITH, Sec. H. M. Board.

Letters Received.

E. A. Layton, 15th. J. McLearn, 13th, 1 sub. Ezra Layton, 15th, 1 sub. B. Douglas, 16th. W. Churchill, 15th, £5.—Parcel all right. Capt. J. Rogers, 15th, 1 sub, £2 7s. 6d. G. Cogswell, Esq., 13th, 20s. Rev. A. S. Hunt, 1st. Abel Strong, 16th, 1 sub, £3. A. Whitman, 16th. Rev. Geo. Dimock, Melatih Kinsman, 19th, 20s. Rev. Hugh Ross, 15th, 20s. Saml. Wheelock, 16th, 20s. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 8th, £2.5s. Ch. Jost, Esq., 10th, 20s. Jas. Ibbetson, 19th. Isaiah Thurber, Esq., 19th. John Bew, 26th, 10s. C. E. D. Snow, 19th. James DeWolf, Esq., 16th, £5 5s. Joseph Thomas, 17th, 7s. 6d. G. V. Rand, 22nd. Jas. Greeno, 17th, 2s. 9d. Rev. S. F. Kendall, 20th. Rev. Jas. Stevens, 22nd, 12s. 6d. F. Higgins, 22nd, 20s. Rev. Edw. Hickson, 21st, 10s., and 20s. for Alumni Association. W. L. Crowell, 20th, £2. W. S. Jacobs, Esq., 21st, 30s., 1 sub. Geo. Crosby, Esq., 13th, 20s. Rev. Stephen March, 23rd. W. Cummings, 23rd. Rev. I. J. Skinner. A. B. Woodworth, Esq., 24th.

We have received some letters since the above, but as we have been unable to attend to the business contained in them, we defer acknowledging them till next week. We must apologise to those friends whose letters require replies. We are doing our utmost to overtake the accumulations of the past two or three weeks, and hope shortly to have the pleasure of writing.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

LECTURES THIS WEEK.—On Monday, at Temperance Hall, by W. A. D. Morse, Esq., in aid of the Mayflower Rifle Company. Subject, "The effects of the discovery of America upon Spain."

Same evening, by C. H. Belcher, Esq., at Dartmouth, on "The Astronomy of Comets." Last evening, at Temperance Hall John Y. Payzant, Esq., before the Young Men's Christian Association, on "The Uses of History."

This evening, at Temperance Hall, M. H. Richey, Esq., on behalf of the Mechanic's Library, on "The influence of individual mind."

NEW COAL MINE.—A workable seam of excellent coal has been discovered in the vicinity of Blue Joint Brook, on the road leading to Cow Bay, and distant from Sydney about four or five miles.

We learn from the C. B. News that the store at Cow Bay, occupied by Messrs. Arnold, Holmes & Co., was consumed by fire on Sunday night last. There was no insurance on either building or stock. The total loss will exceed \$1600.

GOLD.—W. T. Rickards has published an account of seventy seven assays of quartz, in Oct. Nov. and Dec., out of that number, 10 samples shewed no trace of gold, 31 shewed from 9 dwts. 19 grs., to 40 oz. 8 grs. per ton. The average of the 77 samples was 2 oz. 16 dwts. 14 grs. of gold per ton, giving a value of \$56.06 per ton of quartz.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.—Lumbering is backward owing to the want of snow. A good business is doing in oak staves, which have been up as high as \$36 per M. Lumber will be high this summer, which will make up for the shortcomings of the past few years. A road from Bridgewater to Liverpool is very much needed, as owing to the difficulty of crossing the La Have River, the mails rarely arrive in proper time.—Reporter.

A MEETING of the Nova Scotia Institute of Natural Science was held at Dalhousie College on Monday 19th. An interesting paper upon the Herring was read by Dr. Gilpin; and one upon the Natural History of the Moose by Captain Hardy, R. A.

The Halifax Volunteers Drill Room, which blew down some time since, was sold by auction for \$60.

DARING ROBBERY.—We understand that a countryman, named Dodge, was robbed this morning, in Northup's Country Market, of a purse containing £12 in money, all that he possessed. This amount was the proceeds of the produce which he brought to the city to sell, and which occupied two or three days of the unfortunate man's time to turn into cash.—Recorder, (Saturday).

The new brig, *Elsie*, Capt. Murry, has not disappointed her admirers, that vessel having made the round voyage hence to Barbadoes and back in the short space of thirty seven days.

STRAIT OF CANSO MARINE RAILWAY COMPANY.—We are informed that a company is in course of formation, under the above name, for the purpose of building a Marine Railway at Hawkesbury. \$20 000 is the proposed capital, to be taken up in 4,000 shares of \$5 each. Mr. Crandall, who has established his reputation in this line, has offered to build and equip the Railway for £17,000. This will, doubtless, be a very profitable investment of capital.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—The General Sessions for the County of Cumberland was held in Amherst last week. Stephen Fulton, Esq., who has recently been appointed Custos, presided for the first time.

In addition to the usual routine of business, a young man named William Brown was tried for petty larceny, found guilty and sentenced to two months imprisonment in the County Jail or to pay a fine of twenty dollars.

The Justices by a vote of twenty-six to twelve refused to grant any Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors.—Bord'r.

MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS.—By the steamer *Africa*, which arrived from Boston on Tuesday morning, James McCook, of Yarmouth, who was lately charged in the United States with the murder of James Little on board a British vessel on the High Seas, and who under the Extradition Treaty was delivered up to the British authorities at New York, was brought to Halifax. He was taken charge of by the Police authorities of this city. Four persons were also sent as witnesses to prove the case against Cook. The prisoner was a mate, and Little a seaman on board the *Margaret*, which sailed from Belfast, Ireland, for New York, on the 26th September last, and on board of this vessel the murder was committed. Cook was lodged in the County jail, and the witnesses detained in custody.—Chron.

THE LAND AND GOLD CRUSHING AND AMALGAMATING COMPANY.—The Hon. W. Annand has been appointed Manager of the new Gold Mining Company, recently formed in London.—Sun.

Our contemporary is not, we learn, quite correct. It is true, that the offer of the office of Manager of the Company referred to, was tendered to Mr. Annand, by last mail from England, but we have not heard that it has been accepted.—Chronicle.

Prince Edward Island.

THE ELECTIONS.—The Nominations took place on Wednesday the 14th inst. We do not hear that any disturbance took place, except howling and yelling at the speakers on the hustings. Precautions were taken in Charlottetown by closing the liquor shops.

The *Protestant* says that at Georgetown, "The proceedings of the day were satisfactory to the supporters of the Government, who were twice as strong on the ground as the supporters of the Liberal party, and yet not one angry word was uttered, proving thereby that the real friends of peace and order, are not the Liberals."

At St. Eleanors there seems to have been a little more contention.

There are in all fifty-two candidates twenty six of each party,—from whom there are thirty to be elected.

The unprecedented absence of snow at this time of the year is felt severely. Electioneering will be much more difficult than if good sleighing were prevalent.

Ice-boating has been much practised of late on the lakes and rivers. On Wednesday a sad accident occurred, a party of six were in a boat going about twenty miles an hour, when coming to a soft place the boat broke through and ran under the ice, a young man named James Chandler who was lying in the forward part of the boat was carried under and drowned. He appears to have been highly esteemed—an adherent of the Bible Christian Church and a member of a Bible Class.

Mr. Wm. Heard appears to have offended a number of his Methodist friends by coming out as a Liberal Candidate—in opposition to the position hitherto taken by that body generally.

New Brunswick.

Thus far, the season has been a most remarkable one—mild, free of storms, with scarce enough snow to make good sleighing, frequent showers of rain, and a large majority of the days bright and sunny. Cold frosty days have been very few.—*Miramichi Gleaner*, Jan. 17.

THE WEATHER.—The oldest inhabitant has never seen its like. We have had no cold weather since Christmas. Yesterday it rained copiously all day, and after mid-night the wind came round Northerly and blew very heavily till day light. We have not heard of any damage. To-day is very pleasant and not cold.—*Col. Empire*.

MIRAGE IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—The *News* says:—"We have beside us a letter from a reverend gentleman residing in Buctouche, Kent Co., dated Jan. 9th, 1863, from which we make the following extract in reference to a most remarkable occurrence. "We witnessed a few days ago a phenomenon which Arctic voyagers call ice mirage. The portion of P. E. Island which lies opposite to this harbor, is about 14 miles distant. It seemed to be suspended in the air and very near, so that the clearings and buildings could be distinctly seen; and with a moderately powerful spy-glass, cattle and vehicles could be distinguished moving about. I never saw anything like it before, and when the sun's beams fell upon the vapour rising from the open strait and brought out all the tints of the rainbow, it was a most beautiful scene."

A Soiree was held on Wednesday evening in Smith's Hall in aid of the Female Reformatory. It was a successful affair.

SACKVILLE.—The new College Hall was dedicated on New Year's Day, with the usual ceremonies.

There are efforts being made to erect a Volunteer Hall, at the cost of \$3000. But \$1700 has yet been subscribed for the purpose.

Canada.

The Canadian Legislature will meet on the 12th day of February—the same day as Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

ANOTHER MURDER IN CANADA.—From the *St. Hyacinthe Courier* we learn that a man named Langley, keeper of a public house at Mettle Bridge, Eastern Township, had a quarrel with his son. They came to blows, and the father, feeling himself unable to cope with the son, seized a knife and plunged it into his side. The young man died the next day.

LONGEVITY.—A man named Augustine Thibault, a native of Lower Canada, but who had resided for many years past in the State of Wisconsin, died there on the 28th ult., at the age of 120 years. It is said that he retained the use of his mental faculties to the last.—*Le Canadien*.

At St. Antoine, Canada, last week, the parents of a child, named Giard, left home on a visit to their neighbor's house, leaving an infant in a cradle in charge of a child about 8 years old.—The child, it appears, was amusing itself with other children, when a large hog forced its way into the house and so tore the infant that it died.

A LARGE FAMILY.—The *Journal*, of Saturday last, announces the death, at St. Pierre, on the 21st ult., of Dame Rosalie Gage, widow of Francis Talbot, in her seventy eighth year.—Madame Talbot was married in her fourteenth year. She had seventeen children; and, at the time of her death left the large number of 188 grand-children and great grand-children—all of whom, adds our contemporary, are in easy circumstances, and several are very wealthy.

OTTAWA.—The weather for the last week or two has been most extraordinary. As an invariable rule with perhaps the exceptions once in a day or two's thaw, we have severe cold weather at this period, with plenty of snow and its attendant good sleighing. Instead, we have had the brightest and most spring-like weather, not a particle of snow, and consequently no sleighing. Such weather for the month of January is, we believe, altogether without precedent in Canada. We had a cold snap on Wednesday, but yesterday it was again mild, and to all appearance the much desired snow is as far off as ever.—*Citizen*, Jan. 10.

QUEBEC.—We have heard it remarked that in other parts of the Province to westward of this city, there has been, so far as the season has progressed, considerably less snow than in former years. This cannot be said of Quebec, where we have, in all conscience, enough and to spare. Last night a north-east snow storm commenced, which continued with increasing fury during the night, and throughout the day. None but those whose business required it, ventured out of doors during the prevalence of the storm, which, at the time of our going to press, appears to have somewhat abated.—*Gazette* 16th.

TRADE BETWEEN CANADA AND THE FRENCH WEST INDIES.—The French Consul at Quebec calls attention to the new facilities for trade in Guadeloupe and Martinique. Lumber from 1 1/2 to 3 inches thick and scantling from 2 inches to 8 are in good demand there.

A VACANT JUDGESHIP.—The death of Mr. Justice Burns renders vacant a judgeship in the Court of Queen's Bench for Canada West. The offer of this vacancy belongs, of right, to Attorney General Macdonald, but this gentleman, it is said, declines the honor, choosing rather to retain the position he at present occupies.

NEW NEWSPAPERS.—A weekly journal is shortly to be commenced in Toronto, under the title of the "Irish Canadian."

A new daily paper has been established in Kingston called the "British Canadian."

WHITE PARTRIDGES.—The large numbers of this bird which have been driven from their usual Arctic haunts to our more moderate climate, may be inferred from the fact, that a couple of *habitués* yesterday displayed in the Upper Town Market a couple of cart's full, numbering about 150 brace. So numerous are they that in the parishes below thousands of them might be shot, were it not for the scarcity of ammunition scarcely an ounce of powder being obtainable.—*Quebec Gazette*, 16th.

Hantsport Seminary.

THE next term of the above School will commence on the 20th day of January, 1863. TEACHERS. Mr. WILLIAM ELDER, Principal. Miss H. M. LAYTON, Assistant. Miss L. M. CROWE, Music. Miss SARAH RANDALL, Drawing and Painting. Terms from 10s. to 15s. per quarter. Music and Drawing at the usual rate of charge. Board may be obtained in the vicinity of the school at a reasonable rate. By order of the Committee. JAMES ELDER, Chairman. N. T. HARRIS, Secretary. Hantsport, Dec. 22nd, 1862. Jan. 14th.