

Difficulties surround the *Chesapeake* affair. The steamer from England is looked for anxiously, it is supposed she will bring some instructions in reference to this case.

Equity would seem to require that the steamer—the *Chesapeake*—be given up to her original owners. In that case the men already taken of the party who captured her, must be surrendered to the American government, as pirates, and they would then, of course, as murderers or accomplices in theft, have to suffer the death penalty, with or without mercy.

If a *bonded* commission from the Confederate Government were forthcoming—of which there is not now much probability, however, then, in that case, we should violate our neutrality by rendering up the vessel or the men to the owners or the Federal Government, and, in such case, the Confederate claim might have to be allowed. But the fact of the captors having evaded the revenue laws, by disposing of dutiable articles along our shores, would forfeit the vessel to our government, and it will be necessary for the Imperial authorities to determine what shall be done with her. So it appears that the case, in whatever way we look at it, is surrounded with difficulty. The circumstance, too, of the American officer violently taking the men on our coast, and confining them in irons on board their ship, would not improve the question.

We learn that the *Chesapeake* was hauled in to Collins' Wharf yesterday, and her cargo on application of the owners thereof, is to be landed here.

With regard to the Halifax gentlemen charged with assisting Wade in making his escape, it is hardly likely that if they are subjected to a trial in the Supreme Court, that there will be evidence to lead to a conviction. The testimony taken before the Mayor was conflicting in several points.

The Vice-Admiralty Court will meet again this day for further hearing of the case.

Notices, &c.

Concerning our Agents.

We have not this year published our List of those friends who favor us by acting in our behalf as our Agents in their several localities, as we have done heretofore.

There have been but few changes during the past year, and we presume that our subscribers generally are acquainted with the Agent for the neighbourhood in which they live, and will pay to them promptly if they have not already done so.

The following persons have kindly consented since our last publication of the List, to become Agents in the places named, and we shall be much obliged if our patrons will pay to them the amounts due us.

Brookfield, Queen's Co., A. J. Ledbetter.
North Sydney, C. B. A. G. Musgrave,
Nictaux, W. A. Morse,
Rawdon, J. McLearn, Esq.

Monthly Meetings of Home Missionary Board.

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, 1883.

IN THE VESTRY OF GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.

Present.—Rev. Dr. Pryor in the chair.
Rev. A. H. Munro, Brethren Wm. Ackhurst, Geo. Robbins, S. Seiden, Dr. Parker, and Secretary.
Appointment.—Rev. T. H. Porter, Junr., 6 months at Matland and vicinity.

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 1884.

Present.—Bro. J. W. Nutting in the chair.

Rev. R. R. Philip, S. Seiden, Alex. Robinson, and Secretary.

Received by the Treasurer since last acknowledged—
From Portpatrick Church.....\$4.00
" Windsor Church.....30.00
" Miss Bishop, Horton.....1.00
" R. A. B.4.00

R. N. Beckwith, Sec'y. H. M. Board.

Upper Economy.

The Baptist Church intend holding a series of Meetings, to commence on Saturday next, 23rd inst. Ministering and other brethren are respectfully invited to attend.

JAMES REID, Pastor.

Acadia College.

An adjourned Meeting of the Board of Governors will be held in the Library of the College on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at eleven o'clock, A. M. A punctual and full attendance is particularly requested.

S. W. DeLois, Secretary,
Wolfville, Jan. 8th, 1884.

Acadia Bazaar.

The next lecture of the course, before the above named Society, will be delivered in the Vestry of the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on the evening of Friday, 22nd inst., by the Rev. Prof. Hensley, of King's College.

Subject—"PALESTINE."
L. S. Morse, Cor. Sec'y.

Foreign Missionary Board.

The Foreign Missionary Board will meet (B. V.) in Tremont, Aylesford, on the last Tuesday in January, at one o'clock, P. M. A full attendance is requested.

CHARLES TUPPER, Secretary,
Tremont, Dec. 25th, 1883.

N. B.—Individuals, Churches, or Societies that design to contribute toward the support of any native preacher, or the Mission School, are respectfully requested to forward their contributions before the Meeting of the Board.

C. T.

Letters Received.

Rev. A. P. Porter, 7th. W. S. Raymond, Esq., 8th. Rev. H. Scott, \$20.—Have sent for the books. J. Moser. J. P. Kempton, 4th, 2 subs. Rev. J. Davis, 9th. Rev. W. Burton, 11th. J. Bradshaw, 11th, \$5, 1 sub. C. Jost, Esq., 10th, \$27. A. Marshall, Esq., 11th, \$4, 1 sub. J. P. Saunders, 9th.—Sorry to find such irregularity.—Have sent your letter to the Post Master-general.—Hope it will not continue. Rev. J. E. Balcom, 12th, \$5.—Yes. Jas. J. Gabriel, 12th, \$4, 1 sub. Thos. Fulton, Esq., 11th, 1 sub. W. J. Gates, 12th.—Much obliged.—Under consideration. Spinney Whitman, Esq., 12th, \$6.50. Ward Eaton, Esq., 12th, \$20, 3 subs. X. Z. Chipman, Esq., 12th, 1 sub. H. G. Gesser, 11th, \$5. M. E. Thomas, Joseph D. Masters, \$5.—Shall be obliged if you will. Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, 1st, 1 sub. Albert Mills, 2nd, 1 sub. Hance Mills, 11th. B. B. Moses, Esq., 2nd, 2 subs. Rev. E. M. Saunders, 14th, 1 sub. Crosscup & Porter, 4th.—Have one of the presses, would sell for half price. Jacob Spicer, 9th, \$2. A. G. Musgrave, 11th. Peter Paint, Junr., 7th, \$4. J. Murray, 15th. J. Wyllie, A. Kennedy, 6th, \$4. T. S. Harding, Esq., 16th, \$8. O. H. Cogswell, 13th, \$4. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 15th, \$4, 1 sub. E. D. Harris, Esq., 16th, \$4, 1 sub. W. P. Catten, Esq., 16th, \$20, 1 sub. Geo. S. Sals, 15th, \$4. Rev. P. Murray, 16th, \$9. Dr. J. Woodbury, 17th, \$14.

We cannot imagine that a regular reader of the *Christian Messenger*, who is well able to pay several years' dues which he has allowed to accumulate, can conscientiously plead the statute of limitation, and thus rob us of a portion of what is justly due, because we have depended on him as a man of honor. We should be sorry to publish the name of such a person, but for the information of honest men we may find it necessary.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

THE MURDERED ENGINEER OF THE "CHESAPEAKE."—It has been asserted by one of our tri-weeklies and copied into others that Owen Shaffer who was murdered on board the *Chesapeake* was a Nova Scotian. This is questioned by some parties who affirm that the statement is made to serve a purpose. We cannot decide the matter having seen no mention of the part of Nova Scotia to which he ever belonged.

The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the Nova Scotia Historical Society for the present year: President, Judge Bliss; Vice Presidents—Judge Wilkins, Hon. Joseph Howe; Council, The Chief Justice, Hon. C. Tupper, Dr. Almon, Dr. Gilpin, Hon. J. McCully, T. B. Akin and Beames Murdoch, Esqs; Corresponding Secretary—Mr. Hunter Duvar.

The Right Rev. Dr. Timon, one of the Bishops recommended as successor to Archbishop Hughes, is a nephew of the late Hon. Hugh Bell.

At the annual meeting of the N. S. Electric Telegraph Company, on Wednesday last, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year—Edward D. Meynell, Thos. C. Kinnear, Thos. Bolton, Jas. W. Merkel, and Benjamin Wier, Esqs.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY is furnishing considerable additions to the shipping of the province. We are informed that six new vessels will be built on the Maccan and Nappan rivers in the course of next summer and two at the Little Forks.

THAT BELL.—We are informed that a church bell was taken out of the *Chesapeake* by Lieut. Braine, and presented to a Presbyterian Church somewhere in the neighbourhood of Bridgewater. That being hastily placed in the belfry, the scaffolding was removed before the revenue officers came in search of the goods, to prevent their discovering it, but that when they found it out, by some means or other it was permitted to remain, on bonds being given that it should be forthcoming when demanded.

COLONIAL CHURCH SOCIETY.—A meeting of this Society took place at Temperance Hall, on Wednesday evening last, at which His Lordship the Bishop presided. From the annual report read, it appears that the Society is £200 in debt,—some twenty-two missionaries and teachers having been employed within the Province during the past year, at an expense of £1000. An appeal was made in behalf of the Society, which, we trust, will be liberally responded to.—*Colonist*.

SLATE QUARRY.—The Slate which is being brought into this city from Mr. Lang's quarry, at the Gore, Hants County, is attracting considerable attention. We were shown on Friday last at Freshwater, several slabs 11 feet by 7, about 24 inches thick, with a remarkably smooth and even surface. Mr. Lang informed us that he had taken out pieces 30 feet in length, and the bed would enable him to get pieces four times that length if required. The layers are from 1 to 4 inches in thickness. A quantity of roofing slate shown us were remarkably smooth and firm.—Mr. L. states that these can be furnished at a little over half the cost of the imported slate, and are equal, if not superior in quality.—*Sun*.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—S. H. Black, Esq. Treasurer of this Society, has received the handsome sum of £102 10s from the Treasurer of the Ladies' Bible Association.

The treasure-seekers at Oak Island have recently sunk a new pit to the depth of 120 feet, intended to intercept the water from the drain from the Bay, before it reaches the supposed money pit.—*Reporter*.

—The best Cartes De Visites are taken at J. M. Margeson's Photograph Rooms, 90 Granville Street, at \$2.50 per dozen.

His copies of old Daguerreotypes are unequalled in the city!

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Grand Division holds its next Quarterly session at Canning, Cornwallis on Tuesday 20th and following days.

A new Division was formed on the 6th inst. at Waverly Diggings.

The Howard Division were to hold their Anniversary celebration last evening. The provisions made for intellectual enjoyment were of a superior order.

THE MICMAC BAND OF HOPE entertained on Thursday evening last was very largely patronized, the Hall being densely crowded long before the time for commencing. Two or three hundred persons were obliged to leave, large numbers of whom had purchased tickets beforehand. It was therefore decided to repeat the exhibition of the Cottage of Contentment, on Monday evening. The receipts on the first evening were \$111.

On Monday night the Hall was again densely packed,—quite a number of boys sitting around on the outside of the gallery. The whole performance gave great satisfaction to the audience.—The ladies certainly appeared to advantage. Each one had his part well prepared, and rendered it most appropriately before the crowded audience. Mr. Contentment, Mr. Cheerful Toil, and Mr. Ferula, had apportioned to them what might well tax the powers of much older heads. The lessons of Temperance and morality inculcated by them were excellent. The singing, sustained wholly by about a dozen juveniles, was very pleasing.

EXPLOSION.—On Saturday last the Dry-house in connection with the Mills of the Acadia Powder Company, situated at Rocky Lake, were accidentally blown up. It was said that there was a ton and a half of powder in the place at the time, but this is ascertained to be incorrect. The building was a mere temporary affair in which no such quantity would be risked. The loss is trifling. The cause of the explosion is yet unknown.

LUNenburg.—A correspondent of the *Journal* states that the Temperance Bazaar recently held at Chester realized the sum of \$100 and that of the Volunteers at Lunenburg produced \$300. The latter place is giving indications of progress. The common has been sold off in building lots, realizing the sum of \$6000, and the same will soon be dotted all over with handsome houses.

ICE CUTTING has commenced on the Dartmouth lakes. It is about eleven inches in thickness.

The 21st Anniversary of the Mount Allison Wesleyan Institution is to be held to-morrow. There is to be a variety of exercises on the occasion. A Family Dinner and literary gatherings of the Alumni. The "Eubetorian Society of the College and Academy," will hold a meeting on Wednesday evening. An oration is to be given, and a discussion of the question,—"Ought England to have consented to take part in the proposed European Congress?"

A COUNTRY WITHOUT A REPTILE.—According to some of the Yankee newspapers, Nova Scotia is not that country, but Captain Hardy has written to the *London Field* that there is no reptile to be found in Newfoundland. Efforts have been made to carry them there, but they soon died.

A FIRE occurred on Monday at Faulkner's new building, near the Jerusalem warehouse. It was occupied by a Mr. Brown for the manufacture of cordials, and was occasioned by an explosion. The hose-men soon drenched it out.

UNFORTUNATE.—We regret to learn that two of the moose which Mr. Downs took in the *Habitat* a few days ago, to be shipped at New York for King Victor Emanuel, of Italy, died on the voyage to Boston. The largest one arrived in safety.

GAS-METRES.—The inspector of St. John, tested 1337 metres last year and found but 50 of them correct.

HILLSBOUGH is flourishing. About 6,000 cords of wood were exported thence last year, and 20 new buildings have been erected.

CIVIC.—At a meeting of the City Council on Monday last, Mr. Henry Browne's offer to keep the city clock in repair for one year for \$80 was accepted. John L. Barry was re-elected City Assessor. It was decided that the City Hospital be rented to the military authorities at \$5 per day. The Custos will call a meeting of the Sessions to reconsider the site for the new jail.

SERVED THEM RIGHT.—One day last week three persons were brought up before His Worship, at the Police Court charged by Capt. Chearnley with cruelly beating a horse. They were each fined \$2 and cautioned that the full penalty would be inflicted for every such offence.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT SCHOONER POND, C. B.—A most distressing occurrence took place here on New Year's day. A young man, by the name of Malcolm McLeod, was fixing a gun at the Blacksmith's forge, and putting the end in the fire, the gun discharged its contents into his thigh, shattering it in a most frightful manner. The poor fellow saw immediately that he could not live, and, as he had never known Christ as his Friend, he was in an agony of soul as well as of body. The work of a life was crowded into the brief space of a few hours.

A good Christian brother calling to see him, he cried aloud, "O, Mr. S. pray for my poor soul!" Thus he continued agonizing in prayer and asking for the prayers of others, till evening, when he died. Just before he expired, he

said, "my sight is failing me—I cannot see you." On being asked if he loved Jesus, he said, he thought he did. His speech then failed, but he still retained his senses, and, on being requested, if his soul was at peace with God, to indicate it by a press of the hand; he did so, immediately—and, in a moment or two after, his immortal spirit took its flight to meet with God. We hope he is dwelling with Jesus, we cannot mourn for him as for one who had no hope, the thief on the cross was saved on the last hour, and our dear friend called upon the same mighty, merciful Jesus.

His remains were deposited yesterday in the new burying ground, beside the Schooner Pond Meeting-house,—the first one buried there. The day was a solemn one, many of the young people seem to be deeply impressed, and anxious to find Christ. May this mysterious providence be made a blessing to the people of this place.

Let every young man remember that youth and health are no security against death, but heed the Saviour's words, "Be ye also ready; for, in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." J. F. K.

Prince Edward Island.

We learn that a little girl, about five years of age, daughter of Mr. Williams, residing in the western part of this city, died on Wednesday morning, from the effects of a severe burning occasioned by playing with lucifer matches on Tuesday last.—*Charlottetown Examiner*.

The Government of P. E. Island have offered a reward of £100 to any person or persons (not being an actual party to the act) who will give such information as will lead to the discovery, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who brutally murdered Terence Macinnis, late of Lot 66, farmer, on the 18th ult.

A Reward of £50 has also been offered for the discovery of the parties who, on the night of the 30th November last, sawed down the flagstaff of the American Consulate, in the vicinity of Charlottetown.

New Brunswick.

FREDERICTON.—Rev. Dr. Spurgeon, last week, gave the second lecture of the Victoria Rifle course, at Temperance Hall, Fredericton. Subject: "Cotton." He showed how closely his subject was connected with the Volunteer movement in New Brunswick. Cotton, he held, had been the grand moving cause of secession, and secession the cause of war, and war had called out hostile feeling between America and England, and that hostile feeling had given an impulse to the Volunteer movement. The lecturer entered into the history of the Cotton plant from the earliest times, enumerating the countries where it grew, Arabia, India, Africa, &c., and the writers—among others, Herodotus, Arian, Strabo, Pliny, Virgil,—who made mention of it; and of its introduction as an article of manufacture into Europe. He gave also an account of the Manchester Cotton trade and of the effect that machinery for simplifying labor—only introduced after formidable opposition—had had in increasing the production of Cotton fabrics, and in bettering the condition of the operatives.

The New Brunswick Parliament will assemble on the 16th of February.

ARTILLERY ACCIDENT.—As a detachment of the Royal Artillery stationed in St. John was returning from practice, one of the guns was accidentally overturned, and fell down an embankment, dragging the horses with it. On one of these an artilleryman was riding; but he luckily escaped with a few bruises. The gun was broken in several places.

Gastric fever and Diphtheria are very prevalent at Aframichi.

At a meeting of the St. John Chamber of Commerce held on the 19th inst, it was moved by D. B. Stevens, Esq., seconded by William Thomson, Esq., and unanimously agreed, that—

Whereas it has been intimated to this Chamber, that the Managers of the Railways in the Eastern section of the United States are very desirous to meet an extension of our Railways at the Western Boundary of the Province.

Therefore resolved, That this Chamber do earnestly urge the Government and Legislature to adopt such measures as will lead to its construction.

Short speeches in favour of the project were made by several gentlemen present, and the idea of St. John offering to guarantee £5,000 towards the payment of the interest, if required, was mooted, and seems to have been favorably received. It is estimated that the road can be built for £8,000 a mile. The matter was placed in the hands of a committee.

Canada.

The Canadian Parliament will meet on the 4th of next month, the same day that the Legislature of this province.

THE BIG SARNIA BABY.—The *Huron Express* says:—"We dropped in and saw the young giantess of Sarnia, and found her ladyship enjoying a draught of the fat-bestowing beverage provided by nature. This baby is truly a wonderful 'lump of humanity,' seven months old, weighing upwards of seventy pounds, and worth seeing."

WOLVES.—The *Fergus Constitution* says that Mr. John Ellis, of Garafaxa, has, within the last two weeks, killed two of these dangerous enemies of the farmer. They realized \$6 each, and were the largest that have been seen for many years.