

bye places, are rapidly increasing in acts of sabbath desecration. Travelling for pleasure, for the purpose of visiting, or going to, or more frequently from market, is becoming a crying sin, and calls loudly for the rebuke of the press and the pulpit. Members of Churches that do this, ought in all consistency, if not disciplined by their churches, to have their names erased from the church records, and their recantation of christianity published from the "house top." All pretences for thus violating God's law, is no better than an apology for insulting the Deity and disgracing religion. Let those remember, who thus dishonor the day of sacred rest, that with God's command indelibly engraven on their memories, they trample on its authority as distinctly as the murderer tramples on His law, when he takes the life of his fellow being. Certainly there should be a better observance of the Christian Sabbath.

These, then, seem to be a part, at least of "our necessities." The first God has promised. "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give his Holy Spirit to them that ask." The second and third as well as all other religious necessities are the fruits of the first. Let us then seek that, without which, all else that we can have, is utterly useless.

REVERA.

Wolville, Dec. 9th, 1865.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

JANE PICK.

Died at Wolfville on the 3rd inst., Jane Pick daughter of the late Robert Pick, of Wolfville, in the 69th year of her age.

Deceased was baptized over thirty years ago, by the Rev. Dr. Pryor, and her walk ever since, has been consistent with her profession. She was well-known in this community, and much beloved by a large circle of friends, for her kindness of heart, her helpfulness in trouble, and her many christian virtues.

We have to place on record in connection with her death, another distressing event, which has doubly bereft this family.

Mr. Asa Pick, the brother next in age, who lived some distance away, came to attend the funeral, and remained over the next day in the vicinity.

On Thursday morning the 7th inst., he and Mrs. Pick started on their return home. They had only proceeded about a mile, when a wheel came off the waggon. Mr. and Mrs. Pick were thrown out violently and received severe injuries. Mr. Pick only lived a few hours, and his wife now lies very low, although hopes are entertained of her recovery.

Brother Asa Pick was a member of the Wesleyan Society, but so large hearted in his sympathies, and loving in his exhibition of Christian character, that he was respected and beloved by all of whatever denomination, who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was an active and prayerful servant of Christ.—Though thus suddenly called, he was enabled with his latest breath to manifest his dependence upon Jesus.—Com.

SIMON A. R. DEWOLF,

Second son of Rufus DeWolf, formerly of Horton, aged 31 years, died in Glenwood, Aylesford, Nov. 16th, 1865. When about 21 years of age he united with the first Baptist Church in Charlestown, Mass., and remained a member of that Church till his death. He lived a life of piety and usefulness, we trust his labours as a teacher in the Sabbath School will be as seed sown in good ground. He was beloved by a large circle of relatives and friends. Consumption marked our departed brother as one of its many victims. During its steady and fatal progress, God granted the visits of his love. His grace as ever was sufficient. Finding his health failing he returned to his father's, the first of August. When suffering very much he said, "What would I do without Jesus, he is all my hope and all my trust." At another time the words "Almost home," were repeated. "Yes," he said "almost home, almost home." A little while after it seemed as if he saw some one beckoning him away. He exclaimed, "I come, I come," and without a struggle or a groan his spirit took its flight, and he has gone to be with Christ.

Dear as thou wert, and justly dear
We will not weep for thee,
One thought shall check the starting tear
It is, that thou art free.

Thy passing spirit gently fled
Sustained by grace divine,
O, may such grace on us be shed
And make our end like thine.

MRS. ESTHER McMILLAN,

Wife of John McMillan, Aged, 44, died at Lewis Head, October 15, 1865.

Mrs. McMillan professed faith in the Saviour, was baptized by the Rev. A. W. Burns, and joined the church at Lewis Head about seven years ago. She was always at her post and loved to speak of Jesus and his salvation. She spoke as though on the brink of eternity. This often made her rejoice, feeling an assurance that "When this earthly house of her tabernacle was dissolved that she had a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The writer having the pastoral care of the church, of which she was a member, for the last three years, can testify, that her soul was as a well-watered garden. She gloried only in the cross of Christ. Her last affliction was short, only a few hours, and she entered into rest. She has left a husband and six children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss, many of whom we trust are looking forward to a happy meeting beyond the grave. May the Lord bless the bereaved, and fit them to meet where no parting is known. The writer endeavoured to improve the occasion to a large and solemn assembly, from Rev. xiv. 13.

J. F. McKEENE.

East Ragged Island, Dec. 8, 1865.

MRS. HARRIET ANN BANKS.

Died of Consumption, in Greenwood Square, Aylesford, Dec. 14th, Mrs. Harriet Ann Banks, wife of Stephen Banks, and only daughter of Jacob and Ann Spinney, aged 30 years; leaving a husband, and one child, with numerous relatives to mourn their loss. Mrs. B. was a member of the Baptist Church; and was sustained by the hope of the gospel of Christ.

MISS MIRIAM ROACH.

In Greenwood Square, Aylesford, Dec. 15th, at the house of Mr. William Foster, whose wife was her niece, Miss Miriam Roach, aged 59 years. Miss R. had long entertained a feeble hope in Christ; but was too timid to profess faith in Him. She was sick about four months. Near the close of life all her fears were dispelled; and she remarked that she was 'going home, to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,' and that she had 'a building of God, a house not made with hands,' &c. To a friend she said, 'I have a good home here, but a better in heaven; and I want to go to it.' When dying she exclaimed, "Can this be death? O it is sweet dying!" Having bidden her friends farewell affectionately, and charged them to strive to be prepared to meet her in heaven, she joyfully passed away.—Com. by Rev. C. Tupper.

Religious Intelligence.

Good News from Mira.

"The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

For some weeks past a few of the Lord's faithful children in this place have been crying night and day. "O Lord revive thy work." Restore unto us the joys of thy salvation; then will we teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

In prospect of the Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting, God's presence was implored, and He who has so often proved himself a hearer and answerer of prayer, sent Messrs Porter and Boggs in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace. (These were the only ministers who came).

The church was bowed beneath her load of guilt, led to the cross of Christ, and having wrapped the robes of a Saviour's righteousness around, came forth, "Fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners. Then sinners hearts began to quake, and wanderers to return.

"For Satan trembles when he sees,
The weakest saint upon his knees."

Ten have professed faith in Christ; five have been baptized. First the noble youth moved slowly down to the stream and thought of him, who once was buried in the waves of Jordan, then in Joseph's tomb. Then the gentle mother, who loved the precious One who groaned, and sweat, and prayed in "sad Getsemane," then died and rose again, and promised life to all who love his name.

These I've seen and others, buried in the liquid grave and raised to life again, to holiness and God. The work is still going on very quietly, but we trust deeply. Almost every meeting one has the glad news of salvation to tell of, for the first time. Your Missionary's heart is cheered, and he can say, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Pray earnestly for us that the work of grace may extend to the thousands around us who have no hope in Christ; until every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.—1. John 1-7.

Mira Bay, December 11th, 1865.

THE PRESBYTERIANS AND INSPIRATION.—Mr. Peter Bayne, formerly editor of the *Edinburgh Witness*—the organ of the Scotch Free Church—and subsequently of *The Dial*, has for some time past conducted *The London and Edinburgh Weekly Review*, the organ of the English Presbyterian Church. The number for Saturday Nov. 18th commences with the following notice: "In publishing in these columns extracts from an article contributed by me to *The Fortnightly Review*, my object was neither to commit this paper to my individual opinions, nor to use it for their promulgation or advocacy, but to put the readers and proprietors of *The Weekly Review* in possession of my views in order that they might decide whether I should or should not continue to be its editor. Having since learned that my sentiments respecting the limits of Scriptural inspiration are not considered to be those which the responsible editor of the *Weekly Review* should hold, I have resigned my editorial connection with the paper.—PETER BAYNE."

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
28th Nov., 1865.

APPOINTMENTS:

To be a School Commissioner for South Pictou—Rev. John Stewart.

To be a School Commissioner for St. Mary's—William Hemlow.

To be School Commissioners for South Inverness—H. Cameron, M. D., Rev. Mr. Sinclair.

THE PROVINCIAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION will commence its annual session this day in the Lecture room of Dalhousie College. Besides professional essays and discussions, we doubt not there will be some ventilation given of the present School law, and probably important suggestions, will be made for amendments to it, where experience has shown they are required.

It is a good sign when we find Teachers respecting their work, and regarding it as worthy of such combinations.

It appears that our City Council are awaking to the necessity of diminishing the number of rum shops. It is said that they propose preparing a bill for the coming session of the Legislature to amend the License Law, having this object in view, by increasing the price of licenses.

PICTOU.—We learn from the *Colonial Standard* that "There was a very high tide in Pictou on Thursday night last. The water overflowed many of the wharves, and obtained an entrance into the cellars of several of the stores and buildings occupying low positions on Water Street, doing some damage. The lower parts of buildings on the wharves were flooded with the tide to the depth of two or three feet."

THE WAY OF TRANSGRESSORS.—The *Chronicle* informs us that on Christmas day a man belonging, it is said, to Cape Breton, lodged information at the Police station, to the effect that he lost, during Sunday night, in a house kept by Jane Brown in City street, the sum of eight hundred dollars, in five pound notes of the Union Bank. The keeper of the house, together with a man named William Moore, and two young women, Elizabeth Anderson and Margaret O'Brien, inmates of the establishment, were taken into custody, and conveyed to the Lock-up, upon suspicion of having been concerned in the theft. The sum of sixty-five dollars was found in the possession of the girl Anderson, but she alleges that the Captain presented her this money as a "Christmas Box."

THE WEATHER on Saturday last was excessively cold. Conjectures were freely indulged in as to the state of the thermometer. We believe it was several degrees below zero in the morning of that day.

MELANCHOLY.—Three children aged respectively 2, 4, and 6 years belonging to the South-East Passage were accidentally poisoned the other day. They were suffering from dysentery, when the father went in search of some blackberry root, which was prepared and administered to them. It turned out to be a poisonous herb closely resembling the root, which was not discovered till after the three little sufferers had expired.—Ex.

REV. R. E. CRANE.—We regret to learn from the *Wesleyan* that this gentleman has met with a sad accident. His horse took fright and ran off furiously, and, in jumping from the carriage Mr. Crane unfortunately broke his leg in two places.

A LEVEE will be held at Government House on New Year's Day.

LUNENBURG ELECTION.—Nomination Day came off at Lunenburg with some considerable excitement, on Wednesday last. Conflicting accounts were given of the proceedings by the different party papers. Benjamin Zwicker, Esq. was proposed by Mr. George Kaulback and seconded by Mr. Nath. Strum. Abraham Hebb, Esq. was then proposed by M. B. Desbrisay. After speeches from these gentlemen, H. A. N. Kaulback, Esq., M. E. P., Hon. Dr. Tupper, and Hon. J. McCull, spoke at some length. The Sheriff was charged, by Messrs. W. Miller, Esq., M. P. P., and E. M. McDonald, late Queen's Printer, with partiality, and they withdrew from the Court House, and addressed their friends outside for some time. Each party claim a majority of those present at the nomination. It will, however, be decided by the polling which takes place to-day.

Canada.

Some disturbances are at work in the Canadian Cabinet. The Hon. George Brown has tendered his resignation, but a telegram from Toronto on Friday last informed us that "The Government declines accepting the resignation of Mr. George Brown. The other members of the Government have been summoned to Montreal to meet the Governor."

The papers say that while the Corporation of the city of Montreal are trying out for money to clean the streets, it has been discovered that numerous rich proprietors have paid no taxes for three or four years, whilst the poor people are sued annually.

RECIPROCIETY.—The following is from a late number of the *Montreal Transcript*—

"A telegram from New York informs us that our Canadian Government offers as exchange for the privilege of selling our produce in the United States market, under the Reciprocity Treaty, to enlarge and deepen the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals; so as to admit vessels drawing from twelve to fourteen feet of water,

thus securing transportation from Chicago to the Atlantic, and giving the same privileges to American as to Canadian vessels free of duty. If objection is made to this proposition, which we certainly do not think there ought to be, the Canadian authorities propose that this object shall be accomplished by concurrent legislation by the two countries.

The *Montreal Witness* favors the introduction of the lash and the treadmill, as corrective institutions in our prisons, and as a means to suppress crime. It argues that imprisonment in our country jails is more like "elegant leisure" than punishment for criminals, who prefer the warm and clean apartments, small though they be, and wholesome food to the more precarious way of earning an honest living by the sweat of the brow.

SMUGGLING ACROSS THE LINES.—An American paper says, very few people not in official positions are aware of the amount of smuggling constantly accomplished on the chain of great lakes. It is known that at Detroit, where the river affords quick access to the Canada shore, not less than \$10,000 worth of goods elude the vigilance of the custom officers per day. There is scarcely a small port that is not during the season of navigation, a landing point for smuggled goods; and every sheltered beach is used for the same purpose. These operations vary in magnitude from a suit of clothing to thousands of dollars' worth of drab articles. Clothing is bought in Canada, and worn by the buyer when he recrosses into the United States. To get over articles in larger quantities, there are many shrewd devices, and the smugglers are confident in their success. Not long since a Canadian merchant boldly stated to a custom officer in this city, that a dozen barrels of whiskey were to be smuggled from a port, which he named, the following week. He was willing to tell them that, and yet take the risk. The whiskey undoubtedly was shipped from Canada on a vessel which brought it to a convenient locality near the American shore, and then transferred it to some small craft to be run in an unfrequented port under a load of wood. Then the first vessel, with the balance of the cargo, would enter another port, and nothing wrong be found on her. The authorities in this city have been indefatigable in their efforts to punish these offences, and have succeeded quite as well as is possible with the facilities at hand. Without doubt, the same vigilance is exercised at other points, but nothing less than a man to watch every mile of beach, and every vessel from the time she enters a port until she leaves, can prevent all the illegitimate business. With the present revenue force, the operations cannot be controlled. It is stated that the Government detective force is to be sent along this border. They will find enough to occupy their attention, and it would seem profitably, if they save to the Government the large amount of revenue now lost by these smugglers.

LATEST FROM THE U. STATES.

THE WAR BETWEEN CHILI AND SPAIN.—The following telegram from Washington on Friday last:—

Washington, Dec. 22.—The State Department have advices from our Minister at Chili that the war between that country and Spain is still kept up. The commander of the Spanish fleet had offered a gross insult to our Minister, Mr. Nelson, for which an apology will be demanded.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 20.—A fire at Camp Douglas, yesterday, destroyed the last warehouse, filled with government supplies. But little of its contents were saved. Loss over a million of dollars. A board of officers has been detailed to examine into the cause of the fire, which is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

A BOLD THIEF.—By telegram from New York on Saturday last we were informed that on that day a paymaster of the U. S. army went into a bank in that city with \$15,000 which he laid upon the counter and turned about for the purpose of writing a check. His clerk entered at the same time and likewise placed on the counter a package of \$10,000 and then engaged in conversation with a friend. Whilst the paymaster and clerk were thus engaged, some person in the crowd took the \$15,000 package with which he made his escape unnoticed.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—"Viator" in the *Cr. Visitor* gives an account of the state of things in the conquered territory. He says:—"December 7th.—One sees evident marks of improvement in the city since July. Buildings are being fitted up, papers are starting. When I left a few months ago, there was only one published, now there are five. Then but few churches were open, now many. The market is overstocked, and many goods are now sold at auction at less than cost in New York.

The temper of the people is not improving with the appearance of the city. There is very little love for the Government. When the Rev. Dr. Bowman returned to the city a few weeks since, his very first act was to purchase a most excellent bowie-knife, remarking as he did so, "there, I'll sheath that in the body of the first blue-jacket that dares insult me." This gentleman has always been considered one of the most spiritually-minded divines in the city. I am boarding with the Missionary of the Northern Methodists to the colored people. It is not considered safe by members of his family for him to answer the ring of his door-bell in person at night, an apprehension of assassination existing in their minds. Any man who sympathizes with the colored man is ostracized. People shun him, hate him, would assassinate him if they dared. Recently a paper has been