

Spirit evidently came down upon the people assembled for prayer and thanksgiving. May deliverance soon come, and this be "a year of the right hand of the Most High." Remember us in Lunenburg, when you invoke Heaven's blessing upon the fields to which you send your missionaries as the messengers of mercy and salvation.

I labored in the service of the Board, 12 weeks; preached in the different sections, 45 sermons; held for the edification of all, 12 conferences, and 6 prayer meetings; visited of all classes, 104 families; distributed 804 pages of tracts; baptized 3 young men.

Collected at the Bay and North West... \$24.16 at New Cornwall... 10.10 Expenses... 3.50 Total... \$37.76

We are all glad to hear of Dr. Crawley's returning to the Classic halls of Acadia. May Heavens blessing rest on our beloved institutions. Yours in the Gospel of Christ Jesus, AUGUSTUS SHIELDS. Mahone Bay, Jan. 4th, 1866.

For the Christian Messenger.

Life in Alabama.

We have a letter before us received by Mr. Daniel Mosher of Windsor, from his brother C. S. Mosher now settled in Dixie, near Selma, Alabama, dated Nov. 5, 1865. After enumerating his personal business operations and prospects in that recently disturbed land, he says:—

"It is not our intention to spend our days here by any means, we intend to bid adieu to this place and visit you all, and then settle down in Nova Scotia or Baltimore, these plans are the subject of many a thought and conversation"

The following will shew something of what had to be endured by many of those in the track of the great armies:—

"But Dear Brother we have passed through many scenes of excitement during the past four years, especially the last eight months, of which I may write in future letters, or tell you when I see you. This spring on the 1st of April a fierce and bloody fight took place all around the house, between 15000 Federal Cavalry under Gen. Wilson and the Rebels under Forrest. Mr. Sullivan (a neighbor) and the male negroes took to the woods. I put Mrs. Sullivan, the children, and female servants in the safest room, barricaded the sides with cotton mattresses, and then Gussie and I witnessed the fight from our Piazza. We assisted the wounded all we could, and next morning I helped to bury the dead. They set fire to both my mills twice, but I put it out myself as often, they burnt up \$6,000.00 worth of cotton for Sullivan. After that, gangs of robbers were plundering night and day. A gang took two beautiful horses from our field in noon day, while guarded by our boy. Ha ris, Gussie and I, took our rifles and two servants, and followed them nine miles, through woods, over mountains and creeks, recaptured our horses, and returned home at midnight the same night. We have had for months to defend our property at the risk of our lives, but thank God it is not so bad now, still we have to keep our stables locked."

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 5th Jan., 1866.

APPOINTMENTS:

Inverness Co.—To be Deputy Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths—Charles McMullan, of Lake Ainslie.

To be Judge of Probate for the County of Anapolis—Edward C. Cowling, in the place of George S. Milledge, deceased.

There was quite a gay sleighing party on Thursday, headed by the Governor and General.

OUR REVENUE.—By a comparative statement of the Revenue in the port of Halifax for 1864 and 1865, there appears an increase of \$5817.14 in 1865 over that of 1864; the former being \$880,473.01 and the latter \$821,955.57. The amount for duties paid in at Yarmouth in the quarter ending Dec. 31st was over \$14,000; considerably more than in any previous quarter.

The soldier Short, who was burned by the explosion of a bottle of nitric acid—is recovering from his injuries, which were not of such a serious nature as at first believed. His eye-sight will not be injured.

A private soldier of the 2nd batt. 17th Regt. named James Williams, was found on Thursday morning, frozen to death, in the ditch of Fort George. It is supposed he accidentally fell into the ditch during the night.

We are informed that the Rev. Mr. Geddie will leave for the New Hebrides in the steamer due here on the 1st February. A farewell meeting will be held in Temperance Hall on the evening of the 30th inst., in which Ministers of all the Protestant Churches will be invited to take part.

The packet barque Halifax arrived at Boston on Saturday last, after a boisterous passage of ten days.

FIRE STATISTICS, 1865.—Mr. J. F. Ellis informs the Recorder that "The aggregate number of fires and false alarms in the city and county during the year 1865—were 50; of this number 34 were actual fires, and the remaining 16 false alarms. The whole value of the property destroyed amounted to \$51, 493 50, of which the sum of \$30,925 50 was represented by insurance—leaving an actual individual loss of \$20, 568."

He adds:—"The value of the property removed from danger and actually saved during the progress of the above fires, by the members of the Union Protection Company, I have carefully estimated and find that it amounts to the large sum of \$15,800, as far as can be ascertained."

BIGAMY.—A charge of this nature was before our Criminal Court a few days ago, brought by a colored woman—the second wife—against a colored man named Antonio. The defence urged that the first marriage was illegal, seeing that the woman was already married to another man, who was at sea. Consequently the accuser and the accused went out of court apparently well satisfied with the acquittal.

"FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA."—We have been informed by D. Henry Starr, Esq., Secretary to the F. G. Association, that at the Exhibition of the Royal Horticultural Society, held in London in December last, the Gold Medal of the Society, offered for the best and most complete representative collection of Fruit and Vegetables, from any of the Colonies, was carried off by the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia, "from whence comes," so says the Gardner's Chronicle, "a large and fine collection of apples and a few pears. The apples, are, for the most part, large and very fine."—Sun.

HOME PRODUCTIONS.—A sample of corn-brooms is on exhibition at the Merchant's Exchange Reading Room, manufactured by Messrs. Stephens & Co. of this city. The material was grown by J. W. Bars, Esq., at Wolfville. The brooms appear equal in every respect to the imported article. We are informed that a quantity of the seed of the brush will be imported in the coming spring, and doubt not many farmers will seek to ascertain whether we cannot supply the market here with this article in future.

MURDER.—On Saturday evening the 6th Inst, a man named Joseph Robinson formerly a soldier, a tavern keeper in Barrack Street, was quarrelling with his wife to whom he was married in April last, and was about to kick her when he was prevented by two men in his house. She then took a ginger beer bottle and threw it at him. It struck him in the face and caused the blood to flow freely. He then took it up and threw it at her, striking her in the head and fracturing her skull. The wife aged 22, died two or three days after. An investigation took place on Friday and Saturday last, and the husband, who is now greatly distressed at the sad occurrence, is in the county jail awaiting his trial.

INQUEST AT WAVERLEY.—On Wednesday last, a Coroner's Inquest was held at Waverley on the body of the man McPherson, who was shot there on Christmas night, and subsequently died of his wounds. The inquest was held before Coroner Weeks. Dr. Buckley, who made a post mortem examination of the body, stated to the jury that he found eight small slugs in the body, which no doubt caused the death of the unfortunate man. The jury after hearing the evidence, and giving that consideration to the case which it required, returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by the firing of a gun by some person or persons unknown.—Ex.

PROGRESS.—Twelve new Divisions have already been instituted since the annual meeting of Grand Division, and we expect soon to report the organization of others.

Bro. Wm. C. Bill, D. G. W. P., of Bill-town, Cornwallis, initiated 86 persons into the Order of S. of T. during Christmas week.—Abstainer.

For the first time since its organization, the meeting of Chebucto Division of this city was graced by the presence of Lady Visitors on Thursday evening last. The Chebuctonians held out a long time, but it appears their hearts have melted at last. One of the Ladies presided at the Organ during the initiatory and installation ceremonies, and there was quite an improvement in the singing.—Jb.

MARGARETS BAY.—"Marathon" is flourishing, and whether there will be a great battle fought or not we are getting recruits. Eight were proposed at last meeting. "Ingrim" too, is gaining fast. Intemperance is beginning to hide its head in the dark corners. We hope it will eventually go to the shades here. Too long has it flourished at noonday. G. J. R.

SAD ACCIDENT.—Mr. Donald MacInnes of the West River in this county, was drowned in a pit imprudently left uncovered at Wine Harbor on New Years day. The deceased seems to have fallen into the pit while walking to his lodgings after dark. He was an able active young man of steady habits, and the principal support of a large and weak family of brothers and sisters.—Antigonish Casket.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—On Tuesday night last the dwelling of Mr. John McMillan, of Lochaber Glen, was consumed by fire, and sad to relate, himself and two of his grandchild-perished therein. Mr. MacMillan was a wealthy farmer, and it is said that a large amount of money was in the house at the time. We have not heard any further particulars.—Jb.

During the recent cold weather horses and sleighs crossed the Gut of Canso on the ice. Such an occurrence is not remembered by "the oldest inhabitant."—Col.

THE CONDEMNED MEN.—It has been reported that the execution of Doucey and Douglass would take place to-morrow, Thursday; and that the gallows erected in the jail-yard would be removed to Rockhead. We were credibly informed yesterday that neither of these rumors is correct,—nothing being yet determined in reference to the time when, or the place where, the sentence now passed upon them shall be carried into effect. We regret to find that the general sentiment in Halifax, is, that the mate, Douglass is guilty of complicity in the murder, both before, and after the fact.

SUDDEN DEATHS.—We learn from the Eastern Chronicle that on Friday before last, Colin McKinnon, a shoemaker, who resided at Bailey's Brook, Pictou County, while engaged in hauling some wood, suddenly fell and immediately expired. The same paper states that on Sunday last a maiden lady named Sarah Copeland, while entering a neighbor's house at Barney's River, fell upon the floor and instantly expired.

The Pictou papers last week expressed fears concerning a boat containing six persons, which left Carrabou, in that vicinity, for P. E. Island, and had not reached its destination. It was hoped that the party had succeeded in reaching Pictou Island; but the P. E. Island papers received last evening, state that such was not the case. Among those on board were D. J. Roberts, Esq., Capts. Campbell and Henderson, and Mr. Lewis. Three wives are left husbandless and twenty-six children fatherless by this calamity.

New Brunswick.

The Hon. R. D. Wilmot is said to have tendered his resignation as member of the New Brunswick Government. We have not learned the cause for this movement, but it will soon be made known, probably as soon as Mr. Smith, the leader of the government, returns from Washington.

FATAL ACCIDENT occurred by the falling of an embankment on some men engaged in excavating it for the St. Stephen's Railroad—one man was killed—one had his leg broken, one had his arm broken, and the others were badly hurt.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—A young man named Charles Beck, of Chipman's, Queen's Co., was frozen to death on Saturday, the 23rd ult., whilst returning from the woods to spend Christmas.

COLD.—On Saturday week, the thermometer at St. John, was down to 30° zero, and at Fredericton, it was 40° below zero.

Canada.

WHISKEY BABIES.—A very curious specimen of smuggling is reported from Washington. The statement is that whiskey is smuggled from Canada into the United States in this wise:—Women hold in their arms something resembling in shape and size real live "babies," but that, on examination, the babies turn out to be tin cases containing from three to five gallons of whiskey. And to give the thing point, we are told that the other day 32 such women with such babies were found on one railway train going across the line, and that 30 of them were arrested and over 100 gallons of whiskey secured!

The Toronto Globe says:—A few days ago each of our city policemen was supplied by the Commissioners with a first-class Colt's revolver and belt. So many assaults have lately been committed upon the constables, some of whom have been severely beaten by the roughs now infesting our city, that the step seems especially well timed.—It will serve to intimidate ruffians from committing attacks of that sort, whenever they choose to get a little the worse of liquor, and will prove a sure friend to the man who has to tramp his lonely beat far from the help of his comrades.

THE CABINET held a meeting in Montreal on the 3rd inst., when the Hon. Mr. Fergusson Blair was sworn in, and took his seat in Council as President, in place of the Hon. Mr. Brown. He also takes charge of the Provincial Secretary's Office during Mr. McDougall's absence.

Three patent medicine establishments have left New York on account of the taxes, and settled down in Montreal.

LATEST FROM THE U. STATES.

Another Baptist paper is to be started in New York; the Examiner and Chronicle has for some time had that field to itself.

DENOMINATIONALISM EXTRAORDINARY!—While urging the united efforts of Christians of every name to reach and rescue the neglected masses of our country, one of the speakers at the convention in Cleveland related an anecdote that showed that the word "denomination" was not restricted to its theological meaning. A western farmer who wished to invest the accumulations of his industry in United States securities, went to Jay Cooke's office to procure the treasury notes. The clerk inquired, "What denomination he would have them in?" Having never heard that word used except to distinguish the religious sects, he, after a little deliberation, replied, "Well, you may give me part in Old School Presbyterian to please the old lady; but give me the left on't in Free-will Baptist."

The publishers of the leading Boston papers have given notice that, in consequence of the increased cost of printing material and paper, they are compelled to raise the prices of their respective sheets.

A NEW BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.—It is proposed to make the number of voters the basis of representation in Congress, instead of the population. Should this amendment of the Constitution prevail, the Southern states would lose twenty-two members out of the last apportionment, and new states, like California and Oregon, would gain. But the South could easily repair their loss by giving to the negroes the right hand vote.

They burn \$80,000 worth of defaced and mutilated fractional currency, daily, at Washington and print \$50,000.

A proposition for the immediate hanging of Jeff. Davis was tabled by the Legislature of Indiana on the day it adjourned sine die.

A savings bank for colored people in Louisville, Ky., received in three months, \$30,000 on deposit.

The negroes of Memphis seem to have the ascendancy in that city. Every day witnesses some new outrage. One day last week ten or fifteen of them entered the store of a merchant and commenced pillaging. Upon being ordered out they shot the proprietor dead.

LEFT-HAND WRITING.—In New York a committee, of which Gov. Fenton is Chairman, have been raised to award premiums of \$200, \$150, \$100, and \$50 for the four best specimens of left hand writing by soldiers who have lost their right hands. The editor of the Commercial Advertiser, who has inspected the specimens sent in, says they are as a rule, remarkable specimens of penmanship. In nearly every case the writing is "back-handed." Some of the specimens are in verse and some are handsomely ornamented and illustrated. It seems incredible that such good execution can be done with the unused and awkward left hand. The literary merit of the productions is so good that they are to be made into a book for the benefit of the soldiers.

EMIGRANTS RESCUED.—A telegram from Boston on Monday afternoon, informs us that the Barque Fredonia, Captain Burke, from Fayal, Dec. 13th, reached that port the previous day with the crew and passengers of the emigrant ship Gratitude over three hundred in number. Capt. Burke reports that on the 1st of January, while in lat. 41 30, lon. 53, he fell in with packet ship Gratitude, Capt. McStarker, from Liverpool Nov. 19th, for Nortolk, in distress, leaking badly; that he laid by her three days before he could rescue the crew, 33 in number, and 273 steerage passengers; and further that, in order to accommodate them, he was obliged to throw overboard all the cargo between the decks of Fredonia, and since that time until his arrival in port, his stock of provisions would only admit of an allowance of half a pint of water and a single biscuit each day to a passenger. Every assistance in the shape of food and clothing, was offered them by the city authorities.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The latest arrival from Europe is by the Scotia which arrived at New York on Friday last with dates to the 31st ult. The following are the more important items:

Fenian trials were again progressing at Cork. Another prisoner, James Mountaine, had been acquitted.

Two regiments had been hastily sent from England to Dublin. One of them in garrison at Manchester, was roused at 3 A. M., and conveyed to Liverpool, 1200 strong, early the same morning, and forthwith embarked for Dublin.

Such energetic movements, of course gave rise to rumors of serious danger.

Three Spanish frigates were about to sail for the Pacific.

There were rumors that peace between Spain and Chili was about to be concluded by European mediation.

The Army & Navy Gazette believes the British Government has resolved on a very considerable decrease in the army. The leading feature will be the reduction of two companies in each battalion of the line, amounting in the aggregate to about 850 officers, and some 16,000 men. One regiment of cavalry is also expected to disappear.

The Board of Trade returns for November exhibit the extraordinary increase in exports of £350,000 sterling, or 29 per cent. of Nov 1865.

The steamship Pennsylvania, from New York at Liverpool, struck a rock off Mersey Head, on the 21st of Dec., and had thirteen feet of water in her fore part.

Cambridge has been the scene of a stormy meeting relative to the insurrection in Jamaica. The appearance of a placard calling on "Englishmen" to attend the meeting and support Governor Eyre was warmly responded to, and cheers were given at all the allusions to the cruelties practised on the negroes. The execution, too, of Mr. Gordon, met the approval of this Cambridge meeting, as well as the shooting, hanging, and flogging of the black people men and women.

FRANCE.

There has been a slight increase of the deaths from cholera in Paris since the last returns made up to the 11th. On that day there were sixteen deaths in the hospitals and city; on the 12th, the same number—six in hospitals and ten in the city. Twelve patients were admitted into the hospitals, and four cases broke out in the sick wards. On the 13th, there were fifteen patients admitted, and three cases in the sick wards. The deaths were on that day three in the hospitals ten in the city.