

perhaps not more than half the number we should have done had we made no charge at all, but I feel satisfied that those which have been disposed of will not be wantonly destroyed as is very often the case with the books freely given without charge. On our return we remained a day and a half at Colong, where there is a small bazaar. Here we found the people very willing to listen and give a trifle to obtain our books.—While at the village of Gogre we ascertained that there would be a meta at the ghat on the morrow, on account of the eclipse of the sun. We therefore determined to remain and be present. To our surprise a very large number of people, not less, I think, than 2,000, came to the banks of the Ganges to bathe in the sacred stream at the time of the eclipse. We put up one of the sails of our boat, for a shade to keep off the rays of the sun, and beneath it we were able to keep up a congregation nearly the whole day. All who came behaved quietly and respectfully.—Some sat for hours, and expressed themselves as much interested in what they heard. Most of those who wanted books were willing to give a pice or two to obtain them.

For the Christian Messenger.

### Grand PreSeminary.

#### Mr. Editor.—

In our advertisement for the first quarter of the Winter term at the Ladies' Seminary, Wolfville, some changes will be noticed since the commencement of the school year. Miss Fowler, formerly connected with the Institution, and who resumed, at the first of the year the charge of the department of Drawing and Painting, was compelled, by ill health, to resign her position. At the close of the first quarter Miss Fowler had, during her connexion with this and other Institutions, proved herself, in the opinion of those capable of judging, thoroughly qualified to fill the position she occupied. The high esteem in which she was held as a lady and a teacher, and the marked success which attended her labors in the department she represented, caused her resignation to be deeply regretted.

The managers of the Seminary were, however, fortunate in being able to repair the loss to the Drawing department, by securing without delay, the services of Miss Valentine, of Cambridge, Mass., a graduate of Warren Institution, R. I., and whose experience and success in teaching are bright promises for the future. Miss Valentine entered upon her duties at the commencement of the current quarter.

W. J. HIGGINS.

### The House of Commons at Ottawa.

The House of Commons as it presents itself to my eye at this moment is an interesting spectacle. It is an oblong room, with Galleries on all sides—the Press Gallery being directly back of and above the Speaker's Chair, which is placed in the centre of one side of the room. The other Galleries are divided into three departments the more important personages among the spectators generally seating themselves on the side directly opposite to the Speaker. Here may be seen listening with the greatest interest, grave Senators and their ladies, or the wives and friends of members of the Ministry and the Commons.—Indeed, many ladies find their way to the Galleries, and, without wishing to cast any reflection on the fair occupants, I ask permission to observe that an equal number of New Brunswick ladies would certainly present a greater amount of beauty and loveliness. But leaving the Galleries to turn for a moment to the scene below, I discover that it is nearly three o'clock, and the Speaker is momentarily expected to take the Chair. Members are dropping in rapidly and taking their seats. Others are moving back and forth on the floor in front of the "Throne." Tilley enters and greeting Smith, who is crossing the floor, passes to his seat. The leading members of the Opposition are already in their places. The first line of Opposition benches range as follows: first, John Sanfield MacDonald, Premier of Ontario, who is not an opponentist at all, but a good Government supporter. He occupies a single seat by himself directly at the Speaker's left, a position which courtesy assigned to him during many sessions of the late Canadian Parliament. Then came Dorion, a slender, boyish looking man—the leader of the Quebec Rouges; Holton, tall, stout, of very dark complexion; Huntington, reputed one of the most finished speakers in Canada; Mackenzie, one of the Grit leaders from Ontario; then Stewart Campbell, of Nova Scotia, and by his side and at the same desk Joseph Howe, the great Anti-Confederate. Then we have McDonald of Glengarry, brother of John Sanfield, and five others of lesser note. The second line of Opposition benches gives us Forbes and Hugh McDonald of Nova Scotia, Anglin and Smith of New Brunswick, Kierskowski and Blake of Ontario, the latter a prominent leader of the Reform Party and a speaker of much ability. Eight other members hailing chiefly from Ontario, complete the row. The third line of benches, on this side is headed by Mr. Joe Rymal, of Ontario, a noted Clear Grit somewhat rough but possessing much mother wit. Magill, Mayor of Hamilton, has also a seat in this line. Further to the left we find Ferris and Burpee and Costigan, of New Brunswick—and at the foot of the fourth line of benches; and in the same row Savary and Croke of Nova Scotia. McKeagney of Nova Scotia sits almost directly

behind Croke; Chipman, Cameron, M. McDonald—all Nova Scotians, have positions in the last two rows of Opposition seats. Renaud, of Kent Co., N. B., has a seat on the last row of seats but one. It should be explained that, owing to the large Ministerial majority, a number of supporters of the Ministry are necessarily obliged to occupy seats on what is generally considered the Opposition side of the House. As will be seen from the above sketch, the New Brunswickers sitting on the left are Messrs. Anglin, Smith, Ferris, Burpee, Costigan and Renaud.

On the Speaker's right—in Parliamentary phrase the "Ministerial benches"—there are seven rows of twelve seats each, (as on the other side), and one single seat. This is the first seat of the first row, and is occupied by Galt. Then comes J. A. Macdonald and Cartier, Tilley and Howland, Chaveau and Dunkin, McGee and Cartwright, Morris and Rose, McMillan and Fisher, of N. B., Langevin and MacDougall sit together, behind Tilley and Howland; Tupper and Gray, are seated together directly behind these again; Connell sits behind Fisher, and Johnson. (when he gets here,) will be seated behind McMillan. Behind Connell again, sits Bolton, of N. B. Wallace, of N. B., occupies a seat on the fourth row. There are no Nova Scotians on this side, except Tupper, just named. Archibald, Secretary for the Provinces, who lost his Colchester seat, may occasionally be seen seated near Galt, but not properly on the floor of the House—a courtesy which is extended to no other public man, as the vacuity of the Commons House of Parliament is most jealously guarded—with this exception, no spectators being allowed entrance by members' door. On the Ministerial side, also, may be seen Chamberlain, M. P., for Missequoi, Editor of the *Montreal Gazette*, a gentleman of whom the Press of Canada feels justly proud; Stephenson, of Kent Co., Ontario, Editor of the *Chatham Planet*; Beauty, proprietor of *Toronto Leader*; John H. Cameron, of Peel, Grand Master of the Orangemen of Ontario; and an accomplished speaker; Carling, Treasurer of the Ontario Government; Workman, the representative of the Montreal merchants; McGreevey, of Quebec, who was one of the contractors for the magnificent buildings in which the Dominion Parliament holds its first Session; Walter Shanley, the eminent Railway Engineer; Fortin, ex-commander of the Canadian Fleet for the protection of the fisheries; Gibbs who defeated George Brown in South Ontario; De Neversille, of Three Rivers, very wealthy and owner of the finest stud of racing horses in British America; and other gentlemen scarcely less noteworthy. There are on the floors of this House three Premiers—namely, Sir John, Premier of Canada; Sandfield MacDonald, Premier of Ontario, and Chaveau, Premier of Quebec. Leading members of the Local Governments of Ontario and Quebec are also here. *Cor. of St. John Telegraph.*

### Dominion and Foreign News.

#### New Brunswick.

A FATAL ACCIDENT occurred in St. John on Tuesday last. The boiler at Mr. B. Lingley's Mills, Musquito Cove, a little above the Falls, exploded, killing one man on the spot, and injuring the three others, two of them so much so they were not expected to survive.

CORRECTION.—The *Visitor* says, "His Excellency has appointed Thursday the 28th inst. as a Public Holiday." He should have said a Day of Public Thanksgiving.

#### Ontario.

An extensive fire took place at Ottawa on the night of the 13th instant. It broke out in the warehouse of Bates, Bros. on the canal bason, and destroyed property to the value of nearly one hundred thousand dollars. The building was filled with the winter stock of groceries and liquors, nearly all of which was consumed.

OTTAWA, Nov. 21.—In the Senate, last night in reply to a member. Hon. Mr. Campbell stated that the Government had not the power to initiate or entertain negotiations with the American Government with regard to the renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty, such negotiations could only be approached through the instrumentality of the British Minister at Washington. He also stated that the Government proposed to establish mail communication with the West Indies, and to subsidize a line of steamers with that view.

A POWERFUL WEAPON.—A few days ago a gentleman in this city tested the force of the Snider Enfields with remarkable results. He put in a line, at a distance of several yards from each other, twelve pieces of heavy pine plank and fired at the first one from one hundred yards. On examining the planks, it was discovered that the bullet had passed through eleven of them, and had buried itself in the twelfth.—It is believed that there is no other rifle in the world capable of performing this feat.—*Toronto Telegraph.*

#### Quebec.

A child was found frozen to death at Point Levis on the morning of the 5th inst.

The ship carpenter's strike at Quebec continues.

### LATEST FROM UNITED STATES.

By a collision of railway trains at Lockland, Ohio, on Wednesday last, several cars were burned, and three ladies and one man perished in the flames.

The new steam frigate *Wampagoag*, just finished, the largest American war vessel afloat, is 354 feet long, has engines of 5000 horse power and ten nine-inch Dahlgren guns, and gives employment to a crew of 500 men.

ST LOUIS, MO., Nov. 17.—The entire blocks in the business portion of the town of Louisiana, in Pike County, Mo., were destroyed by fire on Friday night. Loss \$210,000; insured only \$60,000.

BURNING OF AN OIL TRAIN.—NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—About one o'clock this morning, near the Calsicum Station on the Erie railroad, an oil train bound east was run into by a freight train as it was being run upon a siding to allow the freight train to pass. The locomotive of the freight train was disabled and some oil cars were demolished. The oil took fire and destroyed altogether twenty-one cars and the locomotive.—The accident occurred on a down grade and it was impossible to remove any of the cars that were behind the fire.

"NORWOOD."—It appears that Henry Ward Beecher's story with this title has been dramatized and is being performed at New York. Mr. Beecher is now in Montreal for the purpose of securing the copyright of his novel.

THE METEORIC DISPLAY was particularly brilliant in the Southern States. 334 meteors are said to have been counted.

BANGOR, ME., Nov. 17.—Sleighs have appeared in our streets and exceeding cold weather for the season prevails. There is every indication to-night that navigation will close immediately. The closing of the river will be attended with great loss and inconvenience, especially to lumbermen, who are entirely unprepared for cold weather.

### LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENED.—London, Nov. 19.—Parliament was re opened to-day in accordance with the Royal Proclamation. The Queen was not present, and the Royal Commission read the speech from the Throne, which is in substance as follows:

King Theodore having rejected all the demands of Great Britain for the release of her subjects, cruelly and without just cause imprisoned by him, Her Majesty had no alternative but to send a military expedition to Abyssinia, and reference is made to the supply bills needful to defray the expenses of the war.

The invasion of the Papal Territory is now over, and the hope is expressed that the Emperor Napoleon will soon withdraw his forces from Italy and avoid unfriendly relations with Victor Emmanuel. Fenianism re-opened in Ireland has taken the form of organized violence, and murder in England, where it must also be suppressed by the firm fulfilment of the law, and by the loyalty of the people. The speech concludes with the promise that Her Majesty's Government will bring before Parliament Reform Bills for Scotland and Ireland, and other domestic measures of an important character.

In the House of Commons the address to the Queen was moved by Sir Wm. Hart Dyke, the member for West Kent and seconded by Col. James Hogg, the member for Bath.

The address in the House of Lords was proposed by Earl Brownlow and seconded by Lord Hylton. Both addresses re-echo the speech of the Queen.

In the House of Commons this evening Lord Stanley made some explanation in connection with recent events on the Continent. He said, England had been invited to join a General Congress Conference; but had refused to do so unless a distinct plan of action was first proposed. Lord Stanley thought that participation in such a Congress would only add to the responsibility of England, without doing any good.

All the members who spoke to-night took occasion in course of their remarks to condemn the recent action of France in sending a military expedition to Italy.

Nov. 20.—The Queen's speech to Parliament and the pacific address of the Emperor Napoleon to the French Chambers have had a tranquillizing effect upon the public mind, and tend to restore confidence at all the principal political and financial centres.

In the House of Commons to-day, inquiry was made as to whether the Government had received official information of the reported calamity at the Island of Tortola. Mr. Adderley, the Under Secretary, replied that the Colonial Office had received no such advices from its correspondent in the West Indies, and said that the story of the disappearance of the island beneath the sea was doubtless a canard.

DR. LIVINGSTONE ALIVE.—Nov. 22.—Despatches containing the gratifying intelligence of Dr. Livingstone the celebrated traveller and explorer, have been received in London to-day.

In the House of Commons an effort was made to save the lives of the Manchester rioters, John Francis Maguire member of the City of Cork, moved that the house interiere for a stay in the execution of the sentences and meanwhile the points of law upon which he based his resolution, be carried to the 12 highest authorities in the realm. The motion gave rise to a long and earnest discussion. It was finally withdrawn, the opinion of the House being manifestly against any further consideration of the subject.

ITALY.—A telegram from Naples of the 14th inst., states that Mount Vesuvius is in a state of action, and is sending forth a volume of fire. New craters and the old craters were in operation during the past night and red hot stones were ejected in large quantities. Lava is pouring down the sides of the mountain, and the in-

dications are that there will be a grand eruption, involving serious consequences.

Florence, Nov. 20.—The Bank of Italy is about to issue notes of the denomination of one franc each to apply to the deficiency in smaller metallic currency. The speech of Emperor Napoleon at the opening of the French Chambers has had good effect here. It pleases the Italians, who believe that the ultimate gratification of the wishes of Italy is implied in the words of the Emperor if not actually expressed.

Experienced engineers have laid out and Pontifical troops are actively engaged in building substantial works of defence at all approaches to Rome, and the fortifications are rapidly approaching a completion.

### Marriages.

At Port Williams, Nov. 6th, by the Rev. P. F. Murray, Mr. Israel Pool, to Miss Susan Ann Messenger, both of St. Croix, Granville.

At Cornwalls, Nov. 6th, by the Rev. James Parker, Mr. Alvin Nalley, of Nictaux, to Miss Sarah A., only daughter of Mr. George Woodward, of Cornwalls.

At Chester, on the 18th inst., by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. Frederic Rafuse, to Miss Mary A. Keddy, both of Western Shore.

Nov. 21st, by the Rev. A. F. Porter, at Spring Hill Cottage, Cole Harbor Road, at the residence of the bride's step-father, Stephen Bisset, Esq., Alex. H. Kuhn, to Melissa Wambolt, both of Dartmouth.

At Chelsea, on the 7th inst., by Rev. S. March, Mr. John C. Potts, of Bridgewater, Merchant, to Miss Eunice Ward, of Chelsea.

At Cornville, on the 16th inst., by the same, Mr. Joseph B. Bezanson, of LaHave, to Miss Margaret Corkum, of the former place.

At Trinity Church, Wilmot, on the 14th November, by the Rev. James Robertson, LL. D., George Robertson, Esq., Barrister at Law, to Leahela Elia Aimon, eldest daughter of the Rev. James J. Ritchie, Rector Annapolis Royal.

On Nov. 7th by Rev. James Reid, Mr. George Murray, of Economy, to Miss Susan Carr, of Portauque.

On Nov. 19th, by the same, Mr. William A. Fortune, of Napan, to Mrs. Elizabeth McLaughlan, of Economy.

### Deaths.

At Dartmouth, Nov. 20th, Eleanor, eldest daughter of Mr. David Eisner, aged 18 years, after a lingering illness which she bore with true Christian patience.

On the 11th inst., Galieb Smydt, of Chelsea, aged 80 years, 3 months and 10 days. The above was a native of Germany, and a soldier, engaged in the Battle of Waterloo. About 14 years since he professed faith in Christ, was baptized by Rev. J. V. Tabor, united with the Baptist Church in Chelsea. He died in Jesus. His end was peace.

On Sunday, Nov. 24th, George McKensie, Esq., aged 60 years.

On Monday last, John Blanchard, aged 22 years.

On Sunday, the 24th inst., Mr. Michael Turpe, in the 46th year of his age.

At the Poores' Asylum, Nov. 23rd, John Quinn, aged 63 years (colored).

### Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

#### Arrived.

Tuesday, Nov. 19.—Brigs America, Doody, Boston; Maude, O'Brien, Baltimore; schr. Vsn, Dolliver, Port Medway; Charles Napier, McDonald, Three Rivers; P. E. I.; Fly, McKay, Westport; Tivy, LeBlanc, Publico.

Wednesday, 20.—Steamer Carlotta, McGune, Portland; schrs Gaselle, Swain, Boston; Candour, Landry, do.

Thursday, 21.—R. M. S. Java, Moodie, Boston; steamer Alhambra, Nickerson, Charlottetown; brig Forest Lily, Fraser, Moses River; schrs Vincent Wallace, McLaughlin, Port Mulgrave; Mary, Watt, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Friday, 22.—Schr. Margaret, Sydney; Swan, Cody, St. Martins; Henrietta, Shaw, Bay St George; Ninth of June, Boudrot, Glace Bay; Golden Rule, McFarlane, P. E. I.; Mary, Furlong, Sydney; Emma, Balcan, Sheet Harbor; Matthew Mooney, Leary, do.

Saturday, 23.—Brigs Milo, Fougere, Sydney; Alma Jane, Allen, New York; Top schr St. Luce, Little Glace Bay; schrs A. E. Dayer, Blyard, P. E. I.; Brilliant Star, Smith, do; Bismarck, Grant, Canso; Topaz, Grant, do; Avon, Bars, P. E. I.; Mayflower, Ritey, do; St. Marc, Pelrine, do; Courier, Walker, do; J. A. McKee, Ritchy, do; John Gilpin, Kenny, Sheet Harbor; Atalanta, Brundage, do; British Pearl, Hadley, Guysboro; Agenora, Dickson, Block House Mines; O. E. Burney, P. E. I.; Mystery, Rundles, Wallace; Amazon, Murphy, Glace Bay; Ann, LaVash, Sydney.

Monday, 25.—Briq. Arab, Finney, Sydney; schrs Mitchell, Hopewell, Porto Rico; Laura, Piasier Cove.

#### Cleared.

Tuesday, Nov. 19.—Brigs Emily Jane, White, Kingston, Ja; Golden Rule, Patterson, Porto Rico; Elsmore, Moore, Cornwalls; schrs Mary, LeBlanc, Arichat; Sarah Jane, Funchion, Boston; Clipper, Forest, Arichat; Rustic, Beaton, Pughwash; Rival, Smith, Liverpool, N. S.; Unity, White, Margaree; Robert Noble, Ormiston, Sydney; Sea Nymph, Murdoch, Sherbrooke.

Wednesday, 20.—Schr. Margaret Ann, Thomas, Arichat; Frank, McKinnon, Glace Bay; Ariel, Dickson, Sherbrooke.

Thursday, 21.—R. M. S. Java, Moodie, Liverpool; Merlin, Gulliford, St. John's, Nfld; steamers Alhambra, Nickerson, Boston; Carlotta, McGune, Portland; schrs Atlantic, Lockhart, Hantsport; Lucknow, Sullis, Digby; Galaxy, Gardner, Liverpool.

Friday, 22.—Schr. My Cousin, Kelly, B. W. Indies; Candour, Swain, Cow Bay; Adelaide, Lenoi, Publico; brigs Eclipse, Townsend, Sydney; Mirella, Mundy, F. W. Indies.

Saturday, 23.—Brig Augusta, McRae, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; brig Herbert, Nelson, Boston; schrs Tivi, LeBlanc, Publico; Ocean Belle, Messervy, Newfoundland; Melvina, Downey, St. Thomas; Prince of Wales, McNab, Baltimore; R. Haine Covert, Bridgetown; Lucknow, Sullis, Digby; Granville, Westport, Annapolis, and Bridgetown.

Monday, 25.—Briq. Mary, Fanning, B. W. Indies; schr Hawk, Gillis, Newfoundland.