

for every spiteful little pop-gun of the audience before them, if critics do their duty. The masses injure his reputation more than the public critic. They criticise without a knowledge of principles. They judge by his faults and forget to weigh his virtues. They are blind to what slumbering merits he may possess, and fail to perceive what proper cultivation would give him. Properly reviewed, many fine singers, who have been driven by injustice from their public sphere, would have long and usefully remained to grace and elevate it.

For the Christian Messenger.

DONATION VISITS.

To REV. JAMES REID.

On New Year's eve the members of my church and other kind friends favoured me with another Donation Visit. Such meetings are honorable and gratifying, to both Pastor and people. The ladies presented us with an excellent tea. Rev. Mr. Balcom and others gave suitable and comforting addresses. Every one appeared to be cheerful and happy. At the close of the meeting Mr. Thomas Fulton gave to me a purse containing 26 dollars, about 24 Dollars in produce and other articles were also brought, which will make in all 50 dollars.

To all the donors I give my sincere thanks, and earnestly pray that the Great Head of the Church may reward them all both temporally and spiritually. May you also, beloved Editor, partake of the same blessings.

JAMES REID.

To REV. G. D. COX.

On the 2nd of January the church and congregation, with many other friends, met at the Baptist Parsonage of Clements, to pay their annual Donation visit. The evening being pleasant and the roads good, about two hundred persons found it in their hearts to come, which was a fair representation of the different denominations in the Township. After partaking of the rich repast prepared by the ladies, the purse was presented by Deacon James E. Potter (accompanied with a very appropriate address) \$50 of which was in cash. Excellent speeches were also given by the Revs. Godfrey and Wallace, the Hon. Mr. Whitman, Shaw, Esq., and Brother Chute. May God richly bless the Donors with every precious gift.

Yours in Christ,
G. D. COX.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MARY JANET PARKER,

Wife of Francis Parker, Esq., died at Walton on the 7th of March 1866, aged 76 years. Sister Parker was daughter of the late Captain Daniel McNeil, of Kempt, Hants Co., and was brought up in connexion with the Church of England, but many years since became satisfied as to the correctness of Baptist principles,—at which time there was no Baptist Church at Walton. But her desires were made known to the Lord God of Sabaoth that his own work might prosper, and that she might be divinely directed. Having evidence of conversion in her own soul, during the winter of 1861, she, with her husband and others were baptized at Walton by the Rev. D. G. Shaw, and received as members of the church then recently formed at Newport, with an understanding that their dismission should be forthcoming whenever it was thought advisable to form a Baptist Church at Walton. This was carried into effect the Spring following, when Mr. and Mrs. Parker and others were dismissed from the church at Newport for that purpose. Thus our sister's desires were realized. With this church she walked in Christian fellowship till her death. When deprived of health, and even then while being further fitted for the upper sanctuary, her prayers were offered for the advancement of truth, for the little church at Walton, and for her dear family. May those requests be answered by fresh manifestations of God's love and power.—While here her presence was calculated to soothe the sorrowing, her address to comfort the afflicted, her benevolence to relieve the suffering, and her generosity was manifested in administering to the wants of the destitute. The result was that in her removal from time her husband and family, as also her connexions and the Church, felt that they had sustained an irreparable loss, and the community generally that they had lost a kind and affectionate friend. Ministers of all denominations have found a home at the dwelling of brother and sister Parker and their kindness will be long had in remembrance.

MR. EDITOR,—

Amid the rapidly changing seasons, death occupies a conspicuous place, and leaves a very solemn record. The following memoranda of deaths, is very peculiar and striking:

Died at Smith's Cove in Digby County, on the 15th of Oct. last. Mrs. JOHN THOMAS in the 51st year of her age. Mrs. Thomas had been for a number of years, a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and died in prospect of a glorious inheritance in the Paradise of God.

GEORGINA her only daughter, died on the 28th of the same month, in the 28th year of her age. She too, was a member of the Church and departed in full hope of meeting her mother in glory after but a few days separation.

EDWIN the eldest son died on the 17th of Nov. He did not belong to the church, but professed a change of heart in the eleventh hour. Although life is the time to serve the Lord, may

we not reasonably hope that this young man, has realized his ardent expectations, and has joined his mother and sister in paying adorations and praise to God and the Lamb. These died of a fever, which very nearly carried off Bro. Thomas himself and his youngest son. Our brother is now left with but two of his family. His wife, his only daughter, and eldest son, all leaving this world, and the happy domestic circle, while the father and the two brothers are left to mourn their irreparable loss.

Brother Thomas' house was a home for our friends in their journeying to and from the Associations, and no doubt many still remember the kind attention of Mrs. Thomas, which in this life will be known no more. I trust the Lord is sustaining our brother, and we hope that even this deep affliction will work good to himself and his remaining family.

The fourth death I have to record is that of Mrs. SARAH ANN BRYANT, wife of James Bryant, and fourth daughter of Thomas and Sarah Potter, of Smith's Cove, in the 34th year of her age. Mrs. Bryant was a member of the Baptist Church, and during the last few months of her life, she became very much revived, and happy in her mind. She has left a husband and many friends to mourn her early, and unexpected death.

The fifth death, is that of WILLIAM SULIS, son of William Sulis of Smith's Cove, which took place at sea in Oct. last, on board the Brig. Eagle. This death has thrown quite a gloom over that community. I hope good will come as the fruit of this affliction.

The sixth death that I have to notice is that of THOMAS MORGAN, Senr., in the 89th year of his age. He died on the 26th of December last. He was one of the few Baptists who was present at the Association in Granville in 1800. His good old age enabled him to see a large number of his descendants. He has left quite a number of children—grand-children, and great-grand children. He possessed a most vigorous and active mind to the last.

His mind was well stored with religious and other knowledge, which made his company often pleasing and profitable. This ends my record of deaths. The rapidly revolving years will soon bring the recorder of these deaths, to his journey's end, may he be prepared for that event.—Com. by Rev. A. Martell.

Hillsburg, Jan. 6th 1867.

LILLY DALE MILBERRY,

Memorials of childhood often interest and benefit the childish mind. It was so with the obituary of Elizabeth Annie McGill, lately published in the Messenger, (April 18, 1866,) in which the subject of this simple sketch was deeply interested. Even upon her death bed she requested it to be read to her, and especially the text of Scripture from which the funeral sermon was preached, (2 Kings iv. 26). The verses of poetry, too, recited by little Annie to her mother on the day before she was taken ill, seemed especially to interest her; and among the last utterances of her dying lips were some of the sadly appropriate lines:

I am young, but I must die,
In my grave I soon shall lie,
Lord prepare me for my end,
To my heart thy Spirit send,
Help me Jesus, then to love,
Take my soul to heaven above.

Lilly Dale, only daughter of the widow Isaac Milberry, of Nictaux, died of diphtheria, June 17th, 1866, aged 5 years. Perhaps some of the little readers of this paper may wish to know about her.

Well, Little Lilly loved to read good books and papers, and was very fond of committing to memory passages of Scripture and poetry. She seemed to have a verse of poetry or little hymn for almost every thing.

She noticed and loved good people, and was very fond of attending prayer meeting and the Sabbath School. Her uncle asking her one day to go and ride with him, answered that she could not go as there was prayer meeting that day and she wished to attend. In her last illness she requested a certain neighbor to be called in to pray for her for she said she thought he was a good man for he spoke and prayed so well at the prayer-meetings and the Sabbath School. When asked what she wanted him to pray for, she said, that she might get well, so as to go to the Sabbath School. When asked if she was a Christian she would answer, her eyes filling with tears, "Oh no, I'm a poor sinner." Hearing of a little girl having been baptized when only 5 years old—it was a mistake, the child was baptized when at the age of 7—she used to repeat "5 years old, that is just my age." She used to ask sometimes what the angels were like; but the little heart was repining for their sweet company, and we trust she has gone to mingle with the blessed children of the long sweet Sabbath School, and hymn his praises, who said Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

MATILDA BANKS.

Died at Inglesville, January 3rd, 1867, Matilda, the beloved wife of Ambrose L. Banks and daughter of John Whitman, aged twenty-six years and seven months.

Our departed sister being of reserved habits in youth, did not make known her exercises of mind under her first religious impressions. When about sixteen years of age a number of her young companions were about to receive the rite of baptism, our sister came forward, and, with tears, requested the privilege of receiving the same blessed ordinance, saying she could not remain silent any longer, her young companions where all going to leave her. She said, "I cannot be left behind." She related her ex-

perience and was received and baptized with ten others on the 1st of May, 1856, by Rev. W. G. Parker, and was received into the church at Nictaux.

She died without a murmur against the hand of Providence in taking her away at so early an age. On the contrary, she longed to go, saying, "I'm only waiting, soon I shall be home," &c., and departed, as falling asleep in Jesus. She leaves a sorrowing husband and one child to mourn the loss of a kind companion and affectionate mother. May the Lord be their comforter.

ROBERT O. WILSON

Died at Dalhousie East, King's County, after an illness of eight days, on the 17th December, 1866, aged 39 years, leaving a widow and three small children, with a large circle of friends, to mourn the departure of one beloved in life and lamented in death. Brother Wilson made a public profession of religion in 1847, and was baptized by Rev. W. C. Rideout, and united with the church in this place. In his last communications in public he appeared particularly impressed with the necessity of being prepared to meet God in judgment.

The occasion of his death was improved by Rev. W. G. Parker, from John xvii. 24. A discourse, well calculated to comfort the mourner under severe trials. "Take heed, watch and pray for ye know not when the time is."—Com.

Religious Intelligence.

NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald writes, Jan. 17th 1867:—My Dear Bro.—

"It is perhaps due to the grace of God felt by the little church at Tryon, to make known to the sister churches, the sweet refreshing and holy reviving she has felt of late. Extra services began about the 20th of Dec. For 10 days continued interruption by storms greatly tested our faith. A few had Jacob's wrestling spirit and hence prevailed upon the brethren to persevere. The heart said, "O, if we could see but one soul brought to Jesus, how great would be our reward!" That soul soon came. Fine weather came. Congregations increased. The wandering were restored, the dumb spake and praised God. Anxious sinners were multiplied, and kept knocking at the straight gate, and not in vain. For who that continues seeking shall be left out! Since they have passed into Christ's invisible kingdom by the door, we hope soon to lead them into the visible church by its door, the holy ordinance of baptism, on profession of faith in Jesus. Bro. Davis intends holding extra services very soon. O that the pure Spirit of the living God may stamp his seal visibly upon many souls that shall become illustrious subjects of his spiritual kingdom. Why could we not have a holy refreshing in all our churches. The bottles of Heaven are full and will be unstopped for us in answer to prayer. Let all our dear brethren who believe God, try him by asking ere they say "God has forgotten to be gracious."

HIGH-CHURCH VIEW OF PREACHING IN A DISSENTING PULPIT.—The *John Bull* has an article on the recent appearance of a Church clergyman of Lincoln diocese in a Dissenting pulpit in Manchester. The article says that much scandal has been caused by the circumstance, and it points out the only legal process by which the reverend offender can be brought to book, and shows that it is at once so expensive and so uncertain that the Bishops of Lincoln and Manchester cannot be expected to undertake it. "If, however," our High-Church contemporary observes, "Churchmen feel the case one of such grievous scandal that legal action should be taken, and will find the funds, there would we believe, be no unwillingness on the part of the bishops, who keenly feel the scandal, to act. The case shows the wretched state of our ecclesiastical law, and the necessity for action is shown by a beneficed clergyman in the diocese of Norwich being advertised to preach in a meeting-house on Barnet tomorrow."

A RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.—One of the most interesting and important departments of the Great Exposition to be held at Paris the coming year, will be one devoted to the exhibition of the results of Protestant Christian benevolent enterprise. The very choicest part of the grounds devoted to the Fair, has been set apart by the French Emperor for this purpose, and it will furnish the grandest opportunity Protestant Christianity has ever had for the display of its works and results. It certainly could hardly have been expected that a Catholic Emperor of a Catholic country, would have taken so much interest in such a matter, but buildings are to be erected and every possible facility afforded for the exposition of the results of the modern missionary and charitable efforts of Protestant Christians. It is the intention of the Emperor and those concerned in the Exposition to have it a perfect illustration of the life of the world, and permission was cheerfully given to some English Christians when they broached the matter of having a place assigned to Protestant Missions.

Partial preparations have already been made to render this permission to the Emperor of practical value to the cause of Protestant Christianity; but much more remains to be done in order to make full and proper use of so grand an

opportunity for aggressive religious effort. A protestant chapel will be erected on one end of the "Holy Ground"—as it will be appropriately called—and a committee of evangelical ministers has already been raised in Paris, who are to make arrangements for daily religious services, under the direction of able preachers, in all the languages that will be represented there. The Gospel will thus be publicly and freely preached in English, French, German, Italian, and other tongues, and all may hear the truth in language that they can understand. Another building will be devoted to the display of the results of Christian enterprise in the preparation of the Bible and other religious works for the use of heathen nations; another building will be devoted to the gratuitous distribution of religious tracts, and the printing press will at once attest the skill of invention and the thoughtful foresight of Christian benevolence. Several English gentlemen of great wealth and Christian liberality, have taken especial interest in this work, and are pushing it along with all the energy possible.

American and Foreign News.

LATEST FROM UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Parties have been crossing East River on the ice all day. At noon the ice gave away, and a large cake floated away with 85 passengers; a tug put out and rescued all but three, amid the cheers of thousands of spectators. The remaining three were rescued half an hour after.

Jan. 25.—A British Honduras correspondent states that a body of Yucatan Indians had invaded the Mahegany district and threatened to break up the works and make a raid on the city. Trade was at a stand-still, and great excitement prevailed.

John R. Hamilton, formerly confidential clerk for Messrs. R. & W. Simpson, pawn-brokers, at No. 195 Bowery, was yesterday arrested on a charge of embezzling at different times, since June last, money to the amount of \$12,000 to \$15,000 from his employers. Justice Shandy admitted the accused to bail in the sum of \$10,000 to answer the charges.

New Orleans, Jan. 28.—The British ship "Royal Sovereign," with cotton for Liverpool, was burned nine miles below here, where she now lies a perfect wreck. She was valued at \$60,000, and her cargo at \$100,000 mostly insured.

The above ship we learn was owned by Esson, & Co., of Halifax, built at Maitland Hants Co., and launched in June last.

Montgomery, ALA Jan. 24.—The Supreme Court of Alabama, has decided that the existence of the State was not destroyed by secession, and the events that followed, and that all acts under its authority, and *de facto* Government, before surrender, so far as executed, are valid.

A gentleman from France recently waited on Mrs. Lincoln at Chicago, and presented her with a medal in behalf, it is stated, of 30,000 French people in token of their respect for Abraham Lincoln.

MEXICO.—Havana, Jan. 19.—News from Mexico to the 9th inst., has been received. Maximilian was on his way to the city of Mexico from Puebla. R. B. Fisher has been appointed Imperial Secretary. The Revolutionists under Garcia De LaCavena had been defeated by Leon. Most of the towns of Yucatan have sent to the Capital manifestations of joy at the return of the Imperial commissioners. Proclamations have been affixed on the street corners in Mexico, calling on the citizens to meet and welcome Maximilian. The evacuating French troops from San Luis Potosi arrived at San Miguel Allende on the 1st inst. Rivas Palacios was obliged to abandon Tenancingo on the 2nd. He attacked Toluco and was repulsed.

BENEFITS OF HIGH DUTIES.—A writer in a Louisville (Ky.) paper shews that a U. S. citizen may go to England and purchase an ordinary outfit, and save by the transaction about enough to pay his passage there and back. The writer presents this as a grand inducement to people to visit the Paris Exhibition this summer. It is likely that many who go will bring back a little more than they take with them.

The Boston Journal says that over one thousand packages of goods designed for the Paris Exposition, have been placed on board the ship *Mercury* at New York. Every State North and South, is represented in the cargo, and nearly every branch of trade and manufactures has samples of its productions. Gold 1344.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, Jan. 18.—It is reported that Queen Victoria will visit the Paris Exposition, calling there while on her way to Germany.

Jan. 21.—It is said there is much excitement in Paris over the changes in the Imperial Cabinet, and it is thought they indicate a more warlike policy on the part of the Emperor. The French press applaud the reforms made by Napoleon.

It is said that Lord Derby has concluded not to present the Government Reform Bill to Parliament.