

As we passed under the gateway, and by the soldiers on guard, into the court-yard, we saw a long procession of mules, each with a rider, of great nationality and dress, yet all travelling apparently in one great company, and entering together at the eastern gate.

The court is indeed beautiful. In its centre is a large covered fountain surrounded by a marble moat a foot deep, into which the water falls. Here must the Moslem wash, before he can enter the sacred temple.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

Died near Bridgetown, Dec. 13th 1866, Miss Maria Sawer, daughter of Mr. John Corbitt, aged 28 years. Miss C. was a member of the Baptist Church in Berwick.

Died at Bridgetown, on the same day, nephew of the above, John, infant son of Captain Peter Nicholson, of Bridgetown, aged 18 months.

Died near Bridgetown, June 11th, 1866. Mr. Joseph Rice, son of Wm. Rice, aged 32 years. The deceased was called away suddenly; but expressed confident hope of being received into glory through the name and merits of Jesus Christ.—Ib.

Drowned in the Annapolis River, June 12th, Mr. Beriah Rice, Son of late Deacon Timothy Rice, 28 years of age. This is a most distressing bereavement. The young man was removed very suddenly from his widowed mother and deeply stricken connexions.

Died near Bridgetown, June 30th, 1866, Mr. Joseph Messenger, Son of Deacon James Messenger, aged 32 years. Deeply afflicted for some years, it is believed that our brother is now with his Saviour.

Religious Intelligence.

ITALY.—There is a great Exhibition at Rome, as well as at Paris. The Pope and his Bishops are commemorating the 18th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Peter, and doing a good stroke of business in creating a batch of fresh saints.

address in reply thanks him abundantly for his solicitude to repress error, rejoices in rallying round the Papal chair, and especially rejoices at the proclamation of "the speedy assembling of an Ecumenical Council, from which the Bishops expect abundant fruits—neither princes nor peoples will permit the rights or authority of the Pope to be ignored."

This congress of mixed heads is looked upon as marking a crisis in the history of Christendom and as the prelude to another great effort on the part of the Papacy to recover its spiritual, and indeed, its temporal power.

In Guastalla a plot was formed to exterminate the Protestants of that town on the 19th March the anniversary of the massacre of Barletta—'Crowds of the peasantry from the neighborhood,' says the well-informed correspondent of Evangelical Christendom, 'assembled in the great square, ready to carry into execution that plan.'

FRANCE.—The centre of evangelical activities on the Continent is now the Paris Exhibition where the Scriptures and religious tracts are being widely distributed, and seeds of truth scattered amongst visitors of many nations.

CHINA.—The movement of inquiry still extends in the North of China. In the province of Shantung, in two of the villages, the Methodist brethren have already gathered churches of nearly a hundred members; and beyond them, the influence is still extending.

posals his guest rooms. This man has already suffered not a little persecution for the sake of Christ, but his faith has never wavered, and his zeal has never flagged.

"If it is a most gratifying feature in this movement that women, as well as men, are found attending the services, and that they seem, in great measure, devoid of the prejudice which as a rule prevails throughout China, and which has been the source of painful regret to missionaries from the first."

The Rev. H. Collins, of the Church Missionary Society, in a brief journal of a "Tour near Pekin," makes the following entry:—"At our resting place to-day we met a living Buddha, a Thibetan, with his attendants. He is on a pilgrimage to the celebrated shrine at Wu-tai-shan."

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

THE CROPS, &c., IN NOVA SCOTIA.—Farmers of long experience in Nova Scotia have spoken of the spring times of the last few years as unusually cold and wet. The spring of 1867 was no exception to what they say is becoming a rule.

The backwardness of the spring months has been amply compensated by the genial "growing" weather which we have enjoyed throughout the greater part of June, and thus far of July. Reports from various parts of the country speak of the Field Crops as giving great promise.—The Grass Fields never looked better at this time of year, in the memory of the oldest inhabitant; Wheat and Oats, and other grain crops, are making vigorous growth; Potatoes show a daily increasing expanse of foliage, and are already nearly meeting in the drills; and in Gardens there is a luxuriance of vegetation sufficient to satisfy the most impatient gardener.

As regards our Orchards, the information that has reached us, although imperfect, is, so far, quite satisfactory. Apples and other fruits are abundant in Hants; in the northern parts of Halifax county the trees are growing more luxuriantly than we have ever seen them before, but many of them are perfectly fruitless.

We regret to learn that the dwelling-house of W. H. Randall, Esq., of Nictaux, with much of its contents was destroyed by fire on the 18th inst.

STRAWBERRIES.—Our thanks are due to Mr. J. H. Shaw, of Berwick for a box of splendid strawberries, (Boston Pine.)

A PERILOUS VOYAGE.—The small schooner John T. Ford, arrived here a few days since from Baltimore en route for Paris, 16 days out. This small boat is about 21.5 tons, has a crew of three persons.

Waverley.—Explosion at the Powder Mills.—The "press house" at the Waverley Powder Mill exploded on Saturday morning, causing the death of one of the men employed on the premises. It is said that there had not been any work doing in the building for some time; and this morning two men were sent to clean the pumps and attend to some necessary operations.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—The British American Orders of Good Templars met in Wolfville last week. The Union of the bodies, in accordance with the terms of a basis of Union agreed upon last year, was consummated on Thursday last, and at 4 o'clock p. m. on the same day the union took place.

- New Glasgow. Lecturer, W. H. Rogers, Amherst. Coun. I. N. Mack, Mill Village. Chap. Isaiah Wallace, Lower Granville. Vice, Mrs. C. A. Masters, Kenville. Sec. F. A. Lawrence, Truro, Col. Treas. G. P. Nelson, Truro, Col. Financier, Shippy Spurr, Annapolis. Recorder, Rev. Watzel, Bridgewater. Marshall, Isaac Barnhill, Shebenacadie. Dep. Mar. Sarah McKeen, Plaister Cove, Inverness, C. B. Inner Guard, Lizzie Layton, Falmouth. Out. Guard, C. A. Masters, Kenville. Past Chief, J. N. Freman, Liverpool.

A BOLD THIEF.—A man had his pocket picked of a watch in the Police Court on Friday morning, and although immediately on his discovering the loss, the doors of the Court Room were locked and the persons within searched, the thief was not discovered. He had probably made his escape immediately after committing the theft.

N. S. DEPARTMENT, PARIS EXHIBITION.—The following is a summary of the Awards, to Nova Scotia exhibitors.

Gold Medal. Commission, Illustration of the Fisheries of Nova Scotia.

- Silver Medals. 1. Government, Illustration of the Gold Fields. 2. General Mining Association, Coal Column. 3. Andrew Downs, Stuffed Birds.

- Bronze Medals. 1. Commission, Collection of Cereals. 2. Dr. Honeyman, Illustration of the Geology of Nova Scotia. 3. A. McKinlay, Geographical Apparatus. 4. Bill & Skerry, Axes.

- Honorable Mentions. 1. Dr. How, Illustration of the Mineralogy of Nova Scotia. 2. Dr. Barnes, Collection of Carboniferous fossils. 3. W. Symonds, Gold Quartz Crushing Machine. 4. H. D. Starr & Sons, 1. Patent Skates, 2. Carriage Axes. J. M. De Wolfe, Carriage. O'Brien, Sleigh. Commission, (Moir) Biscuits. " (Scrivens) " Cheese. Miss McCurdy, Sewing Thread. 1 Gold Medal. 3 Silver " 4 Bronze " 12 Honorable mentions.

It is stated that the elections for the Local and General Legislatures are to be held in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec on the same day.

BANK OF MONTREAL.—A Branch or Agency of the Bank of Montreal has been established in Halifax in the Province Building, for the purposes of the General Government. We understand that if the prospects are favorable, this Branch will enter into competition with our local Banks.—Reporter.

The Hon. A. Keith it is reported is to be appointed President of the Legislative Council in place of the Hon. E. Kenny, promoted to the Senate at Ottawa.

SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.—The members of this Association to the number of forty recently paid a visit to New Glasgow. The N. G. Chronicle says they were "on a mission of pleasure, and partly for the purpose of taking a peep at the mineral wealth, beautiful scenery and natural curiosities of this noble county. They first paid a visit to some of the coal mines in the neighbourhood, and besides being satisfied with the urbanity and politeness of those in charge of these works we have no doubt they all arrived at one conclusion in regard to the vast mineral wealth of this region. They intended paying a visit to Fisher's Grant to-day for the purpose of visiting and inspecting a supposed ancient shell mound or Kjoekkenmoedding; after which the programme directed them to Pictou."

A laboring man, named Jeremiah Sullivan, in the employment of Messrs. Leahy, was killed at Dartmouth last week. He fell off a truck which he was driving, when the wheels passed over his body, causing instant death.

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