

For the Christian Messenger.

## IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. ANN MARCH.

The subject of the present notice, was born at Frome, Somersetshire, England, in the year 1797. Her father, the late William Flower, was a man of well known piety and benevolence. His house was frequently visited by ministers of religion; among these were several men of God of distinguished piety and fame, such as, the Revs. William Jay, of Bath; John Foster, the Essayist, Rowland Hill, Robert Hall, and Messrs. Sibree and Middleditch. Under the influences of such a home her mind became early and lastingly impressed with a sense of divine things, and whilst still very young she experienced the "regenerating grace of God;" was baptized and united with the Church of Christ. When about 22 years of age, she became united in marriage to Mr. John March of Wells, Somerset, with whom she lived in happy fellowship for upwards of 48 years. It pleased God to bless them with a numerous family, of whom 5 sons and 1 daughter still survive her. Two of these are ministers of religion, the Rev. Samuel March, Congregationalist, of Erith, near London, and the writer of the present notice; the others are all professors of religion and in different localities, are filling spheres of usefulness in the Christian Church,—all of whom owe a debt of gratitude to her for those parental instructions, and yearning supplications, by means of which the seeds of divine truth were deposited, and watered which have sprung up and borne fruit in their subsequent histories.

Her circumstances in life were varied. But in every position she uniformly manifested a spirit of ardent and prayerful devotion to the cause of Christ, which gained for her the sympathy and co-operation of Christians of every name. She possessed a truly catholic spirit. Maternal meetings for prayer, Sabbath Schools, the distribution of religious literature to the destitute, the Missionary cause, as well as Home Evangelization, each and all, found in her a willing laborer and a warm and zealous advocate; and "to her power, yea, and beyond her power," she gave of her substance to spread the name of that Saviour whom it was her delight continually to serve. She resided in various places in the Counties of Somerset and Dorset, and for several years in London, in each of which her name is remembered, and embalmed in the hearts of those who knew her.

In 1858 she with her husband removed to Auckland, New Zealand, and immediately connected themselves with the Baptist Church in that place, of which her husband and son-in-law are respectively Deacons; and here also her earnest christian character secured her a place in the warm affections, and sympathies of those who formed her acquaintance.

But her value was most truly known and realized in the bosom of her family. Her husband and children can bear testimony to the fidelity and constancy with which she discharged the duties which distinguish the truly christian wife and mother. Here her pious counsels and holy example will ever live in grateful recollection.

For several years she was the subject of great bodily affliction, arising from a distressing cough and numerous infirmities which increased with advancing age; but these she endured patiently "as seeing Him who is invisible;" she murmured not under the rod, nor did she despise her Heavenly Father's correction.

The House of Prayer she loved; the word of God was her constant companion; the throne of grace, the fountain whence she drew her daily stores of spiritual comfort and peace. Her piety was exemplary, proverbial, constant, unflinching. As nature sank her hopes brightened; her peace was as a river, broad, but serene; no fears alarmed her; no doubts could shake her steadfast faith. Anchored to the throne she felt safe, even in the shadow of death:—secure, even when down in the swellings of Jordan. On the 10th day of October last, after about six months severe suffering whilst supported by her only daughter, she sweetly gently passed away—fell asleep in Jesus!

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep!  
From which none ever wakes to weep  
A calm and undisturbed repose  
Unbroken by the last of foes."

There is a sweet and enduring fragrance in her memory. Surely "the memory of the just is blessed." May God sanctify their loss to the good of all bereft; and especially comfort and sustain the sorrowing husband and children, scattered as they are in various portions of the earth. Such is the fervent prayer of her most attached and afflicted son,

STEPHEN MARCH.

(Christian Visitor please copy.)

MR. JOHN GILBERT GATES.

This estimable brother obtained a hope in Christ, and was baptized, in his youthful days, during a powerful revival that commenced in the autumn of the year 1828. He was enabled by grace to adorn his profession through life. Being remarkably conscientious and upright in his dealings, sedate in his deportment, and attentive to religious duties in his own house and in the Church, he was justly held in esteem.

Nearly two months before his departure he was attacked with violent pain in one of his sides; but from this he soon partially recovered. On Christmas the writer preached, twice in Harmony, Aylesford, where brother Gates resided. He attended both these meetings, and, as he frequently did, at each of them he gave an exhortation; and at the close of the latter he offered an earnest prayer. In exhortation he referred particularly to the uncertainty of life, and the necessity and importance of being prepared for death.

Two days after this the writer made a family visit at his house. Bro. Gates said that he was quite feeble, and afflicted with the pain in his side. He remarked, moreover, that of late he had frequently thought it probable he had but little time to live, and that very likely he would be called away suddenly. In view of this he seemed perfectly composed and submissive.

On the afternoon of the same day, (Dec. 27th, 1867,) he walked about half a mile to see his mother at the house of a brother-in-law. When he returned home he seemed much exhausted, sat down, and was conversing. His wife perceived that he did not finish a sentence which he had begun to utter, looked at him, and, supposing he was fainting, laid him on the floor, and called in a son who was near. Bro. Gates immediately expired, without a struggle or groan. He was 57 years of age.

By this sudden stroke an aged and fond mother is bereft of a dutiful son, a sorrowing widow, of a kind husband, 9 mourning children, of an affectionate father, a number of brothers and sisters, with many other kindred, of a beloved relative, the Church, of a valuable member, and the community, of a useful inhabitant. By it an impressive admonition is addressed to all, "Be ye also ready."

Rev. A. Stronach assisted at his burial; and a discourse was delivered by the Pastor, to a numerous and solemn assembly, from the con-soling word of Paul, (Phil. i. 21.) "To die is gain."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

## Religious Intelligence.

GREENVILLE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—We are glad to learn that the Rev. Samuel Thompson has been successfully laboring in this locality. Four of the successive Lord's Days in which he has been there, he has been employed in the reception of converts to the fold of Christ. The ordinance of Christian Baptism has been administered by him on these occasions to quite a number of believers.

THE BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION at Truro appears to have been an interesting occasion. W. Faulkner, Esq., was in the chair. Addresses of varied interest were given by the Rev. W. Hall, on the relation existing between the S. School and the Word of God; by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock on the S. School as an agency of the church; by Mr. Cox, on the benefits of the instruction given to the pupils. Bro. D. Page also spoke on the blessings S. S. had been to the world at large. Rev. G. F. Miles and Mr. McDonald from Acadia College addressed the Convention. We are pleased to learn that a resolution was adopted to engage an agency for the county for visiting all parts of it, and taking immediate steps for establishing Sabbath Schools where there are none at present. This is a movement which will be highly beneficial to many localities and deserves all encouragement.

## LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, Dec. 31.—Later advices have been received from the expedition now marching into the heart of Abyssinia. It is reported that King Theodore, on ascertaining the extent and power of the measures taken by this Government to effect the liberation of the English captives, voluntarily released them himself.

It is gratifying to be assured that Dr. Livingstone is alive and well. Positive advices just received from Africa leave no longer any doubt of his safety.

Jan. 3.—The examination of Desmond, Allen and others, alleged to be implicated in the Clerkenwell jail explosion, has resulted, so far, in producing no satisfactory evidence as to their criminality, and leaves the affair almost as much a mystery as it was before the investigation took place. The magistrates adjourned the examination one week.

It is thought that the Conference on the Eastern question recently held in St. Petersburg by the leading diplomatists of Russia, has a warlike significance.

Jan. 5.—The Council of Berne has formally instructed Arnold Sutler, the Swiss Consul at Mexico, to express the sympathy of Switzerland with the Liberal Government now inaugurated in Mexico.

The Spanish Imperial decree has been issued for reorganizing the Courts of Law in Cuba.

The subject of the sale of the three Danish West India Islands to the States will be submitted to the Council at Copenhagen on Wednesday.

A great popular banquet was given in Naples on Friday evening in honor of Baron Ratazzi.

The British Government is in receipt of information regarding the movement of Fenians. The public excitement has by no means abated. The Saturday evening despatches from Cork state that a body of Fenians last night surreptitiously entered the magazine in that city, and, unchallenged, carried away half a ton of blasting powder. There is no clue to the perpetrators of this bold act. The people stand aghast at the daring of the Fenians. The Clergy of the city of Limerick have affixed their signatures to a document declaring there can be no permanent peace in Ireland unless it is treated like Hungary.

General Menabrea, the Prime Minister of Italy, has given publicity to a number of private letters, proving that Baron Ratazzi was fully apprised of the recent movement of Garibaldi against Rome, and favored it. He also lent the insurgents his valuable influence and assistance.

The Turkish Envoy at Vienna will start for London to-morrow, to ask the protection of the English Government against the intrigues of Russia.

PORTUGAL, Jan. 1.—A despatch from Lisbon reports that the Portuguese brig "Gardina," Capt. Cumiba, bound for Nova Scotia, is ashore near Oporto, and it is feared she will be lost. A portion of her cargo has been saved.

Lisbon, Jan. 3.—Tumults have broken out in this city, and in the other parts of Portugal, in consequence of the imposition of new taxes, the unpopularity of the new ministry, and excitement created thereby led to resignation of the ministry.

IRELAND.—A gun shop in Cork was broken into on the 1st by a party of eight men, and rifled of its contents. A considerable quantity of arms and ammunition was secured by the robbers, who were undoubtedly Fenians.

On new year's day near Cork, a party of Fenians attacked the house of Mr. Charles Matthew, a brother of the late Father Matthew. The family of Mr. Matthew was apprised of the danger in time to successfully repel the attack. Quite a large force was quickly gathered and concealed in the mansion, and on the premises, and when the marauders came up they were met with a galling fire, and fled. Several were wounded, but were carried off by their comrades. The motive for the assault, whether murder or plunder, was unknown.

Dublin, Jan.—Lord Starthcalm, commander of the forces in Ireland, is actively engaged disposing of his troops to meet a possible outbreak. Particular attention is directed to the Counties of Cork and Tipperary, in which extraordinary precautions are being taken; the banks of the River Shannon, and the north west coast of Ireland are closely guarded to prevent a landing.

FRANCE.—On New Year's Day all the ambassadors of Foreign Powers now in Paris were received in a body by the Emperor at the Palace of the Tuilleries. The Papal Nuncio, speaking for the diplomatic Corps, assured the Emperor of their good wishes for himself and for the Imperial family. The Emperor in reply said he was happy to again begin the New Year as heretofore, summoned by the representatives of all the Great Powers, and to once more represent by this interchange of assurances, the friendly relations which now existed between France and their representative Governments. The Bishop of Paris, who was present, hoped God would preserve the Emperor's health as a guarantee of peace, and promotion of religious and moral ideas in France, was the only safe basis of the Throne. To this the Emperor responded in these words:

"The wish deeply touches me. Believe me the interests of religion of a country and of civilization are inseparable."

Paris, Jan. 2.—Baron von Goltz was received to day by the Emperor Napoleon as the ambassador from Prussia and of the Confederation of the North German States. The Baron assured the Emperor of the earnest desire of His Majesty the King of Prussia for peace, and for close friendship with France. Napoleon, in his reply, expressed in warm terms his approval of the unity of Northern Germany, and hoped that Baron von Goltz would continue to promote the peaceful relations between Prussia and France.

Jan. 3.—It is now generally conceded that notwithstanding the recent statement of certain journals to the contrary, that all hopes of the assembling of a general conference of the European powers for the settlement of the Roman question have been abandoned by the French Government.

An urgent note has been received by the French Government from the Sublime Porte in which it is stated that Russian agents are inciting a revolt among the Christian subjects of the Sultan. A vigorous protest is made by the Turkish Government against such action, or at least connivance thereto on the part of Russia.

ITALY.—In a public speech on New Year's day Victor Emmanuel declared it was the unanimous desire of Italy that Rome should be the capital of Italy, but the subject demanded patience on the part of the people.

The Paris *Moniteur*, of the 1st Inst., says Gen. Menabrea is in a fair way to complete the organization of the Italian Cabinet, and the formation of a new ministry under his direction may now be considered as certain.

Florence, Jan. 1.—Victor Emmanuel in reply to an address of both Houses of the National Parliament, says that Italy is passing through a crisis surrounded by her foes, but he hopes for a good result and advises the Parliament and people to be calm.

Jan. 3.—Gen Menabrea has not yet completed his new cabinet, and the ministerial crisis continues—meanwhile political agitation in the country is incessant and widespread.

PRUSSIA.—Brussels, Jan. 3.—The "LeNord" newspaper has received intelligence from Paris that the headquarters of the Fenian brotherhood on the continent have been found in the Faubourg Dutele in Paris, and have been seized by the French police. A large quantity of letters and other documents, revealing the plans of the brotherhood, were found on the premises and were forwarded by the French authorities to London. The "LeNord" also states that among the documents brought to light was one containing the details of a plot for destroying a portion of the British channel fleet by fire.—Other papers of a similar character have been discovered, all of which have been placed in the hands of the British Government.

CHINA.—A telegram from Petersburg on the 28th ult., states that official advices to the Hon. Cassius M. Clay as U. States Minister to Russia dated Pekin, Nov. 22, announce that the Chinese Empire has determined to send a special Embassy to the treaty powers. It is presumed that the purpose of the Embassy is to revive the treaties between the great powers and the Empire of China, and to settle the many complicated and delicate questions which have arisen under said treaties during several years past. An Imperial decree, dated Nov. 21st, 1867, announces that the Imperial Government has selected as its special Ambassador for that purpose the U. S. Minister to Pekin, Hon. Anson Burlingame.—The acceptance by the latter of the appointment, the several foreign ministers resident near Pekin, with whom Mr. Burlingame is very popular all cordially approve of his selection. He leaves immediately and proceeds via San Francisco.

## General Intelligence.

## Province of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX ITEMS.

A man named John McDonald, an employee in the *Citizen* office, had two of his fingers taken off by the press on Friday night.

A lecture in aid of the funds of the Industrial School will be delivered at Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening next, by the Rev. Geo. W. Hill, A. M. Subject:—"Six Weeks in Paris and London."

THE UNION PROTECTION COMPANY a few days ago were presented with \$1100 by a committee of gentlemen who had collected that amount in the city. We learn that by the last steamer they received an elegant present, consisting of two superb life sized engravings of Her Majesty the Queen and the late Prince Consort,—specially sent out by Her Majesty, at the request of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Company have now cleared off the debt on the spacious premises in Barrington Street, recently purchased by them for a Hall.

On Christmas Day the teachers and children of St. George's Sabbath School presented an address to the Rev. R. F. Uuiacke and lady, accompanied by a picture of "Cranmer at the Traitor's Gate," and a handsome book.

The *Colonial Standard* says that on Friday evening last, Dr. Murray, of New Glasgow, while crossing the harbor in a sleigh, accompanied by his sister-in-law, broke through the ice opposite the public wharf and had a narrow escape from drowning. Fortunately their cries for assistance were heard and a number of parties were soon on the spot and rescued them from their perilous position.

TRURO.—We learn from the *Mirror* that on Wednesday afternoon last a young lady named Crowell was killed in that town by a runaway horse. The breast of the animal struck her in the head, and hurled her with such a force against the ground, that she was killed almost instantly.

PRESENTATION.—On Friday last a deputation of Governors and friends of Acadia College, the President and Professors waited on J. W. Barss, Esq., and presented him with a rich massive silver salver, handsomely chased,—twenty-four inches in length, by seventeen in width—in testimony of his long and valuable services as Treasurer of the College. In the centre it bore the following inscription:

"Presented to John W. Barss, Esq. by friends of Acadia College as an acknowledgment of his valuable services to that Institution."

The occasion was one of much interest, and a real surprise to the recipient. Rev. Dr. Cramp made a brief address on presenting the testimonial of esteem, to which Mr. Barss gave an appropriate reply.

WOLFVILLE.—Golden Wedding.—The *Acadian* says one of these unusual but always very interesting affairs came off in our village on Monday last. That day fifty years ago our esteemed fellow townsman Thomas Andrew Strange DeWolf, Esq., was married to Miss Nancy Ratchford, of Parrsboro; and on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day their children came together to congratulate the now aged couple, and to present their golden offerings, and the infinitely more valuable expression of filial affection and respect; their two daughters were not present, one being in another province and the other in England; but six sons in the prime of life, gathered to the home fireside, five of them with their wives, and we do not know how many grand-children. The name of DeWolf has long been held in esteem in this community; and the present