

neither affliction nor the absence of it, will prove that we have an interest in God's favour; but the sanctified uses of affliction will go far towards evincing whether or not we are his peculiar people. Amongst us the Poet's words, "Death rides on every passing breeze,"

have been in a measure fulfilled. The "King of terrors" entered the family circle of our dear brother Thomas Martell and within eleven days laid his icy hand on three loved ones—removing them from a fond mother's care and a kind father's protection.

Their house has been truly a house of mourning. But we are glad that Divine Grace has sustained them. They were enabled to say, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." May the promise of the Gospel comfort the hearts of the remaining members of the family.

On the 12th inst., Bro. M's. youngest child Mary Ellen, aged nearly two years, after a short illness resulting in "congestion of the lungs," bid adieu to this world of sorrow and made her flight, we trust, to that "happy land, far, far away," where there is no sickness, no pain, no death.

On the 17th, Theodosia E., aged ten years, died of the same disease. The deceased was of a very mild disposition; and although she had made no public profession of religion, yet the writer, while conversing with her, had the assurance given him that she loved Jesus—was not afraid to die; and that heaven would soon be her home.

Timothy W., of same disease, aged four years, exchanged worlds on the morning of the 23rd inst. He was a very bright boy. Just before his death he said, "I am going to see sister Ellen."

"Trials make the promise sweet,  
Trials give new life to prayer;  
Trials bring me to his feet,  
Lay me low and keep me there."

Dear readers are you prepared to meet your God? If not may you hear the warning voice, which solemnly speaks to you this day: "Be ye also ready." Your days are few and uncertain, then devote yourself to the service of Christ and live as if there were but a step between you and death.

Yours truly,  
E. C. SPINNEY.

P. S.—It rejoices my heart to learn from time to time through the C. M. of the triumphs of the Gospel in the various parts of our Province, as well as in other places. May truth, riding forth victoriously, exert its salutary influence, upon the hearts of all whom Jesus came to "seek and to save." For us the Lord hath done great things; whereof we are glad. And still He continues to work. Since the first of October last we have had seven Conference meetings, at each one of which save one, more or less have offered themselves as candidates for baptism. Others are waiting for an opportunity to follow Christ in all his "appointed ways." To the Father of mercies be all the praise. May the good work deepen and extend to all our churches is the prayer of an unworthy servant of Christ.  
E. C. S.

For the Christian Messenger.

**A REMINISCENCE.**

[A worthy brother at Milton sends us the following sketch. If the reader will but imagine himself one of the listeners to the Address of Father Joseph Dimock, he may take the Appeal as made to himself and the cause of Missions may receive the benefit.—Ed.]

At the first Association I ever attended when the subject of Home Missions came up, Father Joseph Dimock was appointed to give the first address. The venerable man took his stand on the pulpit steps, his silvery hair flowing down over his furrowed temples he commenced not by saying, "Brethren you have ships and farms, horses and carriages, houses and furniture and if you do not give one tenth of all, you are not good Christians, or will hardly make a Jew;" however much of truth or propriety there might have been in such a statement. But he touched upon a much higher key note. He commenced giving an account of some of his missionary tours to Cape Breton under the direction of the Board. A sketch or two will suffice to show the character of his appeal. He said, when he arrived there he went immediately at his work of instruction. On entering a certain man's house he commenced talking to him on the subject of experimental religion. He found him very tender in mind and disposed to converse about religion. He said "Mr. Dimock, I think I want to be a Christian but the claims are so very high to be one, it appears to be impossible for a poor sinner like me ever to expect to get to Heaven." "My dear Sir" said the old man "what are the claims?" "Why" said he, "I am required to love the Lord with my whole heart soul and strength and my neighbour as myself." "It is true" said Father Dimock "these claims are very high and very holy, and require a very great stretch of Christian faith and character to attain to it—but come let us see if you have not some of the marks of the true Christian about your exercises; Call to mind everything you set your affections on in the world, your wife and children your property or any-

thing that you set your affections on the strongest, and see if you love any of these above Christ." "O no" said he, "as much as I love my family I am sure I love Christ and his Cross above the whole."

"And" said the Rev. gentleman "I perceived him increasing in strength, and while conversing with the Father, his wife and children all gathered around, all under great anxiety about their souls' eternal welfare; and before I left the Island I had the pleasure of baptizing the whole household. Hence another whole household made happy in God by a New Testament profession of Faith."

After giving other sketches of a similar character he turned to the audience and said "I think I hear a whisper go around among you" "What have I got to give to the cause of Missions?" Some of you doubtless are poor, have to drag the seas for the comforts of your families, some of you are widows, others far from prosperous in business.—Well I know how to sympathize with all of you, I have had to bring up a large family upon very small means, and know the perplexities of life. Nevertheless God has put a gracious privilege into our hands. If there be a willing mind it is acceptable according to what a man hath, not according to what he hath not. "Here then" said he "my beloved brothers give us your prayers and cast what little you can into the treasury of God"

—At the end of his appeal he had taken captive our affections as well as our purses; for every eye was fixed on him. He had done more I trust—he had established somewhat a correct missionary principle in me, and I think in others too, that has never been forgotten. And now my dear youthful readers I rejoice that God has so placed the great Missionary enterprise before the poor as well as the rich, that all may become fellow workers together with their great High Priest. I love to reflect upon our great Saviour as fully able to carry out his work. He trod the wine press alone, and of the people there was none with him—but he means we shall share his rich grace. To this end we must share his toils and the Cross; and together with him, we shall see the travail of his soul and be forever satisfied. O, if the heart is set right every Christian duty will be easy. May we all possess that charity that hopeth all things, endureth all things, is not easily puffed up, thinketh no ill of his neighbour! Amen.

**Religious Intelligence.**

**HALIFAX.**—Religious Services of much interest have for several weeks past been held in the North Baptist Church in Gottingen Street. On Friday last a special Conference Meeting was held at which twenty persons presented themselves as candidates for membership—nineteen by baptism and one by letter. Some of these were persons in advanced life, and others were belonging to families whose parents are already in the Church. Quite a number were from the senior classes in the Sabbath School. Fifteen of the number were baptized on Lord's Day morning in the unfinished large audience room of the Church. The basement in which services are at present held, was, as usual, well filled by an attentive congregation.

**THE BRUNSWICK STREET METHODIST CHURCH** has, during the past two or three weeks had large accessions. Meetings have been held every day, either in the afternoon or evening, or both. About two hundred persons have been received as new converts or persons restored to membership.

**AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
HALIFAX, April 1st, 1869.

Dear Brother,—  
The African Baptist Church in Cornwallis St. has been visited with a gracious revival of religion. The Pastor of said Church Rev. James Thomas announced from the desk, the last Sabbath in the old year, that it was his intention to meet every evening the first week in the New Year for divine worship, and I am happy to state to your numerous readers that the meetings have been kept up every evening since with few exceptions. The results are glorious. Backsliders have returned to their Father's house and over forty have been hopefully converted, and received as candidates for Baptism. I am pleased to state that the work has not been confined to the city alone; Beech Hill, Hammond Plains, Dartmouth and Preston are feeling the power of God's spirit; which is abundantly descending from above on them that fear him and call upon his name fervently. I am not prepared to state the exact number of converts amongst our people in the last mentioned places but I hope to send you a more explicit report shortly.

Oh how good to know that God is verifying his predictions spoken by the mouth of the palmist David. "Princes shall come out of Egypt, Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."

"The Pastor and Congregation feel deeply thankful to God and to the several Ministering Brethren and others that have helped us in this great work. The work still goes on and any Ministering Brethren having an opportunity to visit us, will find a large and thankful audience and the Lord will reward them."

Signed in behalf of the Church,  
JNO. R. THOMAS, Secretary.

**YARMOUTH.**—Rev. Isaiah Wallace has been spending a short time here in connection with Rev. Dr. Day and the Church in Yarmouth town. Six persons were baptized on the 21st ult.

**BRIDGETOWN.**—We are glad to learn that the Baptist Church at Bridgetown is being revived and is receiving additions to its numbers.

The following extract of a letter from our esteemed brother, W. H. Chipman gives, in a very few words, a statement of the facts and some its blessed results. He says "Our minister has welcomed twelve willing converts into our church. Many heads of families on both sides of the river have erected the family altar. It appears there is a general awakening in the valley."

Yours in Christian fellowship,  
WM. H. CHIPMAN.

**THE MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS.**—The Court of Appeal of Naples has reversed the decision of the Civil Tribunal of Salerno, by which it was decided that a priest was always a priest, and was bound by the obligations he contracted as such. The judgment of the Superior Court directs that the marriage of the priest Signor Luigi Triglia with Signora Marianna Montefusco (on whose case the question arose) shall be proceeded with according to law. The Appeal Courts of Genoa, Palermo, and Trani had already decided that they were valid after the ceremony was performed, but by the judgment of the Neapolitan Appeal Court the legality of the principle is established. In the present instance, also, the husband has neither abjured his religion nor abandoned his profession as a priest.

**TURKEY.**—The Sultan of Turkey has issued a decree, throwing open to Christians of every denomination the mosques and temples of the faithful, upon the simple conditions that they will not scoff or disturb the worshippers in their prayers.

**Dominion and Foreign News**

**MONTREAL.**—A large public meeting was held on Wednesday last, to petition the Dominion Government to obtain amendment to the copyright law, so that Canadian publishers would be placed upon the same footing as American publishers, with reference to reprinting, in Canada, works of English authority.

A deputation consisting of the Mayor and five Aldermen from Ottawa, visited the Montreal Water Works in company with the Mayor, Aldermen and other prominent citizens of Montreal. Several speeches were made, in which direct Railway connection between the Capital and the Metropolis was advocated. Also the enlargement of Granville Canal; and the construction the Ottawa Canal.

The Toronto *Telegraph*—a sensational paper—states that a Fenian raid may be expected next summer on a larger scale than of any yet attempted.—Reporter.

**QUEBEC.**—The Education question was under discussion in the Legislature on Thursday night. It was expected that the Legislature would be prorogued early in the present week.

A bill has been introduced into the Quebec Legislature to provide for the admission of Barristers of the other provinces to practice in the Province of Quebec.

A Montreal telegram announces that an old man named Nengle was found murdered in a stable, near that city, on the 27th ult. A man named Patrick Cain has been arrested on suspicion of having committed the murder.

It is expected that the trial of Buckley and Doyle, who are charged with complicity in the plot to murder D'Arcy McGee, will commence at Ottawa, on the 13th instant, before Judge Morrisson.

**New Brunswick.**

The New Brunswick Legislature has granted the sum of five hundred dollars in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Institution of this city.

**Prince Edward Island.**

**SOME MEAT.**—The P. E. I. *Patriot* gives the weight of fat cattle on exhibition the week before Easter. One ox is said to have weighed 1366 lbs; and another 1220 lbs.

Mr. Saunders, of St. Peters Bay, brought to market a few days ago, a pig, the dead weight of which was 657 lbs, and sold for £19.

The revenue of Prince Edward Island, for the past year amounted to £83,891, and the expenditure of £92,425, leaving a deficit of £9034 against the Province.

**CONFEDERATION.**—Recently, at a meeting of a Temperance Debating Society, held at Cardigan, P. E. Island, Confederation was the subject of debate, and at the close it appeared that a large majority of those present were in favor of Union.

Dowey the murderer was respited for one week, waiting for a despatch from England. The despatch came but refused to interfere with the operation of the law. He was to be executed therefore yesterday.

**THE GOVERNMENT.**—The *Examiner*, a paper we believe in the interest of the Roman Catholics, gives the following explanation of a rumor that had been current, of a probable disruption in the Island government:

"The cause of all the talk was that Mr. Howlan, in his place in the Executive Council, brought up the subject of a grant for the schools under the control of the Bishop. The Government, as usual, refused to entertain the question. All the members thereof, excepting two (Messrs. Hensley and Howlan,) voting against the application. When the latter gentleman found that he could not obtain the grant of a small sum of money in aid of Catholic schools, he promptly tendered his resignation as a member of the Government. It was supposed in the event of his resignation being accepted, that all the Catholic supporters of the Government would follow him, and as a matter of course there would be a smash up. However, the difficulty was patched up, by Mr. Hensley refusing to accept Mr. Howlan's resignation, and the happy family are again in working order."

**The United States.**

James Harper, of the publishing firm of Harper Brothers, died yesterday of injuries received from being thrown from a carriage.

Mayor Hall, of New York has cautioned the country against the numerous gift enterprise schemes which have their nominal head quarters in New York City, in a circular which is printed in the New York papers.

The Mohawk and other rivers and streams in New York State have overflowed, doing considerable damage to property, and interrupting railroad travel.

In Philadelphia, Mr. Blackstone of the firm of Funks & Blackstone, Picture frame makers, chopped his wife and two children to pieces with an axe, and then drowned himself in the Delaware. On his body was found a paper stating that he had been robbed, and was a ruined man. He gave this as a reason for the murderous deed. He was probably insane.

Three cars were thrown from the track on the Hartford and New Haven Railroad on Friday, injuring ten passengers,—none fatally.

The President has nominated J. Lothrop Motley, of Massachusetts, Minister to England

On Wednesday last Congress passed a bill virtually repealing the Tenure of Office Law.

**WASHINGTON, April 2.**—The Committee on Foreign Affairs has voted in favor of General Banks Cuban Report. Bank's Report, sanctioned by the Committee, provides for a joint resolution of sympathy with the people of Cuba in their struggle for independence, and pledges Congress to give its Constitutional support to President Grant whenever he may deem it expedient to formally recognize the independence and Sovereignty of the Island.

There is not a doubt of the adoption of the joint resolution by both Houses, and friends of Cuba say that it will exercise a great influence on the war by securing the Revolutionists moral as well as physical support. It is expected that the Spanish Minister will present a remonstrance to the State Department against the recognition of Cuba, and that he will leave the country in case of the adoption of Bank's resolution.

**NEW YORK, April 2.**—A Washington despatch says, a correspondence has been in progress for sometime between certain prominent men in the British Provinces, and leading men in this country, relative to the prospective annexation of the Provinces to the United States. The following resolution was sought to be offered in the House of Representatives at Washington yesterday, but objection being made, the effort failed:—"Resolved, that the committee on foreign affairs be and they are hereby intrusted to enquire into the expediency of investigating the conditions of our relations present and prospective with Nova Scotia, and that they be authorized to report to the House at any time."

April 5.—Congress has voted a final adjournment on Saturday next.

The office of the St. John's Safety Fund building was robbed yesterday of one hundred thousand dollars, sixty thousand of which were available funds.

A short time ago the House of Representatives called upon the President, if not incompatible with the public interest, to furnish a list of vessels captured during the late war by the rebel cruisers. This information was laid before the House on Saturday. The list is made up from documents filed by those whose property has been destroyed, in support of their claims for indemnity. Where the records of the department are incomplete, reference has been made to such other unofficial records and materials as were deemed reliable and trustworthy, in order to render the statement as complete as possible, and exhibit as far as within the power of the departments, in collated form, the amount and character of injury inflicted, and the variety and extent of these interests. The number of vessels given is nearly 300, and the aggregate value more than \$13,000,000.

Gold 131½.