

much inquiry amongst the "hands." "What be it all about?" exclaimed one spinner. "Oh," replied his companion, who thought he had solved the mystery "the parsons be come to swop sermons with one another!" Just as if an evangelical minister ever preached another minister's sermon! Baptist ministers don't do such things, as every body knows.

A son of the late Earl of Aberdeen had a plan for establishing a Christian colony in Africa to aid in the civilization of the country. He was recently killed by accident, and his friends, instead of erecting over him a costly monument of marble or brass, have given \$30,000 to establish a memorial mission in South Africa.

**IMMERSION.**—The venerable Dr. Sprague, of Albany, (Presbyterian) used to immerse any of his candidates who asked for it, until the number became so large that he shut down on the practice, and declared that he would immerse no more.

**MEXICO.**—A Christian laborer in a town in Mexico, containing 12,000 inhabitants, writes: "Never have we seen a people so desirous to hear the truth as it is contained in the Holy Scriptures. Scarcely can we get time to eat or sleep, so anxious are they to hear our readings in God's Word. Several have professed conversion, and give evidence that they are born again." Mexico is ripe for the gospel, and God is most wonderfully raising up native agencies to cultivate this promising field.

**NEW YORK.**—We find in one of our exchanges the following gratifying item from New York City:—"The Sixth Street Church, Rev. Henry Angell, Pastor, has recently received fifty by baptism."

During the year 1868, the baptisms in New York State were 4,941; total membership, 96,703.

Last year 1,353 persons were baptized in New Jersey, and the total membership of the Churches was 23,599.

**JOHN HUSS.**—The five hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Huss is to be celebrated this year at Prague, and a monument to his memory is to be erected at Constance, Baden, where he was burned.

The new Protestant church at Madrid will seat 900, and more than that number attend every Sabbath.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Sheffield, Sunbury County, lately stated at the Congregational Convention, that there was not in his whole congregation a person who used intoxicating liquors.

**PRESTON, HALIFAX COUNTY.**—A Baptismal Service was held at Preston, on Sunday last.—Thirty-five persons were baptized by Revs. D. Shaw and B. Smithers. A large number of persons were present from Halifax. The utmost decorum was observed. The African Baptists are very particular in their preparations for this ordinance—all being dressed in white, and great order is preserved in going to and coming from the water. When conversions take place amongst these people they do not immediately administer the ordinance, but appoint a day when all who have been received for some time previously are baptized. This was the case in this instance.—Services were held in the meeting-house before and after the administration.

**AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET.**—We are informed that "the reformation still goes on in this Church. The Pastor, the Rev. James Thomas, administered the ordinance of baptism on the 27th inst., Lord's day, to 21 believers in Jesus. There was one old man, over 80 years of age, among the number, and he walked down into the water with as firm a step as if he had been but twenty.

As there are 5 or 6 more received for baptism, and hindered from various causes we expect to baptize the remainder on the last Sunday in July."

**PARADISE, ANNAPOLIS Co.**—A letter from Asaph Marshall, Esq., informs us that eighteen have been added to this church this Spring.

For the Christian Messenger.

**WEST RIVER, P. E. ISLAND.**—Dear Brother,—It may not be amiss to inform the lovers of Zion through your excellent Messenger that the cause of Jesus, as connected with our denomination on this Isle of the Sea is looking up. Several of our Churches have been revived during the past winter. At Belfast, the pious, energetic Kitson has been greatly blessed in his labors; other ministerial brethren have been encouraged and cheered in their efforts to win souls to Jesus. Of late, the Church with which I labor has been enabled to erect anew their Ebenezer. It was my privilege on the last Sabbath in May to baptize sixteen happy believers. The largest concourse of people that I ever met here, upon such an occasion, lined the banks of our "Jordan." The utmost decorum prevailed and

expressions came from many lips, that the scene was solemn, and impressive. The Sabbath previous we troubled the waters at New Clyde and immersed three willing converts. During the last part of the winter and through the Spring our meetings were truly interesting and refreshing. How could it be otherwise; when holy influences were felt and perishing sinners were coming to Jesus. We are very grateful to Bro. E. N. Archibald for his efficient co-operation. May the Lord continue to smile upon his labors. With joyous gratitude and thanksgiving to God I enjoyed the privileged of receiving into the Church, three of my own dear children, among the number who publicly professed their faith in Christ. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Your in gospel fellowship,

MALCOLM ROSS.

June 22nd, 1869.

### Dominion and Foreign News.

The Dominion Parliament was prorogued on Tuesday, the 22nd, by the Governor-General.—The following is the

CLOSING SPEECH.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The time has come when I am able to release you from your labours; and I have the greater pleasure in doing so, inasmuch as the session, of which the opening was delayed for the reasons you are cognizant of, has been necessarily protracted to a period somewhat later than suits the general convenience.

Satisfaction may, I think, be expressed at the result of your deliberations. In addition to the long list of measures and amendments on subjects of internal policy, which have passed under your notice, your records show that satisfactory steps have been taken towards the accomplishment of the great scheme of uniting the whole of the British North American colonies in a single Confederation. You have sanctioned the arrangements entered into in London by the Imperial Government in reference to the North West Territory. That wide expanse will, I hope, ere long be opened to settlement, and become the abode of myriads of thriving and industrious immigrants.

The terms upon which the Delegates from Newfoundland agreed, and which it may be expected will prove acceptable to the people of that Island have met with your concurrence, and the basis has been laid for negotiations with the Government of Prince Edward Island. Moreover, what is not of less importance, seeing that the good will of the people already within the Dominion is a matter perhaps of greater—at least of equal concern with the acquisition of new territories, you have adopted the precautions of timely and well-considered liberality in order to satisfy reasonable demands and conciliate attachment in Nova Scotia.

The acts rendering the Criminal Laws uniform will ensure an exact and equal procedure, and cannot fail to be conducive in the highest degree to the public advantage.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies you have granted for the public service. Though the revenue accruing from import duties has not reached the expected standard, I rejoice to think that a vigilant supervision of the public expenditure has obviated the necessity of imposing any fresh burdens on the people.

Honorable Gentlemen:

I will not detain you any further than to express the hope that in returning to your homes you will find the country blessed with every prospect of an abundant season; and that you will continue your services to the State by encouraging industrial pursuits, diffusing contentment, and upholding the authority of the law in your respective neighborhoods.

**TORONTO, June 28.**—The Official Gazette contains a proclamation setting apart the first day of July—"Dominion Day"—as a general holiday for present and subsequent years.

**OTTAWA, June 28.**—G. C. Reichenstem, chief clerk in the Receiver General's department, has been arrested, charged with appropriating public money.

A. W. McLellan, of Nova Scotia, has been appointed a Senator in the room of B. Wier, deceased.

**COPPER ORE.**—The Hamilton Times, of the 10th inst., says:—"A huge mass of copper ore, weighing 22,200 pounds passed over the Great Western railway per 'Blue Line' from Lake Superior to Boston. This is the largest and purest lump of copper ore ever sent from the North-west to the Eastern market."

### New Brunswick.

THE CROPS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—The most cheering accounts reach us from all parts of the province in regard to the appearance and prospect of crops for this season. Every description of roots, cereals, &c., give promise of a generous yield, being much in advance of the crops at this same date last season. Instead of the cold wet weather experienced in May 1868, we have had warmth and sunshine, with occasional showers calculated to produce rapid germination and healthy growth. Pasture is rich and abundant, and the hay crop promises a heavy yield. Our markets are now well supplied with potatoes, butter, beef, veal, etc. Lamb, thus far, has been scarce and commanded a good price, butchers realizing from 75 cents to one dollar per quarter. Butter has fallen rapidly in price since

our issue of last and now drags at 17 to 18 cents per lb.—*Intelligence.*

The Total assessed value of real estate this year in the city of St. John is \$7,506,800. The taxes levied for all purposes foot up to \$95,000.

### Newfoundland.

**SAD ACCIDENTS.**—Mr G. H. Bennett, son of C. F. Bennett, Esq., a leading merchant of St. John's, was accidentally shot dead at Isle of Valen recently. He was out in a boat duck shooting, accompanied by a dog. He had laid his gun down in the boat, and the dog stepping on the trigger the weapon discharged, killed Mr. Bennett.

Mr. George Evans, of Lamaline, was drowned, while crossing the harbor of that place in a boat.

### West Indies.

**HAYTI.**—Havana, June 25.—Advices from Port au Prince report that on the 12th instant President Salnave, after bombarding Aux Cayes forty-eight hours, landed 800 men and assaulted the fortifications. He carried the forts, but the insurgents rallied, recaptured their works, and killed or captured one half of Salnave's force.

**CUBA.**—New York, June 26.—Latest advices from Cuba state that the volunteers have surrendered the charge of the Moro Castle to the regulars. The troops at Matanzas have executed an English boy who was charged with carrying correspondence to the insurgents, and the English Commodore is investigating the affair. The cholera is raging violently in both armies, and military operations are entirely suspended.

**SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.**—Advices from Tahiti announce another revolution in that island. The Governor of Tahiti proclaimed his intention of establishing a new form of internal government, and proceeded to arrest M. Boyer, the ordonnateur, and M. Wallage, who had recently arrived from France as procureur of the imperial chef de judiciary, by appointment from the Emperor. They had only disapproved of any change in the recognized government; but the Governor accused them of conspiracy against his person. No communication with others was permitted them, and writing materials were refused. Orders were immediately issued to prepare the French transport Chevrot for sea, the object being to remove M. Boyer from the island. There was great indignation and excitement among the people of Tahiti, and the arrival of the present Governor's successor was anxiously awaited.

### The United States.

**WASHINGTON, June 22.**—On the 12th inst., Secretary Fish addressed an official letter to the British Minister, informing him of the action of the House of Representatives at its last session recommending a renewal of negotiations for the arrangement of trade with Canada, and inviting Mr. Thornton, the British Minister's co-operation with the view to the negotiation of a convention, covering the interchange of products, free navigation of the St. Lawrence, freedom of the Gulf and Inshore Fisheries, and such other matters as may be embraced in the general subject of the trade relations between the United States and Canada. The British Government has given the Canadian authorities practical control of these subjects, so far as they are concerned, and it is expected that the Canadian Commissioners will arrive here immediately, to confer with, and assist the British Minister in consideration of the proposed convention.

**June 28.**—The British Minister has officially announced that an International Exhibition of workmen's labor will be held at London, in 1870, and Americans will be invited to take part in the show.

**NEW YORK, June 25.**—Mr. Borie has resigned his seat in President Grant's Cabinet, as Secretary of the Navy, and George M. Roberson, of New Jersey, has been appointed to the vacancy.

**June 28.**—The Ocean Bank was broken into and robbed, yesterday, of large amount of money and securities, mostly belonging to depositors. Gold 137½.

**THE CROPS IN MAINE.**—The Portland Argus says that more than the usual average has been planted this year in the State of Maine. Corn is coming up well and looking healthy. The late dry weather had rather a bad effect on the grass as it commenced to run up and head out, and not thicken at the bottom. Still it is believed that the crop will be heavy. Apple trees are in full blossom, and as a whole, that crop, from present indications, will be excellent.

The debt of the United States is \$624 per head of the population; in the Dominion the indebtedness is nearly \$30 per head.

### LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

**ENGLAND.**—The Earl of Shaftesbury gave notice in the House of Lords on Tuesday the 22nd that he would move an amendment to the Bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church, to the following effect—"That the surplus Church property shall be a fund from which to grant loans to the Irish peasantry."

In the House of Lords on the 24th Viscount Gifford gave notice of an amendment to the Irish Church Bill, relieving the Glebe houses of the debt, increasing and extending the Glebe lands, and granting 25 acres to the Catholic and Presbyterian Churches.

The Viceroy of Egypt has gone to Windsor on a visit to the Queen.

A public breakfast was given in London on Thursday last to fourteen English artisans, who were about to sail for the United States to enter the "Cornell University." Lord Houghton occupied the chair, and made a speech full of encouragement and advice to the enterprising young men.

The Duke of Newcastle is up before the Court of Bankruptcy.

The expedition with the great floating dock for Bermuda sailed from London on Wednesday last for the West Indies.

Ishmael Pasho, Viceroy of Egypt, arrived in London on the 22nd inst., he is the guest of the Queen at Buckingham Palace, which has been fitted up for his residence. A series of brilliant fetes have been arranged in his honor, and will take place during his stay.

On the 25th Baron Redesdale gave notice of an amendment to the Irish Church Bill to allow Irish Bishops to retain their seats in the House of Lords.

**FRANCE.**—NEW TELEGRAPH CABLE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.—The Great Eastern arrived at Brest on Sunday night, the 20th. The next morning the Cable was spliced, and she sailed for the islands of Miquelon and St. Pierre, off Newfoundland.

On the 24th she was 294 knots out from Brest and had paid out 310 knots of cable. Signals through to the shore continued perfect.

It is reported that France is endeavouring to renew the September Convention with Italy for the withdrawal of the French troops from Rome, and that she only requires a sufficient guarantee from Italy for the security of the Papal territory before concluding.

**ITALY.**—Florence, June 22.—Great precautions are being taken by the authorities at Naples, Turin, and Milan, to guard against outbreaks. It is feared the revolutionists are inciting the disturbances. There have been several arrests at Genoa.

**SPAIN.**—Madrid, June 22.—The republican members of the Cortes are about to issue a manifesto, advising all their supporters to swear allegiance to the Constitution if positively required so to do. The Clergy consider it their policy to reject the oath as a body.

**June 27.**—In the Spanish Cortes, yesterday, the Republican members were warned that their presence in the Chamber was permitted as an act of patriotism, but that they could not be tolerated as an accomplice in the scheme of building up a Republic; and that the present condition of affairs could not long continue, as it would become necessary to repress the people or anarchy would be the result.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

A Club of a remarkable character is being formed, to be called the Metaphysical Club. The first meeting is to be held at Dean Stanley's. Professors Huxley and Tyndall will probably be among the scientific members, and the clergy will be represented by eminent men, not only in the Church, but amongst the Dissenters. The meetings of clubs of this kind are very enjoyable. The members have got often opportunities of seeing each other elsewhere, or at all events discussing thoroughly the topics which interest them most. The Political Economy Club and the Century are high in favour with peculiar sets, and Metaphysics ought to promote good feeling.—*Correspondent of Cambridge Independent.*

The Pacific Railway being open, through trade from ocean to ocean has begun. An invoice of soap has been sent from Philadelphia to San Francisco, and tea from the latter city is coming to Chicago and St. Louis. The Western States will get their tea by this route instead of from the Atlantic cities. Three Englishmen, bound from London to Hong Kong, were among the first passengers.

An English traveller writes from Marseilles to the Times:—"In lately passing through Cannes I visited the cemetery where rest the remains of a great man. I was much struck with the severe magnificence of the monument over the grave of Lord Brougham by the present lord. It is a simple but gigantic cross of granite, I should say between twenty and thirty feet in height, with no ornament and no inscription, only the name, birth, and death thus:—'HENRICKS BROVGHAM, NATOS MDCLXXVIII, DECESSIT MDCCCLXVIII.' Nothing more was necessary, and nothing can be in better taste. I could not leave the spot without asking myself this question, Has England so entirely forgotten the memory of one of her most illustrious sons? Is no memorial to be placed either in the Abbey or elsewhere to record how much not England alone, but the human race, owe to him?"

### Marriages.

On Wednesday, by the Rev. Foster Aimon, M. A., Jos. Darby McNab, to Lillie, fourth daughter of the late Joseph Robinsons.

On Wednesday, 9th June, by the Rev. Mr. Allan, Mr. James Hemmirth, of County of Tipperary, Ireland, to Jane, the youngest daughter of Wm. York.

By Rev. John Forest, on Monday evening, 21st inst., Charles Symons, to Annie Strong, both of this city.

At Port Medway, Queens County, June 20th, by the Rev. Theo. H. Crowell, Rev. Thomas Millego Munro, of Florenceville, Carleton County, New Brunswick, to Miss Jane Foster, of Port Medway, Queens County, Nova Scotia.

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At the residence of the bride's father, Lakeville Cottage, June 12th, by the Rev. E. A. McCurdy,