

For the Christian Messenger.

## NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

BROOKLYN, Nov 22, 1869.

Mr. Editor,—

Thursday, the 18th, was Thanksgiving day, and all the Public Offices and institutions were closed, as were also most of the shops; drug stores, cigar and liquor stores, excepted. People generally went in for a good time, each one according as he interpreted the expression. Church going folk went to church, and there poured out their souls in thanksgiving to the great Author and Giver of every good and perfect gift, for the peace and plenty with which their country at present abounds. Those with Epicurean proclivities indulged to their utmost capacity in the ingestion of roast goose, roast turkey, and plum pudding. A third class combined the pleasures of both; among whom your correspondent thinks he may be reckoned.

Preeminently conspicuous among the sports of the day, were the processions of the "Fantastics," the "Ragamuffins," or the "Goose Town Brigade," as they are indiscriminately called.

Mr. Editor, I don't think any thing half so ludicrous was ever seen in our own little peninsula. They were so desperately funny that I couldn't find it in me to laugh at them, but stood transfixed, with eyes, and all the avenues of the sense of the ludicrous, wide open. I wish I could describe them, but it would be a hopeless task. But if any of your readers purpose visiting New York or Brooklyn I would strongly advise them to happen here about Thanksgiving day that they may have the pleasure of staring at the funniest of exhibitions—the Fantastics.

The East River bridge, the great bridge which is to connect New York with Brooklyn, is now a fact; that is, if the world shall continue to exist for the next five or six years, for it is said it will not be completed before that length of time. It is, indeed, a stupendous undertaking, and will be a wonderful triumph of the art and science of the 19th century. It is to be more than a mile long, and so far elevated above the water that the largest ships can pass under it. It is to be a suspension bridge, of course, and will not extend merely from shore to shore, but commencing at Chatham St. in the great business mart of New York, it will extend far into the city of Brooklyn, and terminate on the heights. Some say it will be two hundred feet wide, and contain a pathway for pedestrians, a carriage road, two tracks for street cars, and a portion upon one side to be rented for the construction of stores. However I have not positive information on this branch of the subject, and I have serious doubts whether it is really intended that any stores shall be built on such a giddy height. It will cost a mint of money, but the architect has computed that the investment will pay twenty per cent. It is to be built and owned by the city, not by a company. The talk is that it will prove ruinous to the ferry boats, but time will show.

It was thought a big thing when the bridge was built over Broadway, but that came to be considered a nuisance and was removed. Methinks when the East River Bridge is once constructed it will never be demolished by the hand of man; an earthquake, or some mighty convulsion of nature may do it. Success then to the Bridge, and I hope to walk across it one day if spared so long.

D. W.

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Mr. Editor,—

Seeing that the article of Oct. 27th, on "The Storm and Special Providences" has been so violently assailed I think you will allow its writer sufficient space for a short reply. In the first place, "Thinker" would wish it to be generally understood that he is an earnest enquirer after truth and ever open to conviction. He considers that no man should regard his opinions infallible and rejoices in the principles of liberty of thought and freedom of investigation. He shall endeavour in what he has to say to treat his opponent in a gentlemanly spirit and therefore shall stigmatize neither the writer nor his production by any opprobrious epithet. Truth is too important to indulge in personal invective. Man has higher principles in his nature and should seek to be inspired with loftier aims. In answer to "Believer" we would only say that our arguments remain as they were at first. He goes right away to the workings of God thousands of years ago. Thinker's paper said nothing about that. It was speaking of the general principles of Nature as interpreted by Science at the present day. Will our critic please re-peruse it. If God wrought miracles then, this is no proof that the same is true now.

Has not the age of miracles passed? When Galileo announced his brilliant discovery to the world he was persecuted for hisesy, because his system of astronomy was said to contradict the Bible. That system of astronomy is now received as true. Divine Revelation does not teach philosophy. Its mission is different. If "Believer" will disprove the arguments used in the article I refer to and show that the late storm was a miraculous interposition, or that the fall of rain not governed by law, the author of that paper will be very willing to be convinced.

There is every reason to believe that Infinite Power changes the course of the winds and the tides, just as does the pilot his ship, viz., by the employment of means.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Paul. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Paul.

Yours for Truth,

THINKER.

Acadia College, Dec. 2, 1869.

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## ORDINATION AT DIGBY.

A Council called by the Digby and Smith's Cove Baptist Churches, to consider the propriety of setting apart to the work of the christian ministry Bro. Joseph Jones, met in the town of Digby on the 25th Inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M. Previous to organization of Council, an interesting Sermon was delivered by the candidate from 2 Cor. ii. 16.

The following brethren constituted the Council:

Digby Church.—Brethren Dr. Bent, E. Marshall, R. Morse, A. Vantassal, and Edwin Bent.

Smith's Cove.—Brethren John Sulis and John Thomas.

Weymouth.—Rev. C. Randal.

Clements.—Rev. G. D. Cox.

1st. Hillsburg.—Rev. A. Martel, and Bro. Wm. Dunn.

St. Mary's Bay.—Rev. L. B. Gates and Bro. A. R. Wescott.

Lower Granville.—Rev. Isa. Wallace.

Digby Neck.—Bro. Wells Cornwall.

Rev. Charles Randal was chosen Moderator and I. Wallace, Secretary.

After a recess of an hour or two the Council met at 2 o'clock, P. M., and listened with satisfaction to a statement from Bro. Jones of his christian experience, and call to the ministry. The Council then proceeded to ask the Candidate general questions eliciting his views of Divine truth. These having been answered satisfactorily, and it having been ascertained that suitable arrangements had been made for the support of Bro. Jones, it was unanimously resolved, To proceed with the ordination; and that the services take place in the evening according to the following order:—

Ordination Sermon.—Rev. C. Randal.

Questions to Candidate.—Rev. A. Martel.

Ordaining Prayer.—Rev. G. D. Cox.

Right Hand of Fellowship and Charge to the Candidate.—Rev. Isa. Wallace.

Charge to the Churches.—Rev. L. B. Gates.

Concluding Prayer and Benediction.—The Candidate.

The Ordination Services were conducted as above in the presence of a large assembly and were listened to with much interest.

The Sermon was founded on Eph. 4: 15.

"Speaking the truth in love." The venerable preacher in his usual affectionate and forcible style enlarged upon these two propositions:—1. The Truth should be spoken. 2. The Truth should be spoken in Love.

Bro. Jones enters upon his work under favorable auspices. May great success crown his labours!

Yours truly,

ISA. WALLACE.

Lower Granville Nov. 27 1869.

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WOLFVILLE, DEC. 3, 1869.

Dear Brother,—

The *London Freeman* of the 12th ult. contains the following, in the list of "Deaths":—

On the 4th inst., at his residence, Margate, after a lengthened illness, borne with christian resignation, much esteemed, and deeply lamented, Benjamin Francis Flint, aged sixty nine, son of the late Rev. Thomas Flint, of Weymouth, and grandson of the late Rev. Benjamin Francis, M. A., of Hoxsey, Gloucestershire. His end was peace.

Mr. Flint was a greatly beloved friend of mine—a friend of forty years' standing. I have spent many happy hours under his hospitable roof, and co-operated with him in the promotion of various benevolent objects. He was an action member of the Baptist congregation, but self-distrust and unconquerable reserve prevented him from making a public profession. Nevertheless he lived a christian life and died in the Lord.

I take from the same number of the *Freeman* the subjoined notice:—

MARGATE.—We are happy to learn that our friend Mr. John Berry Flint, of Margate, has again been unanimously selected to fill the office of Mayor of that borough. This is the fourth occasion on which his brother bourgeois have pressed upon him the same honour, and at the present moment their choice seems to have been peculiarly happy and opportune. Margate, and

that chiefly through his efforts, having during the past year been separated from Dover, so as to have its own Court of Quarter Sessions, recorder, coroner, &c. Under these circumstances it was felt that peculiar administrative aptitude would be needed in the chief magistrate during the first year, and that none possessed these in a more eminent degree than Mr. Flint. May it prove a year of much happiness to him, both in his person and office!

Mr. J. B. Flint is a younger brother of my departed friend, and a deacon of the Baptist Church, Margate. It is pleasant to see the bestowment of civic honours on worthy men.

Yours truly,  
J. M. CRAMP.

## Religious Intelligence.

An interesting meeting of the American branch of the Evangelical Alliance was recently held in New York. It was mainly to hear Dr. Schaff's account of his visit to Europe, to invite leading Protestant Divines to meet in New York next fall for the purpose of considering important questions affecting the religious interests of the world. Dr. Schaff stated that he had attended several ecclesiastical assemblies, and had personal interviews with the three Archbishops of Canterbury, York and Dublin; several of the Deans; Members of Parliament and noblemen; with most of the prominent Presbyters of Scotland; the Wesleyans and the Baptists;—and from most of these gentlemen he had received expressions of deep interest and cordial sympathy with the objects of the proposed Conference and from some of them a promise of personal attendance. The Dean of Canterbury is to prepare a paper, and from the position of the Church of England, is to extend the hand of brotherhood to all evangelical nations. The Rev. Newman Hall, the Rev. Dr. Mullins, and Rev. Dr. Alexander of Edinburgh, and several leading divines, have promised to be present. This is to be a great Protestant Council, to voice the convictions of the Protestant world. During the meeting a letter was read from Father Hincinthe, in which he strongly expressed his attachment to the Roman Church, though he has protested against her additions. He indulges in hopes of reformation and union to build up the Church of the future.—*Ch. Guardian*.

## Dominion and Foreign News

THE RED RIVER TROUBLES.—A despatch from Ottawa on Thursday, says: Captain Ermantinger, of Montreal, has been summoned to Ottawa to undertake a special mission to the Red River, to endeavor to conciliate the half breeds. The Indian question is attracting much attention. A tribe between Fort William and the Red River, are reported unfriendly.

General Windham, Commander of the forces in Canada, has two months leave of absence.

General Doyle will have command of the forces of Ontario and Quebec, with Head-quarters at Montreal.

By a telegram from New York on Saturday last we are informed that a letter from Winnipeg, Red River district, dated 16th Nov., gives an estimate which shows that only 500 men are engaged in the insurrection, and only 300 of them armed. They have ceased to interfere with the mails or private business. A majority of the people await a decision of the Government on one side or the other.

## New Brunswick.

RAILWAY OPENING.—It is proposed to open the Eastern Extension Railway to Sackville, on the 13th Inst.

IDENTIFIED.—The remains of the colored female recently found on the St. Andrews road, near St. John, have been identified as the remains of Julia Thompson, an insane woman, who left that city in February last. She was not heard of until the discovery of the body.

A LITTLE GIRL KILLED BY A SCHOOLMATE.—One day last week, a girl aged about eight years, was fatally stabbed in school near Dalhousie, by a boy named Shannon, of about her own age. In rude play, he pushed the sharp point of a file into her neck, penetrating the air passage, and causing death in twenty-four hours.

ST. ANDREWS.—A woman named Mary McCulloch, 75 years of age, was found dead in her own premises, on Thursday last, the inquest showed that she died from exposure.

THE TRIAL OF JOHN A. MUNROE, was to commence yesterday.

THE INDIANS.—A proposal is on foot to unite all the Indians of the Dominion, and remove them to Ontario, so that they may have the benefit of schools and Churches. A Council of chiefs is proposed to be held at Tobique, in January.

SUSSEX.—John Hamilton a miser, starved himself to death here last week. He owned property worth \$3,000.

## The United States.

A. D. Richardson, New York *Tribune* correspondent, died on Thursday from the pistol shot wound by McFarland.

New York, Dec. 4.—Gold closed at 122.

## LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

GREAT BRITAIN.—London, Dec. 1.—Information from the secret agents of the Government

leads to the belief that a rising is threatened in Ireland. In the Cabinet the question of continuing the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* has been considered.

Her Majesty's ship "Monarch," with the remains of the late Geo. Peabody will sail for America this day Wednesday.

The Irish of Southwark have put Fenian Burke forward as a candidate for the House of Commons.

There is considerable agitation in commercial circles at Manchester and elsewhere relative to the increase of duty on French textiles.

Archbishop Cullen, of Dublin, has issued a pastoral letter against Fenianism.

The Cotton Mills in Lancashire are again running on full time.

FRANCE.—The French Senate and Corps Legislatif met on Monday the 29th ult., when the Emperor made a speech in which he said he was ready to grant reforms; he was satisfied with the country, spoke of the advance in public spirit and opinion all over the world, and referred to the Suez Canal, speaking of Empress as absent on account of its opening. In closing he said he hoped the Chamber would loyally carry out the spirit of the new Constitution.

Nov. 30.—The "Times" regards the Opposition in France as strong enough to make the Emperor's position untenable.

The various Paris letters published in the morning papers on Wednesday agree that the Emperor's speech on the opening of the Corps Legislatif "fell flat." The public mind is disappointed. The more the speech is considered the less it is liked.

Apprehensions are entertained in Paris of disturbances on the anniversary of the death of Baudin. The Times, communicating on the political affairs in France, says the Emperor has not yet mastered the truth that the ministerial responsibility which he conceded is incompatible with the theory of personal government, which he would fin retain. He is embarrassed between two principles, undecided and halting; and it is uncertain which way he will decline.

PORTUGAL.—The Portuguese Government has invited tenders for the manufacture and laying of a submarine telegraph from Portugal to some eligible point on the American coast, touching at the Azores.

ITALY.—Despatches from Rome announce that the pre-synodal conference was held on Thursday the 2nd when the Papal allocution was delivered and the oath administered to the officers of the Ecumenical Council.

## FELLOWS' COMPOUND SYRUP.

A peculiar characteristic of Fellows' Compound Syrup is its power of decomposing the food in the stomach, rendering digestion and assimilation more perfect. This partly accounts for the rapidity with which patients take flesh on after using the article.

Diseases such as Consumption, Bronchitis, Debility from Typhoid and other Low Fevers, from excessive grief, study or close confinement, and prostration of the vital powers yield to Fellows' Compound Syrup sooner than any remedy ever before discovered.

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JAMES I. FELLOWS, Chemist,  
St. John, N. B.

## General Intelligence.

## Province of Nova Scotia.

LAND SLIDE.—On Wednesday last, near West River Station, about thirty tons of rock slid on the railway track.

GAGGED TO DEATH.—A soldier arrested for drunkenness by the guard at Wellington Barracks, a few nights since, was gagged to stop his shouting. In the morning he was found to be dead.

W. H. ROGERS, Esq., Inspector of Fisheries, was robbed of his trunk containing all his official papers. It was taken from the steamer in Port Hood harbor on the 11th ult.

WINDSOR TO ANNAPOLIS.—It is expected that the whole line will be formally opened for traffic during the present week. The last rail was laid on Saturday afternoon, and a locomotive immediately proceeded across the bridge over the Avon.

S. OF T.—A new Division of Sops of Temperance was organized in Lower Granville last week by Avarad Longley, Esq., D. G. W. P. for Annapolis County. It is called Karsdale Division.

M. A. Buckley, 85 Granville Street, Halifax, has received by late Steamers and Sailing Vessels, 74 Cases, Bales, and Packages of Books, Stationery, Room Paper, &c., which he offers Wholesale and Retail at lowest possible prices. Catalogues of Books free. May 5.

## Marriages.

At Bridgewater, Sept. 30th, by the Rev. S. March Henry Gaets, of Musquodoboit Harbour, to Martha third daughter of Mr. George Ritchey, Ritchey's Cove.

By Rev. Richard Smith, Saxton Street, Cornwallis, on Nov. 29th, Leigh Richmond Shaw, Esq., of Humboldt, California, to Miss Mary Ann Smith, fourth daughter of the late Richard Smith, Esq., of Cornwallis.

On Wednesday, Dec. 1st, by the Rev. George W. Hill, John C. Itass, Merchant, of Tangier, to Mary E. Henley, eldest daughter of Capt. James Henley, of Spry Bay.