

means to remain where they are. Comfort here they will not see, but more poverty in a month than you would see in Nova Scotia in a life time, although in a great measure their own fault from dissipation. But labour here is at a very low ebb—the Chinese have destroyed the white man's prospects, unless one has a little money to go into business with. I suppose there are not less than from thirty to fifty thousand persons here who cannot get an hour's employment. The farmers too have been unable to do anything for the want of rain, and they had very poor crops last year; consequently times are very hard.

Religious Intelligence.

MARGAREE, C. B.—Rev. J. F. Kempton wrote, Dec. 30th, 1869: I am glad to inform you that, from time to time, we are gladdened by seeing one and another added to the church, in this place. Since the Association, I have been permitted the privilege of immersing nine persons; and welcoming them to the privileges and responsibilities of the church of Christ. Others still are hoping in Christ, who have not as yet publicly professed faith in Him. And I believe that a few others are truly desiring a saving acquaintance with Christ as their Saviour. Oh! that the great Head of the church may pour upon all the churches the reviving and sanctifying influences of His Spirit. Then would His work prosper in the world and many perishing ones would live.

While writing, let me tell you of an agreeable surprise which I and my family received, on the evening of the 28th inst. The darkness of night had closed upon us and all was quiet around, when, suddenly, there came a rap at the door—which was no sooner opened than about 50 of our friends—both young and old—entered—bringing with them a barrel of flour—and parcels of tea, sugar, butter, meat etc., etc., to be left with us, as tokens of esteem and good will. We were then informed that the ladies of the party intended preparing a tea for us and the company. This was, accordingly, done in a very short time and in very excellent style—and all concerned seemed to enjoy the occasion exceedingly.

After tea had been served up, a very kind and encouraging address was given by the chairman of the company, (Dea. L. McDonald.) This address was accompanied with a purse of money—presented to us on behalf of the friends present, which further, if possible, tended to establish the fact, that we were surrounded by warm-hearted and benevolent friends.

These exercises, together with social conversation and musical entertainment, vocal and instrumental, caused the evening to pass pleasantly and profitably away—and prepared us in separating, to ask, with increased tenderness, that God would bestow upon all present, the blessings of salvation.

FALMOUTH.—Since I last wrote you we have enjoyed precious seasons in Falmouth, the meetings have been deeply interesting and profitable, Christians who have sustained the cause of God and prayed for its prosperity, have been refreshed and comforted, and sinners have been converted.

Yesterday I had the privilege of baptizing twelve willings converts, all in the bloom of life. With thankful hearts, we ascribe all the glory to God.

Yours very truly,
J. E. BALCOM.

St. JOHN, N. B.—We learn by a letter from a friend that Elder Knapp is doing a good work in this city. Some persons profess to have been born again under his ministrations. The Leinster Street Church has been crowded with saints and sinners, and a powerful work of grace is expected. Truth is being faithfully presented and applied, so as to arouse the sinner to a sense of his lost condition.

MACCAN, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—Rev. G. F. Miles is labouring with the church at Maccan; eight have been baptized into the fellowship of the church. The meetings are still interesting, sinners have been converted, and the church revived. Backsliders also have been reclaimed.

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar baptized two persons lately at Great Village.

GREENVILLE CHURCH under the pastorate of the Rev. Elisha Corey has had a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. He has baptized seventeen converts.

Some of the churches in Vermont, are enjoying precious revivals. At Brattleboro' the religious interest is of a quiet nature, but deep, and pervading all classes. New cases of inquirers occur daily, while many have found

peace in believing in Jesus. Rev. A. N. Woodruff writes from East Hardwick: "The statement that there were a hundred conversions here is not correct. There were not more than seventy. The work has been steadily moving forward and the number of converts multiplying almost daily. I think I should not over-estimate it now, if I should say there have been an hundred conversions, not all in this town, for our village is situated near the corner of four towns, and of course all these shared in this work. We have received up to this time 29 additions, 25 of them by baptism. There are more awaiting the ordinance. Of the 29 we have received, 17 are heads of families.

BOSTON, WARREN AVENUE CHURCH.—Rev. D. C. Eddy, pastor, signaled the close of the year by measures for the extinguishing of a debt which has been resting on their beautiful house of worship. When the house was completed a debt of nearly \$50,000 rested upon it. Two years ago this was reduced to \$35,000, and that amount secured on mortgage. On the last evening of the year the pastor told the brethren that he had received subscriptions for above \$30,000, and in a few minutes the remaining \$5,000 was secured.—W & R.

A VETERAN FALLEN.—Rev. Gideon Cook, pastor of the North Baptist church, Kennebunk, Me., died on the 27th ult., at the advanced age of eighty three years. He preached to his people until the sudden attack which proved his last sickness, and released his earthly existence after a few weeks of great suffering.

METHODIST.—The *Pittsburg Christian Advocate* says: "The wife of Rev. W. T. Alderman, Pastor of our Church at Hingham, Mass., recently occupied her husband's pulpit with great acceptance, during the illness of her husband. She has frequently heretofore read the hymns and offered prayer when he was present." The profits on the business of the southern Methodist Publishing House amounted to over \$44,000 of the past year.

The *Methodist* states that while Methodism has advanced in the towns and country places of England, it is feebly represented in London. In all the city there are only 65 Wesleyan ministers.

AN OVERSIGHT.—Bishop Clark once met on the street a female parishioner he had not seen for several weeks. His cordial greeting was met by a frigid reserve on her part. He inquired the cause. She replied: "I have been sick for three weeks, and you did not visit me once." "Indeed," replied the Bishop, "I am sorry to hear that. Were you sick enough to have a physician?" "Certainly, he came every day." "How did he know you were sick?" "I sent for him, sir," was the reply. "True," answered the Bishop, "and if you had sent for me I would have come too." The point of the anecdote can possibly be seen by people who sometimes complain of the inattention of their Pastors.

AN IRON CHURCH.—We find in an English paper an account of the opening of a new Ritualistic Church, at Hastings, the exterior of which is formed of iron. The following is a description of this new style of building. The new church is a temporary structure, formed of corrugated iron plates, fixed to a timber framework and lined internally with deal. It has a chancel, organ, and vestry-room: and will seat 550 persons. The open sittings and the whole interior timberwork is stained. On entering the church a handsome stone font, richly carved, and supported on marble pillars, is seen at the west end of the aisle. The sweet-toned organ (by Holdich, London) is placed on the floor level, in the north-east corner. A bold Gothic arch, which separates the nave from the chancel, bears the text, "Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high," in handsomely illuminated characters. The chancel seats are also carved. The altar frontal, kneeling cushions, &c., are handsomely embroidered, by the ladies who made this offering.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

MR. JOSEPH CORKUM,

Died Dec. 31, 1869, in the 71st year of his age. Our departed Brother was long a worthy and useful member of the Baptist Church in Chester. For some years past, however, disease of body had deprived him of the privilege of attending the house of God very frequently, and consequently his usefulness has been in a measure lessened, but not his confidence in God and his love for religious institutions.

During his last illness which was short and very severe, he could say with the utmost confidence, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." On one occasion while we were singing some portions of that beautiful song,

"Come sing to me of Heaven"
he exclaimed, "O I feel a Heaven in my soul even here." With his mind thus tranquil and buoyant with hope, his body sunk under disease till death came to his release. Just one year previous to the day our brother departed this life; his daughter Emma, died, and in the intervening time his son Olonzo, was suddenly called away. May God bless and comfort the surviving widow and children.

JOHN WADE PHINNEY.

Died suddenly on the 11th inst., at the residence of his father, John Wade, fourth son of William and Sophia Phinney, in the 23rd year

of his age, deeply lamented by his parents, brothers and sisters, as well as by a large circle of relatives and friends.

This young man was at meeting with us on Sunday, and listened with his wonted deep attention to a funeral Sermon, from Matthew 24, 43, 44, preached on the occasion of the death of a young man, a son of Mr. Gray of this place, who fell from the maintopmast of the Brig *Thomas Campbell* of this port, on her passage to the West Indies, in October last, and was drowned. He was then apparently in perfect health, was taken ill that evening, and in less than thirty hours of extreme suffering, passed into eternity. Surely

Dangers stand thick through all the ground
To push us to the tomb;
And fierce diseases wait around
To hurry north's home

—Com by Rev. C. Randall.

MISS MARY E. LANTZ,

Departed this life Jan. 5, 1870, aged 26 years. Deceased was baptized in July last by Rev. James Parker, and became a member of the Baptist Church at New Ross. For two or three years past her health had been gradually declining, and her removal was not unexpected to herself or her friends. Her amiable disposition and consistent conduct won for her the love and esteem of all her acquaintances. Peacefully confiding in the promises of God she patiently waited the appointed time till her change came. May the Dear Saviour be near to comfort the mourners.

Dominion and Foreign News

ONTARIO, Jan. 22.—The Supply Bill has been disallowed in consequence of its conflicting with the British North America Act. The Legislature included in their estimates additional payment to Judges of that Province, while the Union Act provides that the Judges shall be paid by the Dominion.

An act of the previous session granting extra allowance to the Judges was vetoed, and the Ontario House, while endeavoring to overreach the Dominion Government by including the extras in their supply bill, have really placed themselves in a very awkward position—leaving the province without the money to carry on the government.

The House will probably require to be called together immediately to take action in the matter and amend the bill.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—The Hon. John Rose, has been created a Knight Commander of the order of St. Michael and St. George.

General Windham, Commander-in-Chief in Canada, died in Florida, whither he had gone to recruit his health.

Mr. McDougall is to address his constituents at an early day on the position he intends to take in the House of Commons.

Hon. Dr. Tupper and party left Ottawa for Halifax, on Monday last.

RED RIVER.—Latest advices are to the effect that Vicar General Thibault has induced the insurgents to consider the advisability of sending a Delegation to Ottawa, to lay their claims, and grievances before the Government. It is not at all improbable that some of their leading representatives will return with Vicar General Thibault and Colonel Deslaby.

A despatch from Ottawa, Ont., says the Ministers have taken up the question of Mr. Annand's mission to Washington. A reduction, if possible, will be obtained on the duty on Coal, an object desired by the people of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Munroe, father of John A. Munroe, is in Ottawa with a petition asking for the commutation of his son's sentence. It is signed by over two thousand inhabitants of St. John. He has had an interview with the Premier and the Governor-General. There is not much hope.

Prince Edward Island.

The first jingle of the sleigh bells for the season was heard at Summerside, on Tuesday the 11th inst.

A Presbyterian Concert and Supper, was recently held at Summerside, at which, between two and three hundred persons sat down. They realized about £25.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Mr. Alex. McPhail of West River, was killed by the upsetting of a cart in which he was traveling on the 22nd ult.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY.—From the Summerside *Progress* we learn of a dreadful accident at West Point, Lot 8, on the 12th inst. The house of Mr. John Crawford, caught fire, and in the conflagration, his wife, and three children (a boy and two girls), and also a foolish boy, a nephew of Mrs. Crawford, were burned to death. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The United States.

The Washington correspondent "Acadia," of the *Chronicle* says the Hon. Mr. Annand of Halifax, has been before the Committee of Ways and Means at Washington, endeavoring "to secure a reduction of duty on coal, fish, and potatoes." "His success is, however, so far involved in doubt."

Prince Arthur arrived at New York on Friday last, and was suffered to proceed to his Hotel without annoyance! He left on the following morning for Washington, where he is now, the guest of the British Minister.

A terrible Tornado occurred in Kentucky on Thursday last killing 13 people and destroying 50 dwellings.

Severe gales and destructive floods are reported in various sections of the West.

Admiral Farragut has gone to Portland to take charge of the naval ceremonies at the reception of George Peabody's remains.

Rumors prevail of a Fenian expedition to Canada. Most of the Fenian leaders are in New York.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

The London *Times* of Saturday last discusses the French commercial treaty and demonstrates therefrom the need of absolute free trade.

Sir George Francis Seymour, died in London on Friday last, aged 83 years.

Much anxiety has lately been felt here for the safety of the steamship "Great Eastern." A vessel which arrived in London on Friday last reports that the steamer was spoken 5th Dec., in the South Atlantic Ocean.

The London *News* intimates that the Red River people cannot hope for recognition as a Crown colony so long as the rebellion continues.

A new telegraph cable in the interest of a French Company to connect England and Brest has been successfully laid. The shore end at Salecombe, England, was completed on Wednesday last.

Jan. 28.—The Cabinet have resolved on bringing forward a measure at the next meeting of Parliament for the settling of the Irish question, by arranging for a fixed tenure of the tenants, similar in some respects to the English freehold system.

FRANCE.—Paris has been in a state of great excitement during the past week. The question of M. Rochefort's being arraigned by the government, was under debate in the Corps Legislatif, and was decided by a strong vote in favor of the Government; 226 for, and 34 against. The trial came to a close on Saturday last by a conviction, and a sentence of six months imprisonment, or a fine of 3000 francs.

Paris, Jan. 21. eve.—The great strike of workmen in the Iron Manufactories at Lacinot, is exciting the alarm of the Government, and a large force of troops has been sent to that neighborhood.

Traupman, the murderer, was executed in Paris, on Wednesday last.

The trial of Prince Pierre Bonaparte will take place at Versailles. The same high Court will take cognizance of the offence of Prince Murat for striking a magistrate some time ago.

Jan. 28.—The sentence of Rochefort includes deprivation of his political rights, though he remains a Deputy in the Corps Legislatif.

The great strike at Creuzot, France, has been suppressed by the troops.

SPAIN.—A public meeting of 30,000 Republicans in Madrid, by unanimous vote, sent congratulations to the Republicans of Paris and to Deputy Rochefort, the devoted champion of democracy.

ITALY.—The Council of Rome have united in a protest against the authorization in Spain of civil marriages.

Letters from Rome say the American Bishops object to the declaration of the dogma of infallibility on the ground that it will tend to prevent proselytising among Protestants.

It is said that every second person has some Nervous Disease. A much larger proportion of females are so afflicted than males; hence the numerous cases of Irritability, Leucorrhoea, Weakness and Debility, Chlorosis, Anemia, Hysteria, Aphonia, and many other diseases incident to the sex. FELLOWS' COMPOUND SYRUP is perfectly adapted to all these diseases; and also for Protrusion Uteri, when it originates from a low state of the nervous system and relaxed muscles.

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MIC-MAC MISSION.—The Annual Meeting of the Mic-mac Missionary Society will be held, D. V. in St. Andrews Church on Tuesday next, Feb. 1st. A Report will be presented by the Missionary Mr. Rand, and addresses will be delivered by the following gentlemen, viz:—Rev. P. G. McGregor, Rev. G. M. Grant, S. L. Shannon, and J. Grierson Esqs., and others. The chair to be taken at 4 past 7, P. M. A collection will be taken at the close.

BRIDGETOWN.—A quantity of goods were stolen from the store of Miner Tupper, on the 19th inst. The burglars by means of false keys.

A young man named Fraser, was drowned on the 18th inst., while crossing the ice on the St. Mary's River, from Goldenville to Sherbrooke.

A man named Alexander Fortune, escaped from the Amherst Jail.

A man, named Henry Brackett, came near losing his life at Ferguson's Cove, last week, by taking a dose of arsenic, which he mistook for cream of tartar.

DROWNED.—A boy named Charles Now about 13 years of age broke through the ice on Griffen's pond on Wednesday last and was drowned.