

forbear comment." At this I am not at all surprised, as he must know that no comments however copious and elaborate can remove the inconsistency of administering the ordinance of baptism to subjects, entirely and necessarily ignorant of its origin, nature and design, and who, in most cases resist its performance with all their might.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I have no desire to engage in a religious controversy with Mr. DesBrisay, but only claim the right of recording my dissent from sentiments which, in my judgement, are at variance with the lessons taught us by our Lord and his Apostles.

Yours very truly,
I. J. SKINNER.

chester, Dec. 12th, 1870.

Religious Intelligence.

THIRD HORTON CHURCH.—Rev. James Parker informs us that the work of the Lord is progressing in the third Horton Church. He baptized twelve persons on the 11th inst., and expected to visit the water again the following Sabbath.

CHEER FOR THE BAPTISTS.—A Methodist gentleman, fresh from a tour through the West, recently fell in with a man from Canada. They were in the cars, and were unknown to each other. In the course of conversation the Canadian said,—

"Tell me, sir, what it was that most strongly impressed you in your Western journey."

"It was this," replied the Methodist brother: "the wonderful manner in which the Home Mission operations of the Baptists are being prosecuted. They are working with great vigor and far seeing wisdom and coming to possess that land."

The man from Canada, as the Lord would have it, was a Baptist minister, and called at the Home Mission Rooms, No. 39 Park Row, to report the above.—*Macedonian.*

SHAMEFUL.—A family of four persons, all members of a Baptist church, paid nothing last year for the support of the pastor. Reason given—they were so poor they could not. But these same persons paid for the tobacco they used, during the year, sixty dollars.

COVETOUS.—A man and his wife, with no children, and worth twelve thousand dollars, paid for the support of their pastor—or agreed to pay—five dollars; and as the amount subscribed by the church was not sufficient, they voted to ask help of the Home Mission Society. The Society did not see the necessity. The pastor left for want of support. The man and his wife who would give but five dollars, out of their twelve thousand dollars, lost three thousand dollars before the year had passed away. "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Let the carnal and the covetous tremble.

At a great Educational Congress, recently held in Vienna, and attended by about five thousand educators from all parts of Germany, it was agreed that the principles of religion, but not the dogmas of any particular sect, should be taught in the national schools. They also agreed that the education of girls should be compulsory to the age of sixteen, and that they should be trained for various trades and professions.

New York pays \$200,000 a year for the support of sectarian schools, chiefly Catholic, and leaves unoccupied sittings for forty thousand scholars.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

The telegrams of the past week from Europe appear on the whole something more favorable for France. The atmosphere is however sufficiently dark. Paris is in darkness after sunset as the supply of materials for making gas has given out, this occasions much trouble and confusion. There is no evidence of the spirit of the people being broken. There have been some engagements but we do not hear of any general bombardment of the city.

Gambetta telegraphed on the 10th from the headquarters of General Chausey: "That Chausey continues taking many prisoners and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. From this you will judge how false are the German despatches, which state that the Army of the Loire was crushed. Chausey, with only half that army, is still able to oppose successfully the German advance."

In the last sortie from Paris the loss of the French was 6,780 and the Germans 8000. The German loss in the battle of the Loire exceeded 7000.

The *Journal de Havre* says that the army of the Loire has been reinforced by 40,000 men.

The *Paris Moniteur* says the French have been reinforced at all points.

King William reports that the result of four days' fighting at Beaugency was the retreat of the French to Blois and Tours; Gambetta on the other hand, is perfectly satisfied, and says that the Prussians have met with several reverses.

General Trochu had sent out four Prussian officers to be exchanged with the expectation that they would inform the besiegers of the favorable moral state of the city.

A Brussels despatch says that England agrees to the annexation of Luxemburg to

Prussia, in order that the Prussians may thereby be induced to abandon all pretensions to Lorraine.

The French were driven from Vendome on Friday.

A Tours despatch on Saturday announces the repulse of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg's army by Chausey.

The seizure of Luxemburg by Prussia confirms the suspicion that Prussia and Russia are in league to abrogate all treaties that stand in their way.

The Germans have evacuated Amiens. They retired toward Clermont, but announced their intention to return soon.

The Germans are reported to have captured Ham in the Department of Somme.

The German programme, according to the best authority, at present requires the unconditional surrender of Paris and the unqualified submission of the French nation to German dictation.

Count Von Bismarck has issued orders directing the destruction of the national forests of France in the districts surrounding Versailles and Paris.

The Prussians are leaving the valley of Cher, and concentrating on the Loire. They again attacked General Chausey, but were repulsed. Nearly one thousand able horsemen landed at Toulon, and will join the French armies.

Prince Henry of Luxemburg has sent to Prussia an official disclaimer that Luxemburg neutrality had been violated by his permission.

ENGLAND.—On Thursday last the British Cabinet considered the Luxemburg question and came to the conclusion not to take any steps to prevent Prussia from occupying the territory, reserving for further consideration the steps to be taken in case of its forcible annexation. The opinion strengthens that Prussia will take Luxemburg and Holland instead to Alsace and Lorraine, and the war will end with the restoration of the French Empire.

Great Britain is still making ready for any complication, by getting her army and navy in readiness.

The *Reporter's* despatch says Earl Derby recently delivered a speech at Liverpool, in the course of which he protested against the introduction of the Prussian military system into Great Britain. Earl Granville in a speech at London denounced the modern style of fabricating treaties, as dishonest, and calculated to destroy all the force of treaty arrangements.

The English Parliament meets on the 7th of February, when the army and navy estimates will be instantly submitted.

The Queen has gone to Osborne.

The "Psyche" of the British Eclipse Expedition, founded in the Mediterranean. Every one on board, and the scientific instruments, were saved.

IRELAND.—A force of two thousand cavalry and infantry has been ordered to Londonderry, for fear of a disturbance at the approaching Anniversary of the Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

A monster meeting of sympathizers with the Pope was held at Thurlow. Speeches were made and resolutions adopted in which opinions were strongly expressed that Great Britain should defend the interests of her Catholic subjects now menaced at Rome.

TURKEY.—The Russian minister at Constantinople wants further annulments of the Paris treaty.

The latest despatches say that Ignatiff's interview with Ali Pascha was far from satisfactory; neither side was willing to yield a point.

Seventy gun-makers have left Enfield for Constantinople, to assist the Sultan.

Russian forces are rapidly concentrating near the Turkish frontier.

An accident occurred on the 12th, on the North Midland Railway, by which fourteen persons were killed and twenty wounded.

The King of Holland peremptorily refuses to cede the Duchy of Luxemburg to Prussia.

It is said King William will make no further advances unless Luxemburg openly supports France. He has telegraphed to Luxemburg to that effect.

The Provisional Government of Paris has removed to Bordeaux.

Garibaldi has resigned, and returned to Italy. A balloon with two passengers and 200 pounds of letters descended on the 15th at Herborn, in Nassau.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

EXPENSIVE ROBBERY.—Messrs. Black Brothers & Co., ship-chandlers and hardware merchants, have repeatedly had reason to believe that goods were being stolen from their stores, but until Friday last were unable to obtain any clue to the robbers. On that day a member of a manufacturing firm called on them and informed them that a package of block tin with their marks upon it, was in his possession, having been purchased by his partner from a junk dealer, the marks not being observed at the time.

Messrs. Black recognized the package as one of theirs, and having obtained the assistance of Detective Hutt, called upon the junk dealer to explain how it came into his possession. He accompanied them to Messrs. Black's store and pointed out a man named John Smith as the one who had sold the tin. Messrs. Black were astonished to find that this man, who has been in their employ for a long time as storekeeper, and was considered trustworthy, was the thief. He was arrested and taken to the police station, where he admitted his guilt, and said that a laborer at the establishment, named David

Swanson, was concerned in the robbery. Swanson was therefore arrested and lodged in the station. Subsequently a number of the stolen articles were found in the possession of another person, who, with the junk dealer, will be required to account for his part in the transaction.—*Chronicle.*

The Local Legislature is to meet on Thursday the 2nd February.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—A very pleasant social entertainment was held in this Church on Friday night. Tea was served in the lecture room from 6 to 8 o'clock, and at the latter hour the proceedings in the Church commenced. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Saunders, Clay and Boggs, and the choir, under the direction of Mr. Ackhurst, contributed excellent music. The enjoyment was participated in by a very large number, and the efforts of the ladies, who organized the affair, must have been rewarded with a goodly sum for the new Church.—*Chronicle.*

FORGERY.—Three boys, Henry Vaughan, John Nauffts and Thomas Harvey arrested for forging the name of Mr. A. Grant to two blank checks, have been committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

FLOGGING CASE.—Mr. McLaughlin the principal of the Albro Street School was brought up before the Police court on Thursday last, for severely beating Henry Woods aged 10 years. It appears that the boy had been fighting with another boy and using improper language. The case was deferred for an examination of the law in the case. When again called for adjudication, it was stated that a compromise had been effected between the parties. We perceive by the *Colonist*, that "Mr. McLaughlin paid the boy's father \$25 and the costs of the court. It would have been much more satisfactory to the public, had the case been proceeded with."

PORT WILLIAMS SABBATH SCHOOL.—Mr. Editor,—Some time since having occasion to spend a Sabbath in Wolfville, we concluded to visit the Sunday School at Port Williams, which we found in a very prosperous condition. This is one of the few Sabbath Schools which are kept up during the winter. The Superintendent and Teachers are deeply interested in the good work, and doubtless will reap their reward. One young lady in particular deserves special notice. She attends one Sabbath School in the morning, then travels several miles to instruct in music and teach in this School, and the taste displayed in singing proves that her praiseworthy efforts are not in vain. The School is held in the basement of a new chapel, the upper portion of which the ladies have undertaken to finish by means of a Bazaar, which is in course of preparation. I have no doubt donations toward this object would be thankfully received by the Superintendent of the School.

Yours &c., STRANGER.
Bridgewater, Dec. 17th, 1870.

AMHERST.—We learn from one of the newly-appointed Commissioners of Schools for Cumberland County, that since Mr. George, the former Inspector of Schools for that County, has had charge of the Academy at Amherst, it is very much improved, and is affording much satisfaction to the parents and friends of education.

DONATION.—On Wednesday evening, 13th inst., the members of the Baptist church and congregation in Amherst, made their pastor, Rev. D. A. Steele, a very handsome donation consisting of a Sewing machine, a Buffalo Robe, and many other valuable and useful articles to the amount of one hundred dollars, together with a small stock-of that excellent article—cash, in all \$175.00. Deacon Layton, in a neat address, assured the minister of the respect and attachment of his flock, to which Mr. Steele made a brief reply. Short addresses were also made by Rev. E. B. Corey, Deacon Lowe, and Mr. J. F. Bulmer.

THE BAY OF FUNDY STEAMER.—The "Empress" is to go into winter quarters, and the "Emperor" will take her place between St. John and Digby and Annapolis. For the present, at least, the "Emperor" will make but two trips a week, leaving her wharf, St. John, at 8 o'clock on the mornings of Wednesday and Saturday, and leaving her wharf at Annapolis for her return trip on the afternoons of the same days, after the arrival of the train from Halifax. There will, therefore, be no boat for Digby and Annapolis on Monday morning.—*St. John Telegraph Dec. 16.*

GUYSBORO ELECTION.—The election of a member of the House of Assembly for Guysboro County, in place of the late Speaker Marshall, will take place on the 30th inst., the 23rd being nomination day.

Persons who have become thoroughly chilled from any cause, may have their circulation at once restored by taking into the stomach a teaspoonful of "Johnson's Anodyne Liniment" mixed in a little cold water, well sweetened.

Every farmer who owns a good stock of Horses, Cattle and sheep, and intends to keep them through the winter, should get at once a good stock of "Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powder." One dollar's worth will save at least a half a ton of hay.

Marriages.

At Annapolis, on Wednesday, by the Rev. J. J. Ritchie, Fred. V. Tremain, to Zaldice, second daughter of James F. Hoyt, Esq., of Willow Farm, at Amherst, Dec. 6th by the Rev. Geo. Townsend, A. M., Rector, and Rensel Dean, Christian J. Morse, Esq., M. D., son of the Hon. James Morse, to Mary Isabel Alice, eldest daughter of R. Beaumont Boggs, Esq., of the Joggins Mines.

At St. Charles Illinois, on the 5th Dec. 1870, by Rev. S. S. Fisk, Mr. W. F. Osgood of St. Charles, Kane Co., Illinois, to Miss Lillian E. Fisk, of Wolfville, Kings Co., N. S.

At Chester Grant, on the 7th inst., by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. David Hawbolt, to Miss Mary N. Hennigar.

At the Parsonage, Chester, by the same, on the 15th inst., Mr. William Henry Stevens, to Miss Sarah Jane Graves, both of East Chester.

At the same place, by the same, on the 29th ult., Mr. George Lantz to Miss Mary Ann Stevens.

At Williamston, Nov. 16th, by Rev. M. P. Freeman, William E. Morse, to Mary Ann Hutt both of Bloomington.

On the 18th of October, by Rev. Charles Randall, Mr. George Rupp, of Digby, to Miss Loas E., eldest daughter of Peter Grant, 3rd, of Weymouth.

Also, at Weymouth, on the 15th inst., Mr. Thos. W. Troop, to Mr. Catherine Troop, all of Hillsburgh.

Deaths.

At Tower Road, Halifax, on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, Mary A., beloved wife of Rev. W. B. Boggs, in the 25th year of her age.

At St. John's, N. S., on the 3rd inst., after a most painful illness, aged 49 years, Augusta, youngest and last surviving daughter of the late Joseph Gill, Esq.

At Kentville, on the 23rd Nov., Mrs. Rebecca Hughes, aged 80 years.

As the Provincial and City Hospital, Dec. 15th, Jos. Keenan, aged 26 years.

At Boston, Mass., on Saturday the 10th inst., Mr. Lewis Philip Harrington, eldest son of the late Charles F. Harrington, Barrister, of Nova Scotia, in the 24th year of his age. It will be gratifying to his friends, and particularly to those who labored with him whilst ill at Sydney, to learn from his last letters to his mother and the writer, that he had some months since expressed a good hope through grace, and was enabled to give up all for Christ.

At Bloomingdale, on Sunday, the 18th inst., Amy Wiseman, aged 18 years, eldest daughter of A. G. Jones, Esq.

At Guysboro, on Thursday 15th inst., Charles R. Metzler, M. D., son of the late Wm Metzler, of Truro.

On Sunday, I-abel, the beloved wife of John Donaldson, at the advanced age of seventy-three years.

On Saturday, Martha Bainbridge, aged 70 years, a native of England.

Suddenly, on the 19th inst., Isaac Baxter Hubley, in the 26th year of his age, leaving a sorrowing wife and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

Dec. 17th, James Ryley, aged 61 years.

On Saturday, Frederick Henly, second son of the late Arthur Carman, and grandson of the late Lieut. F. J. Ricard, aged 25 years.

At Dartmouth, on the 17th inst., Andrew Shields, Jr., aged 44 years.

At Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday, 13th inst., Kate Lulu, aged 6 years, eldest daughter of A. M. Hemen Esq.

At Mahone's Bridge, Cape Breton, on the 4th inst., after a painful and lingering illness which he bore with resignation to the divine will John Davis, eldest son of Ruffel and Alexander Pushee, aged 12 years and nine months, his end was peace.—This is Mr. Pushee's 4th child who has died within eight years.

At Mill Village, Queens Co., on Friday, Dec. 9th, of consumption, Miss Annie B., eldest daughter of Mr. Alexander Thomas in the 25th year of her age.

Miss T. had never publicly professed to be a follower of the meek and lovely Saviour, but as she drew near the gate of death could say "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and calmly resigned her spirit to God who gave it.

At Amherst, on the 2nd inst., calmly trusting in the merits of the Redeemer, Matilda, daughter of Mr. John Hillsow, aged 28 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, Dec. 13.—Schr's Good Templar, Hewitt, Western Banks; Glad Tidings, Hopkins, Bay of Islands, N. F.; S. G. Irwin, Boucher, Nfld.; Catherine Royal, Boudrot, Ch. Town, P. E. I.; Nimble, Boudrot, Arichat; Agile, Himmelman, Lunenburg; Neptune, Perry, Sheet Harbour.

Wednesday, 14.—Steamers City of Cork, Allen, Liverpool, via Queenstown; Alpha, Hunter, Sydney, C. B.; Bristol, Marcella, Carroll, St. Jago de Cuba; schr's Bessie, Bale, St. John's, P. E. I.; Foaming Billow, Glasgow, P. E. Island, via Sheet Harbour; Anne C. Brown, Cummings, Bay of Islands, N. F.; Lizzie Tupper, Dickson, Ch. Town, P. E. I.; Nimble, Crawford, Bay of Islands, N. F.; Annie Laurie, Blackier, St. John's, N. F.; Lucy Ann, Turpie, Musquodoboit; Shooting Star, Pettapas, Arichat; Prowess, Dickson, Glace Bay.

Thursday, 15.—Steamers City of Baltimore, Delamotte, New York; M. A. Starr, Doane, Yarmouth; brig Marcella, McEachren, Porto Rico; schr's Bertha, Crowell, Falmouth, Ja. via Barrington; Swan, English, St. John's, P. E. I.; George Brown, Chalmers, G. W. Cuba; Mary White, Porrier, Boston; C. P. Manning, Lewis, Gloucester, Mass.; Lois Jane, Brown, Port Medway; Fawn, Publicover, LaHave; Golden Rule, Smelzer, Mahone Bay; Alexander Fraser, Hattie, Lunenburg; Lily Dale, Shackle LaHave; Howard, Downey, Lockport; Humming Bird, Harnish, Margaret's Bay.

Friday, 16.—Brigs Atlas, (of Bangor), Hodson, Boston; Dominion, White, New York; Mayflower, Nauffts, Boston; schr's Debel, Westover, Mahone Bay; Sea Bird, Messenger, do, do; Clear, Hatt, do, do; Phebe, Labolt, P. E. I., via Mahone Bay.

Saturday, 17.—Brig Express, Fudge, Inagua; brig Crescent, Faulkner, New York via Holmes' Hole; schr's Bonetta, Clark, Fortland; Jane, Hardy, Lockport; Messenger, Young, Lunenburg.

Sunday, 18.—Brigs Alvarado, Hesley, Sydney; Express, Tobin, Kingston, Jam; schr's Euxine, Martell, L'Ardoise; Mary Ellen, Fougere, Conso.

Monday, 19.—Steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland; schr's Jane Otis, Keating, Colville Bay, P. E. I.; Euxine Martell, St. Peter's; Samuei Jones, Delacey, Margaree via Cape Canso; Benjamin Killan, McDonald, Port Mulgrave; Native, Crowell, Cape Canso; Margaret Jane, Steele, Cape Canso; Napier, Nickerson, Barrington; James McKeon, Ritcey, LaHave; J. S. Pitcey, Ritcey, LaHave; Flash, Hyson, Mahone Bay.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Dec. 13.—Steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland; baque William Fisher, Burney, St. Helena bound, South Carolina; brig's Elsie, Coady, Porto Rico; Wilmington, Martell, Sydney; Florence, Davidson, Little Glace Bay; schr's Welcome Return, Reeves, Mahone Bay; Lizzie, Dolman, Lockport; Lucretia, Ley, Mainadieu Sea Slipper, Hebb,