# For the Christian Messenger.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

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ERI WELTON AND JAMES B. SPINNEY, of Torbrook, Annapolis Co., were neighbors, who lived together in terms of intimacy and friendship; never suffering aught to disunite their affection for each other. Both have passed away from the scenes of their earthly toils, to their reward. The latter died Nov. 30th, 1871, aged 61 years; the former preceded him by two years and a half. Mr. Welton was a highly respected member of the community where he lived. He was distinguished for his integrity in his dealings, and diligence in his business. He made no open profession of religion previous to the illness that resulted in his death ; but he left a testimony that gives assurance to his bereaved wife, and numerous relatives that their loss is his gain.

Jas. B. Spinney professed to have become interested in religion at an early age ; he did not, however, unite with the church until about 12 years ago. Bro. S. devoted himse f assiduously to his worldly business and was greatly prospered. But he made a mistake, too commonly made, even by those who profess to be disciples of Christ. The world too much engrossed his time and thoughts to the neglect of higher claims. This he realized and regretted when death drew near. He spoke freely on this subject to his christian friends, but expressed the hope that he had found forgiveness from the merciful One, whose " blood cleanseth from all sin." His funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, who came to manifest their respect for the departed, and their sympathy with the sorrowing wife and children. - Com. Nictaux, Dec. 10th, 1871.

nutive preachers. I examine them on my and encouragement I can; but offer no prizes or pecuniary encouragement. hope these may be the germs of something greater.

# BURMAH.

LETTER FROM MR. D. A. W. SMITH .-Prosperity and adversity.-Henthada, July 9, 1871 .- About two months sgo I wrote of the proposed effort of the Karen Christians of this district to build a large dormitory for the boys. Money has already come in, enough to buy the posts, and I shall soon send off to the forests about and floated down on the swollen streams. I also spoke of the large number of puthe numbers have gone down from ninetyone death, the first that has ever occurred, by sickness from attending to their studies. two months ago is blasted.

able to report now, a good state of health, on the part of the eixty left behind. Nearly, if not all, susceptible to an attack of measles, have been visited. We pray spiritual advantage of the school. Our

we rested one night at Pootumarry, where character was recived from New York on visits to the stations, and give what help a large market is held every Tuesday, and again at Damalgiri, where there is a stockade and a police guard. The road from the latter place was entirely " amon; the hills," and was moreover, a general ascent, though varied by the winding contour of the surface of the ridges. A tew miles before coming to the station, we get sight of the large mountain as it looms up thought the government enumeration is too grandly against the sky, at the western base of which our destination lay. This mountain gives the station its name.

On reaching it we find that it has an elevation which gives an extended view to the south and west, and is situated upon a fitty miles from here, to have the posts cut ridge jutting out from the face of the mountain, and flanked by two streams of crystal purity and beauty. The surface of pils who had come in, and of our good this ridge is diversified by knolls, and prospects of an unusually flourishing school. slopes toward the south-west. Indeed we Not long after, the measl s broke out, and found the land all of varied beauty and aspect. In the immediate vicinity of the four to about sixty. There has also been station are wooded ravines of remarkable picturesquepess. There is no low or if I am rightly informed, in the history of swampy land at all. Capt. Peet had this school. To-morrow I send off two turned aside a portion of one of the streams, more pupils, who have been incapacitated and caused it to flow through the whole length of the station. It was a pleasing We feel stricken. The bright promise of leature ; the sourd made grateful music might and day. In all the natural aspects Health restored .-- 1 am thankful to be | ef the place I was charmed with Tura, and I think my brethren were equally so.

We stopped in the large and commodious bungalow of Capt. Peet. We had hoped to meet him in person ; but Mr. Cawley is that this visitation may be blessed to the quite familiar with the neighboring country, and, in the absence of Capt. Peet, he was most willing to aid us in any way, while both himself and hady did all they could to entertain us. Their attention and hospitality contributed not a little to the pleasure

Saturday, as follows :---

A special despatch from Quebec reports excitement in the Assembly, caused by charges of bribery and corruption against agents of the ministry. The Speaker caused the galleries to be cleared by police and an outdoor meeting declared for annexation to the United States.

The Corporation of Montreal has decided to take a special census of that city, as it is low a figure.

CITY OF MONTREAL .- According to the annual report of the Finance committee of the Montreal city Council, the amount of debenture debt of that city on 1st January last was \$2.708.752.39, to which may be added debentures issued, or to be issued amounting to \$33.079,53, making a total of \$3,045,467.91 ; deducting from this \$493.371.80, for sums redeemed or to be redeemed and school debentures, leaves \$2,552 165 as the amount for which application is to be made at the next meeting of the Legislative Assembly for an Act of Consolidation.

#### P. E. ISLAND.

Great disturbances have been occasioned in the commerce of the Island by the early setting in of Winter. Almost every harbor has some vessels frozen in that were expected to have left-some for Europe and others for these ports. They will probably have now to remain in the ice all winter, and the cargoes will probably become damaged, and the commerce of the Island will be seriously interfered with.

Political affairs are in a very unsettled condition. Railway matters have become the subject of trouble between the two parties. Spruce sleepers and the alteration of the curves are the principal points of attack and defence. Sixteen members of Parliament and six Legislative Councillors have memorialized the Governor in opposition to the present government. This is a majority, and it is taken as conclusive of a break down on the part of the present powers that be.

It was also stated on Thursday last that the Republicans and Democrats of London are about to send an address of condolence to the Queen.

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The report that Parliament will be called together in January is contradicted.

Bullion in Bank of England increased £244,000 during the week. The bank had reduced the rate of discount a half per cent. making it now three per cent.

The Foreign Office has sent instructions to all agents abroad to investigate the organizations of the International Society and report to the Government.

The telegraph employees are returning to their work. The movement was a failure. Quite a sensation was produced in London by the refusal of certain extreme ritualists to say prayers for the Prince's recovery in absence of orders from their bishops.

The Home Secretary is likely to request Parliament to expel Carl Marx from the United Kingdom. Marx's residence will be placed under watch of police.

Owing to threatened disturbances, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has issued a proclamation forbidding all assemblages or processions in Londonderry.

A French barque was run down on Sunday night off the Isle of Wright by an unknown vessel, and seventeen of her crew lost.

FRANCE.-The French Committee propose presenting the English Government's painting commemorative of the relief contributed by the English nation.

SWITZERLAND. - Berne. - The Federal Assembly have passed a bill interdicting

# THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger. GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

#### Dear Brother,-

Among the places which I visited during the last few months, the little settlement of New Harbor deserves notice. It lies about 20 miles South-cast of Guysborough. Twelve miles of this distance is impassable with a carriage, and will be for many years if the government does not care for the people in the future more than in the past. I found here about 525 souls, connected with 50 families. More than one half of these people hold Baptist principles, and hail with gladness the Minister of the Gospel as also the Christian Messenger, with its weekly tidings of the progress of the kingdom of Christ. Last Lord's day morning L was delighted to see so many on their beautiful river now covered with ice, skating and sliding along to their humble temple, where they with one accord united in the high praises of the God of their salvation. In the course of the week I preached to them four times, and visited 30 families, reading, praying and leaving a number of tracts in every house. The people in severel other Bays and Harbors are very anxious to have a visit, to which I too am anxious to respond and " go to the regions beyond," for there are many such. And from each I hear the cry, " Come over and help us." I purpose visiting these people in a few weeks again if the Lord permits.

AUGUSTUS SHIELDS. Guysborough, Dec. 9th, 1871.

Missionary Intelligence.

loss will be great indeed, if we fail of all compensation. "God te merciful to us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us.

Bassein .- The late Mrs. Van Meter, of our stay. shortly before her death, said to those around her,--... I have struggled long on the bank of Jordan-struggled for life. I wish to live, if it is the Lord's will, to work for the Karens five years more." friend writes,-". Her heart was full of plans for the promotion of the work she loved ; but she grave them all up with cheerfulness, and said she had been ready to go, sure of her acceptance with God, for many a year."

MAULMAIN .- Mr. J. R. Haswell writes Aug. 10,' At K'-Mahwet, July 30th, I baptized three converts. The same day. nineteen disciples of Christ living in the vicinity, organized as the church of Jesus Christ in K'Mahwet, and also called a council to meet Sept. 28th, to consider the propriety of recognizing them as a church, and to ordain their pastor elect. . . We have now about 150 boys in our dayschool in town; about 40 in the girl's dayschool, and 32 in the boarding school.

## ASSAM.

JOURNAL OF MR. COMFORT. - Tour to Tura -- Mr. Comfort ferwards a journal of a tour of two months and a half, to Dr. Bronson and Mr. Stoddard. January 9, they secured a very comfortable boat, and toward evening set out for Lingmarry en route to Tura, the Government headquarters in the Garo Hills.

That territory is under the jurisdiction of Col. Haughton, Commissioner of Cooch Behar. He has been a friend and supporter of our work among the Garos, and has Tura as at least the chief mission station should by personal inspection of the field three months, and a new supply will soon The following telegram shews that his death be able to judge as to what was advisable in the matter. And that is why three of us visited the place in company. In two days the steady current of the river had borne "our barque" to our journey's end, so far as the water could aid us. At Lingmarry we expected to find ponies Ontario, stated that the House was not and men to take us to Tura, 40 miles distant. Br Stoddard supposed he had made all necessary arrangements to that effect with Capt. Peet, the Deputy Commissioner at Tura. He bappened however to be out in the district, and failed to get br. S.'s letter. After remaining at Lingmarry long enough to discover that we must rely upon our own resources, we procured men to carry our beds, tent, provisions, &c., while we set out on foot. When we had accomplished half the journey, we were met by ponies which had been sent for us by Mr. Cawley, Superintendent of Police of the Garo Hills, as soon as he had learned of our coming. Though we had somewhat relished the little episode on foot, yet walking in the hot sun was not without some fatigue and discomfort, so that Tura, Jan. 20. Face of the country .--- During our march

The brethren were in Tara nearly a week. They wished to learn about the place itself, the neighboring country and people, the language they sp ke, and all the facts which could help in determining whether it is advisable to make Tura theresidence of a missionary to the Garos, or

INDIA - MADRAS PRESIDENCY. - The Teloogoos .- Mr. Jewett, of Nellore, writes, Aug. 24, "Since June I have baptized 26. Others are ready. My field is just becoming truitful. I expect many will come to fit themselves for the Lord's work. I can only pray for men, and money to meet the expense.' Mr. Jewett has seven young men studying with him, preparatory to entering the Seminary.

On Sept. 7, six more were baptized at Nellore. Others were preventel by the rain from coming from their remote villages. At Ramapatam, at the beginning of August, 25 were baptized and there were 40 additions during the month, and six more the first of September. God still continues to work with an outstretched hand.

AFRICA -Since the return of Mr. Vonbrunn to his station, he reports four bap-Tura on the Garo Hills. in company with tized at Vonbrunsville, and 22 more were to be baptized shortly. The natives are very anxious to hear the gospel, and there is great need of more laborers.

Sweden .- Mr. Wiberg spent a part of the summer in an extended missionary tour in the northern parts of Sweden. An edition of five thousand copies of the New Testament and Psalms, bound together, also warmly advocated our occupation of has lately been issued and sold at a reduced price, or copies given gratuitously for that work. It was our desire that as to poor Sunday-school children. More many members of our mission as possible than half the edition was disposed of in

## UNITED STATES.

Mr. Ackerman, Atty. Genl. has resigned. Ex Senator Mill of Oregon, it is expected, will be his successor.

Tweed has been arrested for swindling and committed to jail.

AMERICAN FISHERMEN AND THE TREATY .--The citizens of Cape Cod, assembled at Barnstable, Mass., and adopted the following Resolution :

Resolved-That in view of the inevitable effects of the Treaty of Washington upon the fishing interests of Cape Cod, we would urge upon Congress a liberal protection for that branch of industry, confident that unless some such course is adopted, the competition of foreign fisheries under the provisions of said Treaty between England and the United States, will ultimately destroy an occupation which has long been of great value to the commerce and marine of the country.

The parade of the Internationals in New York on Sunday came off without disturb-

Wm. H. Seward is very low from paralysis, at Auburn, N. Y.

The spread of small-pox in Brooklyn, N. Y., increases.

Mexican affairs grow worse.

# LATEST FROM EUROPE.

#### ENGLAND.

Latest despatches indicate decided improvement in the state of the Prince o Wales. The danger seems to have passed. The frequent bulletins are now discontinued and the symptoms are decidedly favourable to recovery.

Wednesday last gave no hope of recovery.

the establishment of Jesuit communities or the employment of Jesuits as doctrinal teachers in Switzerland.

Registration of Births and Deaths. Every Birth should be registered within 60 days after it has taken place. PENALTY for neglect, Two Dollars. Every Death should be registered before inter-ment, or within 10 days after death. Penalty for neglect, Five Dollars.

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At New Harbour, on the 3rd last, by the Rev. Augustus Shields, Mr. John C. Fanning, of Seal Harbour, to Miss Eunice M Sangster, second daughter of Andrew Sangs er. E-q.

At Manchester, on the 8th inst., by the same, Mr. John H. Dismal, to Miss-Margaret R Summers, both of that place.

At Manchester, on the 9th inst., also, by the same, Mr. John Henry S.rople, to Mrs. Elizabeth Aitkins, relict of the late John Atkins, of that place.

At Arcadia, Yarmouth Co, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Day, Mr. Abijah E. Ellis, of Beaver River, to Miss Martha E. eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Crosby, of Hebron

At Chegoggia, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. W. L. Parker, Mr. Benjamin R. Cook, to Miss Sarah Gridley, both of Yarmouth.

At Tusket Vil age, on the 3rd inst, by the Rev. P. R. Foster, Mr. Rowley Earl, of Salmon River, to Althea, daughter of A. Kavanah, Esq., of fusket Lakes.

At Newport, Nov. 9th, by the Rev. J. Bancroft, Hiram Smith, to aura Harris, your gest daughter of Mr. William Harris, all of Newport

By the same, at Walton, Nov. 25th, Silvias Roilt, to Sarah Francis, daughter of M. Saml. Davis, al! of Wa ton.

Deaths.

At Williamston, Annap lis Co., Nov. 13th, Mrs. Jacob Beals, aged 33 years. She died with a lively hope of a home in heaven.

On Thursday, in the 54th year of his age, James Mulronev.

At Salem River, (East Hali'ax) on the 9th. inst., Susan, beloved wife of Captai : Francis Glawson.

At Dartmouth, on Thursday, 14th inst., Jane M. Mason, beloved wife of Mr. George Mason.

On the 16th inst., in the 28th year of her age, Margaret C. Letson, bsloved wife of Heary H. Letson, and only daughter of Mrs. Joseph Vinecove, Matron of the Deaf and Damb Institution in this city.

On the 15 h inst., at Provincial and City Hospital, Patrick Malone, aged 23 years. At Port William, Annapolis Co., Dec. 3rd, 1871, Allen Clark, aged 71 years. Bro. Clark was baptized by Father Ansley fity years ago, and lived a consistent member of the Baptist Church till his death, which was both peaceful and triumphent. At Port William, Annapolis Co., Dec 3rd, Charley, youngest son of J. P. Foster, Esq. On Sunday, the 17th inst., Tobias E. Miller, aged 89 years.

## CHINA.

Keeping the Sabbath .- In the Chusan church very lax views of the Sabbath are entertained by many, and their practice of course corresponds. But there are a few noble exceptions. Most of those who were present last Sunday left their work in the midst of harvesting, when they can earn more than at other seasons of the year, and every day is of great importance to them. Some were up nearly all night, having left their distant fields at midnight, to walk in to the chapel. Really, such cases shame the laziness of some professing Christians at home.

Reading Chinese in Roman characters .--- I have been latoring of late, with some little success, I trust, in stimulating a desire to read the colloquial system in the Roman character. A large proportion of our members do not read at all, and consequently can make very little progress in Christian knowledge. I have classes of two, three, and four persons, at several of the stations, studying as they find time and opportunity, with the help of the



In the House of Representatives on Friday last, Hon. Mr. Wood, Treasurer of satisfied with the present Ministry, and that he had resigned his seat. In this conclusion, he was b. und to add, the Premier did not agree. After a warm discussion the House passed a motion of want of confidence in the Government by one of a majority.

It is supposed that the following will be the probable composition of a reform Cabinet, if the ministry are ousted.

Mr. Blake, Attorney General. Mr. McKenzie, Commissioner of Public

Works. Mr. McKeller, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Mr. Wood, Treasurer. Mr. Prince, Secretary.

The Grand Duke Alexis arrived at Mon treal on Thursday. The Mayor of the city took breakfast with him on Friday. He is said to have expressed great sympathy for the Prince of Wales and trusted that favorable accounts would be confirmed. In the change was agreeable. We arrived at afternoon the Duke drove to Lachine. No ceremony was observed in his proceedings. A despatch of a somewhat doubtful

was confidently anticipated :

The recovery of the Prince of Wales appears to be impossible. In case of his death a Council of Regency will be created. composed of the Duke of Cambridge, Duke of Edinburg, Princess of Wales and perhaps others. This is likely to take place immediately, and to be followed by a discus sion upon the power of the present Parlia. ment to continue its session, or whether necessary to go to the country as an extraordinary occasion.

On Tuesday there was a slight change for the better.

Then on Friday the announcement was made: " The Pri ce was tranquil all the af. ternoon. The course of the lever continues favourable. The Queen returns to Windsor to morrow."

Wherever this balletin was posted in London, it was received with great cheering. The Queen and other members of the Royal Family returned to Windsor and London on Saturday. We trust there may be no relapse and that the prospects of recovery may continue.

The anxiety respecting the Prince of Wales extended to all parts of Europe. Ireland shared in the same feeling. .

On Monday, at Truro, in the 57th year of her age, Elizabeth, wife of Daniel C. Smith. At Provincial and City Hospital, Dec. 17th,

Wm Warner, aged 34 years. At Elm Cottage, Cornwallis, on the 17th inst., Joseph Chase, Esq., in the 69th year of

his age. On Monday, the 18th inst., Mr. Wm. Ryan,

aged 58 years.



# PORT OF HALIFAX.

#### ARRIVED.

TUESDAY, December 12th .-- Brigts James, Bailieau, Batimore's Ma flower, Kenney, Boston; Schrs. Sardonyx, Banks, Baltimore; Swan English, Martinique via Turk's Islands; Morning Light, Meskell, Sheet Harbor; Spot-less Queen, Arnold, do; Forrest Lass, Walters, Shelburne; Helena, Ryan, Boston; Alcyone, Rood, Charlottetown, P. E. I; Argo, Smith, Liverpool, N. S; Lady Sarah, Cahoon, Port Medway; Electric Flash, Vogler, do. WEDNESDAY, 13th.-Stmr. Salsetta, Liver-pool, bound to Philadelphia; Brigts. M. H.

Morris, Patterson, Jannaica; Maggie S. (new) Sheet Harbor; Ella B. Butler, (new) Ashwood,