

and 10 months. He was an industrious young man and beloved by all who knew him. He had just finished a fine house not far from his parents' and was looking forward to happier days. He was the earthly prop of his father and mother in their declining days and the joy of his brothers and sisters. But God has bereft them. And now they mourn. May God comfort and sustain them. His funeral was attended by the writer. A sermon was preached upon the occasion to a great multitude. May God bless the occasion to the good of all who were present. Through this death God speaks to all in the community "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

T. M. MUNRO.
Florenceville, Carelon, Co., N. B.

For the Christian Messenger.

DONATION VISITS.

DONATION, \$105.10.—M. P. Freeman desires to acknowledge the kindness of those friends who met at his residence, Canaan, on the 4th inst., and departed, after an evening of social enjoyment, and appropriate addresses by deacon Felch and other brethren, leaving with us most substantial tokens of their good-will and affection. The sum given at the time with what has since been given by friends unable to attend amounts in cash to \$39.68, and useful articles, \$65.42. This is not the only act of kindness from this people. We pray that the Lord may abundantly bless the donors, and move their pastor to greater earnestness in his efforts to promote their spiritual good.

Nictaux, Jan. 20th.

Arcadia, South Yarmouth.—I wish through the *Messenger* to thank the people here for their kindness and liberality to myself and family during the past year. On a beautiful afternoon last summer our house was taken by surprise by our friends in Arcadia. Having no previous knowledge of their coming, we could scarcely tell what they intended to do. After spending an hour or two very pleasantly they went away leaving us the richer by forty dollars. On Dec. 6th, the church and congregation met to pay their annual donation which in cash and useful articles amounted to ninety-four dollars. After partaking of a sumptuous tea prepared by the ladies, the meeting was called to order and Deacon Amos Scott took the chair, and presented a purse with an appropriate address to which I made a brief reply. Speeches followed by deacon N. Holmes and others. Music—vocal and instrumental added much to the pleasure of the evening. For these and other expressions of kindness from my people, I would wish to tender my warmest thanks.

Yours,
J. A. MOORE.

Two donation visits lately made to us have greatly helped and cheered us in our work. We hope that other communities may "go and do likewise," help and cheer their minister. One held at West Brook contributed about 25 dollars mostly in money. The other at Advocate Harbor was deeply interesting on several accounts, contributing upwards of seventy dollars almost wholly in cash, and was purely a donation.

I baptized three persons last Autumn, but none of late. We have generally large and solemn congregations.
Yours fraternally,
D. McKEEN.

Religious Intelligence.

FLORENCEVILLE AND CENTREVILLE, N. B.—Dear Editor,—In 1868 I left Nova Scotia for New Brunswick, I think that I was directed by my Master this way. Circumstances which occurred at the time, and since, lead me to feel that it was of God. I came up the beautiful River St. John, as far as Florenceville, when it was impressed upon my mind that this was the place where the Master would have me remain and tell the story of Calvary to my fellowmen. Here at Florenceville I found a Baptist Church, though small and without a pastor. This is a pretty little village situated on the River St. John, and on each side splendid farms that did a Nova Scotia man good, to behold. I saw from outward appearances that the people were comfortable and able to do a good deal for the cause of Christ, if they were so disposed. Four miles from this place, between the River St. John and the State of Maine, lies Centerville, another

little village of considerable importance surrounded by fine farms. Here is another Baptist Church of nearly a hundred members. I found them also without a servant of God to preach to them the word of life. With these Churches of Florenceville and Centerville in the County of Carleton, I engaged to labor, looking to the Lord for success. Soon after I found other places, not far distant from these destitute of the gospel of God's grace, with three of them I have been laboring in the Lord for some time. So you see that my field is large and very important.

But the best of it is my labor has not been in vain. God has blessed me more or less every year I have been here, and since this new year 1871 has commenced, I have led 10 willing converts down the banks of our Jordan and "buried them with Christ in baptism," and I am looking for others to follow their Saviour in the same precious ordinance soon. The Lord is reviving his work at Centerville, reclaiming the wanderer, and converting the sinner. To his name be glory given.

But while God is speaking to the people in this place through the gospel and by his Spirit, He is warning them to prepare to meet him through death. Very sudden and alarming deaths have occurred in this community of late. On Wednesday the 4th of January, I attended the funeral of a young person who died very suddenly. The next day I attended two. An obituary of one of these is before you. To-morrow I attend another, Lord willing. It is a solemn time, God is speaking to the people in this land, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

I am hoping to see through the *Christian Messenger*, which visits me every week, that God is giving showers of blessing to all the churches in Nova Scotia. May this be a year of great success to every branch of the hill of Zion, and one of great success to Acadia College, and also to the *Christian Messenger*. I love the *Messenger* for the good it does, and I hope that every Baptist in Nova Scotia will patronize it; and that every educated mind among the Baptists will do something to support it.

Yours in Christ,
T. M. MUNRO.

Florenceville, Centerville, Co., N. B.

Dominion & Foreign News.

MONTREAL.—A fire occurred on Sunday in Notre Dame street. Three lives were lost by suffocation.

The Legislature of Manitoba will meet on the 2nd February.

The ravages of small pox are frightful.

THE QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK RAILWAY.—The Dominion Board of Trade adopted the following resolution respecting the St. John and River de Loup Railway:

"Whereas, it is deemed a matter of the greatest importance that the country should be opened up as far as practicable with railroads and canals, and that as the line from River du Loup to St. John, Halifax, and the Maritime ports would be a short direct line to the ocean through our territory.

"Resolved, that this Board recognize the desirability of a line from River du Loup to Woodstock or Fredericton as developing an important section of New Brunswick and Quebec and beneficial as affording a new and short route for travel and freight between the Provinces. Carried unanimously.

UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Barque "Kate Smith," Hamilton, of Yarmouth, N. S., was wrecked on New Jersey coast on Wednesday night. Captain Hamilton and eight of the crew were drowned.

Another steamboat explosion occurred on the Mississippi River on Saturday night. Eighty lives were lost.
Gold 111½. Exchanges 110.

There was an accident at the Brooklyn City Gas Works on Friday afternoon, caused by the giving way of supports. The gas escaped in immense quantities and, coming in contact with the flames from the Engine room, was ignited instantly. With terrible force the flame shot upwards, over two hundred feet, and the adjoining tenement houses were shattered as if by an earthquake. The man in charge of the engine at the time was killed and two others are missing. The total loss to the Gas Company is \$150,000.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

When it is known that Paris has capitulated and Peace is made, all the previous telegrams have but comparatively little inter-

est. The condition of the city had become wretched in the extreme, and the people reduced to the last degree of suffering by cold and hunger. Terms had been under consideration since Tuesday last, Gen. Trochu had resigned the Governorship of Paris and the Committee of Defence instructed Favre to make the best terms he could, but to bring the conflict to a close in any case.

Favre returned to Versailles on Friday, when the preliminaries were arranged. The bombardment had been suspended since Thursday.

A despatch to the *Chronicle* on the 29th says:—"It will require a firm hand to prevent the enactment of terrible tragedies in Paris. The city loathes the word 'surrender,' which will now have to be submitted to by its thousands of hungry mouths.

General Bourbaki's loss in his recent defeat exceeded ten thousand. It is reported that he has made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide."

It appears that in Paris on the 19th a mob, released Flourens, Miliers and his companions, and paraded the streets and committed some depredations, but failed to induce many to join them. Several were killed and wounded before the rioting was quelled.

The despatch of the 25th stated that at the capture of Dole by the Prussians, there were taken two hundred Railway Car loads of French prisoners and stores of all kinds.

Gen. Von Goeben forwarded a report to headquarters, in which he states the north part of France is cleared of any considerable body of troops except those which are in the various fortresses of the country. He states that bands of troops are roving about the country displaying the utmost recklessness of conduct, entering villages and depriving the villagers of the necessities of life. The insubordination evidenced is very great, and is producing a bad effect upon the people, who fear their own troops more than they do the Prussians.

This defeat and dispersion of the army of the Loire seems to have destroyed all hope of France outside of Paris.

The Garibaldi's gained a victory at Dijon, and captured many Germans. The Prussians were repulsed in attempts to retake the town, after a severe engagement which lasted twelve hours.

A fine of ten million francs has been imposed upon the citizens of Nancy and the surrounding district for the destruction of the railroad bridge near Tours by the French.

ENGLAND.—Ship *Marion Emerson*, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, from Savannah cotton laden, took fire at Bremen Haven and was nearly destroyed.

News from Dr. Livingstone reports him safe and well.

A semi official declaration has been received from Constantinople that henceforth Turkey will rely on herself for protection, and not on the interests and jealousies of European powers.

The Porte insists that the London Conference shall restore to Turkey the full control of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, and refuses to consent to any new international stipulation limiting the navigation of those Straits.

The Conference has again adjourned for one week.

It is announced that the marriage of the Princess Louise with the Marquis of Lorne is fixed for the 21st of March.

News of the Week.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Young Men's Christian Association was held in the Barrack Street Mission House on Saturday evening, the President, Mr. Morrow, in the chair. The membership committee reported an addition of 126 new members during the year, while over 70 names have been struck off the roll, leaving the present membership 541. The Library contains now about 2300 volumes, and an average of 15 books per day are issued. The reading room is frequented by about eighty persons daily. At the election of officers the following gentlemen were chosen: James B. Morrow, President; Dr. Slayter, W. B. McNutt, W. H. Wiswell, D. Blackwood, M. M. Lindsay and R. N. Beckwith, Vice Presidents; S. H. Black, Treasurer, and A. W. Eaton, Secretary. Towards the close Mr. Maclean called upon the members present to do something towards erecting a building for the Association. In answer to this appeal \$3,065 were subscribed by the members present.

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WINTERLY.—The last week has been sufficiently cold to satisfy the most hyperborean constitution. The thermometer on Tuesday stood at 18 below Zero in several parts of the province. In Halifax it was about 15 below Zero, at Ottawa it was 38; at Montreal 26; and at Quebec 41 below.

HALIFAX SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS.—Some of the city papers are of opinion that the Halifax School Commissioners meetings are necessarily open to the public. They have the disbursing of thousands of dollars of the people's money, and the people should be invited rather than have barriers against their attendance. It would be well for the people to know something more than they do of what takes place there.

UNION MEETING.—A Union Prayer Meeting will be held in Brunswick Street Wesleyan Church, on the 1st Monday of February, the 6th day of the month. Rev. G. M. Grant will preside, Subject for Prayer and exhortation, Self Consecration: Rom. 12: 1. Service to begin at 7¼ o'clock.

A SAD AFFAIR occurred on Monday evening, at No. 174 Upper Water Street. A Journeyman Shoemaker named James Kennedy, formerly of 47th Regt., came into the shop of Mr. J. O'Neil, where he had been working, partially drunk. An altercation arose respecting some tools and subsequently fighting, when Kennedy struck O'Neil in the forehead. In falling his head struck on the leg of a stool. From the effects of the two blows he died a few minutes after. Kennedy is in custody.

IMPORTS OF HALIFAX.—The imports at the Port of Halifax in 1870, amounted to \$8,157,054, and the duty collected was \$1,098,095.57. In 1869 he imports were \$6,488,496, and the duty \$909,221.35.

The ladies of Yarmouth propose, by means of a public entertainment, to raise the requisite funds for lighting the streets of that town with gas.

The Railway trains, east and west, were delayed last week by accidents. Happily no lives were lost and no one seriously hurt. The Blackburne Bridge near Elmsdale has settled about ten inches and it was not considered safe to cross it with the train.

A fine tug steamer, for service on the La-Have river, Lunenburg, is being built at Yarmouth.

FIRE AT BAY VERTE.—J. C. Harper, Esq., Bay Verte, lost about \$1,050 in goods and \$250 damage to store, by the fire last week. Goods insured for \$1,000 and store for \$300.

DROWNED AT HOMEVILLE, C. B., on the 19th inst., by breaking through the ice, Earnest and Emma, aged respectively six and eight years, children of William and Caroline Holmes. Not more than half an hour had elapsed from the time of their leaving home smart and joyous, when they were conveyed back, cold and lifeless.—How true the sentiment, "In the midst of life we are in death." The funeral occasion was improved by the writer from Amos iv. 16, "Prepare to meet thy God," which occasion was rendered unusually solemn by the members of the school to which the deceased belonged, with their Teacher Miss Annie E. Holmes, singing, in the presence of a large number of mourners and friends, the very suggestive words:

"Death has been here and borne away,
Two scholars from our side;
Just in the morning of their day,
As young as we, they died," &c.

It was made still further impressive by their walking in procession and uttering in melodious sounds at the grave:—

"Farewell, scholars! soon we'll meet you,
Where no cloud of sorrow rolls;
For glad tidings float, how sweetly,
From the glorious land of souls," &c.

May the bereaved family be supported in their severe affliction by the strong arm of God, and may all who shall read these lines, "Seek the Lord while He may be found."—Com. by E. C. S.

AMHERST.—Railway Accident. On Monday evening of last week at about half-past five, as the train from St. John was rounding the curve at Westmorland Point—above five miles from Amherst the snow-plough and two locomotives were thrown off the track; caused by ice having frozen on the rails where water had overflowed them, and seriously damaged.

In consequence of this accident and the snow-drifts there was no train till Thursday last.

Rev. James E. Balcom was at Amherst on Sunday last, engaged in the College Agency.

BADLY FROZEN.—On Thursday morning, very early, Robert Stubbs, Esq., drove to Sackville Station with a pair of Mr. Coffey's horses. About half-past twelve, p. m., the team returning without a driver, a messenger was despatched with another team. Mr. Stubbs was found lying in the road near Gordon's Hill, insensible, and badly frozen in face, ears, and fingers.—*Gazette.*

The Amherst merchants are agreeing to keep better hours; and give their clerks and themselves the opportunity of preparing to discuss important matters. The next question for debate at the Club, is, Should Prohibition be the platform at the next Local Election? It ought to be the platform long before the election, whether it is then or not.

GUYSBOROUGH.—On Thursday night, Mr. Mattocks, while going to bed, unfortunately set fire to both his bed and clothing. He was so much injured that he survived the accident only a few hours.

CAPE BRETON MARBLE.—The following extract of a recent letter from Mr. Brown proprietor of the Marble Mountain, indicates that he will soon be able to supply any amount of the finest qualities of this article. He says:—

"I have good news to tell you. We have struck the white marble in our new tunnel, only thirty-four feet in—fully one hundred feet nearer than we expected to find it. There is no appearance of anything else except white marble. We have it now all around from top to bottom. I have been here nearly two years trying to school myself in this wonderful deposit, and really every week's work opens up something new and exciting." The tunnel he says, will be a tedious job, as only three men can work it at the same time. We are going direct into the main block of white marble. The weather is very much broken and wet, but the workmen are now far enough in to be dry at all times, and the work goes on twenty hours out of the twenty four.

We received a very pleasant letter of thanks from our friend Kendall, since his return home, for a bottle of *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment* which we gave him, and which he says has entirely cured him of the troublesome and dangerous cough he had when here.

On the death of one of England's most eminent Physicians, all his effects were sold by auction, and among other things was a sealed packet marked "advice to Physicians," which brought a great price.—The purchaser on opening the packet, read as follows:—"Keep the head cool, the bowels open, and the feet warm." If physic is necessary, use *Parsons's Purgative Pills*; they are the most scientifically prepared pill that has appeared in the last hundred years.

Notices, &c.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Beaver River, —Miss G. Raymond \$10.00
Canada West,—"Giver," 3.00
Clementsvale,—Mrs. M. McNeil. 14.00
MRS. SELDEN,
Sec. Central Board.

Jan. 31, 1871.

The friends of Rev. P. F. Murray propose making him a Donation Visit on Thursday the 9th of February. We are sorry to learn that Bro. Murray has been severely afflicted by sickness in his family.

WESTERN HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

There will (D. V.) be a meeting of the Western Home Missionary Board on Wednesday, Feb. 8th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the residence of Deacon William Chipman, Bridgetown.

M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

Nictaux, Jan. 24th.

Dear Messenger,—

Allow me to call the attention of the members of the Western Home Missionary Board to the above notice of meeting. Urgent business demands a meeting as soon as possible. We regret that in consequence of circumstances beyond our control this notice is not given sooner. Brethren let us have a full meeting of the Board.
M. P. F.

CAPE BRETON QUARTERLY MEETING.

The next C. B. Q. M. will be held (D. V.) with the Brethren at Big Baddeck, commencing with preaching by the Rev. J. B. McQuillan on Friday evening, at 7 o'clock, Feb. 24th, 1871. May the Lord go up with us.

By order of the Ministerial Conference.

E. C. SPINNEY, Sec'y.
Homeville, C. B., Jan. 25, 1871.

BERWICK.—The Rev. E. M. Saunders is expected to lecture in the Baptist Meeting-house in Berwick on Tuesday, the 7th of Feb. next. The lecture to commence at 7 o'clock, P. M.

T. H. PARKER.

REV. J. MELBOURNE PARKER has removed to Port Medway, Queens County, and wishes all letters and papers for him to be sent there.

WESTERN BOARD OF INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund of the Western Nova Scotia Baptist Association, will meet D. V., on Thursday the 2nd day of February, at the house of E. M. Marshall, Esq., Digby, at 1¼ o'clock, P. M.
CHAS. RANDALL, Secretary.