

at any time. As respects the sympathy expressed, not in words but in deeds, I am happy to say that there could not, on hill or in dale, have been more shown or a more christian spirit manifested than there was on that occasion, and, I may add, that there was no disposition to wrecking in the case. ISAAC B. BONNETT.

Religious Intelligence.

YARMOUTH.—Dear Brother,—I herewith send you the names of three additional subscribers, making seven recently obtained in my field. I interest myself in the circulation of the Christian Messenger for two reasons. (1) It seems proper and reasonable that every suitable effort should be put forth for the circulation of our denominational paper, and (2) I find the paper is a co-worker in my efforts to advance the cause of truth and righteousness. Where the Messenger is taken and read there is far more sympathy and interest in our denominational enterprises than where it is not.

Last Sabbath was a memorable day in the history of the Baptists of Yarmouth Co. Bro. Stubbart baptised 21 at Ohio, Bro. W. L. Parker, (for Bro. Rowe who is indisposed,) baptised 32 at Hebron. Bro. Porter at the Temple baptised 3, and it was my privilege to baptize twice—2 at Milton in the morning, and 5 at Little River, a branch of the Arcadia Church in the afternoon. And still the good work advances.

May similar tidings soon reach you from other Counties!

Yours truly, ISA. WALLACE. Milton, Yarmouth, Feb. 1. 1872.

P. S. Bro. Rowe intends giving your readers soon an account of the marvellous work of grace in progress at Hebron. Already 62 have been baptised.

I. W. BERWICK, CORNWALLIS.—Rev. E. O. Read writes, Feb. 2, 1872:

Dear Bro. Selden,—Since the beginning of the present year, we have witnessed signs of encouragement in the Redeemer's cause among us. Some special seasons have been enjoyed when the clouds of darkness have broken away from our minds, and the Master's presence has been richly manifest.

Several young persons have been deeply anxious about the great salvation, and a few are enabled to hope in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. We are praying and hoping for greater manifestations of the Spirit's power and the Saviour's glory in our midst.

Yours very truly, E. O. READ.

ST MARY'S, GUYSBORO CO.—Rev. H. Eagles informs us he has baptized three believers since he last wrote. The principal excitement at St. Mary's, he adds, is in making money. When men are as much concerned on behalf of their souls we shall have better times.

SYDNEY.—On Sunday the 14th, the large congregations over whom Rev. Dr. McLeod presides, had the Sacrament administered—three church buildings being filled. Six other Presbyterian ministers assisted on the occasion.

On Monday evening there was a Missionary meeting in connection with the Sydney Congregation. In addition to the above ministers being present, the Rev. Messrs. Jost, Kendal, and Chipman were also present and addressed the meeting.

ORDINATION SERVICES were held at Musquash, N. B., on Thursday the 25th ult., when Mr. T. B. Layton was set apart to the work of the Christian Ministry. There were present at the Council, Revs. Carey, McKenzie, Boggs, Hickson, and Hopper, and several brethren from St. John. The following was the order of the services:

Rev. W. S. McKenzie preached the ordination sermon. Rev. G. M. W. Carey offered prayer at the laying on of the hands of the Elders. Rev. J. E. Hopper gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. W. B. Boggs gave the right hand of fellowship. Rev. E. Hickson delivered the charge to the church, and Rev. J. W. Titus read the Scriptures.

The Unitarian Society, New Bedford, Mas., has voted to dispench with the bread and wine in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper. The ordinance will not be given up entirely; but a suitable (as they say) memorial service will be held at the usual time with vocal exercises, mainly as before. They think that the change will lead to a more general participation in the exercises, especially amongst the young.—Church Herald, (Toronto).

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

THE HON. C. R. BILL. died at his son's residence in Billtown, on the 31st ult., aged 70 years. The complicated disease which occasioned his death manifested itself more than a year previous to his decease, and continued to play upon his system until it deprived him of life. His sufferings especially during the last few weeks, were at times very severe; but were endured without a murmur. Resignation to the divine will marked both his words and actions to the end of his course. His confidence in God appeared to be steady and unwavering. Though he frequently conversed with the pastor of the Church and others during the last few months of his life on the subject of religion, and in reference to his own state particularly, yet he never was heard to express the slightest doubt of his acceptance with God; or fear of meeting Him. He calmly awaited the death-summons relying alone upon the atonement of Christ. Seldom have we met a man who appeared to feel more keenly his own utter nothingness apart from Christ—and never with one who manifested a more constant and unshaken trust in Him. In the death of Senator Bill his three surviving children have lost an affectionate father, the church of Christ, a true friend, and our country a wise and judicious Representative. Hoping to see a more extended memoir of our brother written by one better acquainted with him than it is possible for me to be, I close this notice of his death; earnestly praying that the weeping children, and all the mourning relatives and friends may be sustained and comforted by the God of all grace.

"Friend after friend departs; Who hath not lost a friend? There is no union here of hearts That finds not here an end. Were, this frail world our final rest Living or dying, none were blest." "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure." (11 Tim. ii. 19.)—Com. by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

SENATOR BILL represented Kings Co., in the Provincial Parliament about seventeen years. At the Union of the British Provinces he was appointed to the Dominion Senate.

MRS. ALDEN HARRIS, died at Hillsburgh, the 16th January, aged 33 years. Sister Harris was born in Cornwallis, and was the daughter of John and Eliza Allison. About 12 years ago she was married to Mr. Harris, and came to reside in this place, when it pleased Almighty God to reveal to her her lost condition as a sinner, and to lead her to Jesus Christ the Saviour of sinners. She was baptized by the Rev. J. A. Moore into the fellowship of the Baptist Church, of this place; of which our sister lived a consistent member until her Heavenly Father called her to join the church triumphant above. For more than a year our dear sister was confined to the house by the disease which finally terminated in death. But although deprived of meeting with her brethren and sisters in the house of God, her mind was often raised above the infirmities of the body, and cheered with the presence of Jesus, which dispenses the gloom and makes all within us rejoice. She was very patient all through her sickness, and resigned to the will of God. She was a very affectionate wife, and a kind mother. Our sister has left a husband and three little children to mourn. May God support and comfort them in this hour of trial. A discourse was delivered by the Pastor of the Church, on the day of her burial, from the text, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." Com. by Rev. G. D. Cox.

Dominion & Foreign News.

The Customs returns of Manitoba show that the total imports during the year 1871 were \$1,292,305, and the duties collected thereon amounted to nearly \$40,000.

The Dominion Government have made an arrangement by the Canadian route to enable emigrants next summer, to proceed to Fort Garry in twelve days. The fare will be fifteen dollars from Ontario.

Miss McPherson's home for orphan children, at Belleville, Ontario, was burned down. One child perished in the flames. An appeal is being made for assistance to replace the building.

The Board of Trade Convention, at Ottawa, have passed a resolution unanimously recommending the construction of the Baie Verte Canal across the Isthmus connecting Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in order to shorten the voyage of the New England and other fishermen to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A RICH MINE.—J. H. Harding, Esq., has just returned from a very pleasant visit to Ottawa. He brought with him specimens of silver ore, taken from the mines recently discovered on the banks of Lake Superior, Ontario, of the richest quality. He informs us that the veins of this ore have been found seven feet thick, leading over a high mountain, and they are supposed to be of immense depth. Not long since a New York Company purchased this mine of boundless wealth from the Canadian owner or owners for the paltry sum of one hundred thousand dollars; and it is said that already they have taken from it ore worth a million of dollars. So much for the New York enterprise.—Visitor.

NORWICH, ONT.—A fire on Monday the 29th, ult., destroyed fifteen business places; the principal sufferers were James Burr, loss nine thousand dollars, insurance three thousand; G. Moors, loss five thousand, insurance twelve hundred dollars; D. Miller & Co. loss three thousand dollars, insurance two thousand dollars; R. A. Duncon, loss five thousand, insurance one thousand dollars.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

OPPOSITION TO THE SCHOOL LAW has assumed an organized form in influential quarters. On Sabbath last Bishop Sweeney denounced it from the Cathedral altar. This action was followed by a mass meeting in the holy place, which was duly organized by electing the Bishop to preside. Resolutions, prepared for the occasion, condemning the law and the Government that made it, and pledging the people to use all constitutional and legal means in their power to procure its repeal, were discussed and passed unanimously. Next came subscriptions, amounting to some \$4,000 for the support of Catholic schools. All the ecclesiastical power, intelligence, and wealth which the Catholic could command in the city were brought to bear upon this meeting. Here then we have a combined movement which will enlist if possible every Roman Catholic in this country against "Free Schools." What will the Protestants of New Brunswick say to this? Will they yield to the pressure, and bow their necks to Catholic domination? It suggests to us Protestant freedom or Roman Catholic bondage. Which do you prefer?—Visitor.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS.—The following are the School Inspectors for the several Counties, under the new Common School Act: Albert—James Carnwath, Riverside, Hopewell.

Carleton—James Edgar, Woodstock. Charlotte, exclusive of the Parish of Clarendon—James Mitchell, St. Stephen. Gloucester—James Smith, Bathurst. Kent—Thomas W. Wood, Richibucto. King's—David P. Wetmore, Clifton. Northumberland—James J. Pearce, Chatham.

Queen's, inclusive of the Parish of Clarendon, in the Country of Charlotte—Rev. Benjamin Shaw, Cambridge. Restigouche—Rev. Thomas Nicholson, River Charlo. Saint John—E. H. Duval, Saint John. Sunbury—Dr. J. H. Bridges, Upper Shiffield. Victoria—Dr. Xavier Bernier, Little Falls.

Westmorland—James Dalton, Bay Verte York—E. C. Freeze, Fredericton.—Intelligencer.

At a recent Temperance dinner in St. John, Hon Mr. Tilley stated "that the "surplus revenue of Canada, from the date "of Confederation to the close of the last "fiscal year, after providing for all expenses, but the interest on the funds used "in the Intercolonial Railroad and the "purchase of the North west would be 54 "millions of dollars; during the current "half the surplus has risen to six millions "and by the end of the fiscal year it would "be nearly 7 millions."

At Musquash, near St. John, N. B., on the night of Friday last, the wife of Mr. Jas. Johnson, went for a pail of water, and nothing more was heard or seen of her until Saturday morning, when she was found dead at the well, and covered up by the snow which had fallen during the night.

UNITED STATES.

The Greeley Republican general committee has resolved that the common council should impeach Mayor Hall and request the Legislature to temporarily abolish the Mayoralty.

The imports of dry goods at New York for January were nearly thirteen million dollars, the largest, with the exception of 1866, on record.

Stokes' trial will probably be postponed to March, in which case it will come before Judge Barnard.

The filibustering steamer "Hornet" now at Baltimore, has been libelled at the suit of thirty persons who shipped on the understanding that they engaged in the merchant service, and when out at sea were compelled to enlist in the service of the Cuban Junta.

Among the bills recently presented in the Legislature at Albany is one proposing the removal of the Presidents of the Irish and German Benevolent societies from the commissioners of Emigration.

The will of James Fisk, Jr., was admitted to Probate on the 1st. The estate was sworn to as not exceeding one million dollars. His widow is sole executrix.

The civil war in Mexico continues. The Revolutionists are cannonading Camargo.

A horrible accident occurred on Wednesday morning on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, near Rockfort. As the Buffalo Express train was nearing that point, a rail broke, precipitating the train over an embankment about thirty feet high, wrecking the cars which were set on fire by the stoves. Four passengers were instantly killed, and four more have died of their injuries. Some eighteen others are more or less wounded.

The Japanese Embassy party of 106 persons, left San Francisco for the East on Friday, in a special train of five palace cars.

Duke Alexis visited the Mammoth Cave on Thursday last, and left for Memphis, Tennessee.

The Bellingham Coal Mines and the houses outside of the shaft in Oregon, are on fire. The sea will be turned in to extinguished the flames.

Despatches from Washington say no information has been received by our Government, exciting fear that Geneva Arbitration will fail. Gold 104. Exchange 94.

The "Herald" asserts that President Grant is firm in the conviction that the case as presented by the American Government shall not be amended or withdrawn, and that the necessities of any British cabinet will not be permitted to force his administration into a false position.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.

Sir J. F. Bruce, Home Secretary, has requested the Magistrates of Bolton to explain their inaction during the late Dilke riots. Seventeen persons have been summoned to answer for acts of wanton destruction.

The Impression prevails in London that the Geneva Convention will necessarily disappoint the hopes of its friends—that in the end it will prove a failure. The Advertiser asserts that Chief Justice Cockburn, one of the arbitrators, will withdraw from the Board, and the government will repudiate the treaty.

A meeting in aid of the Livingstone Expedition was held at the Mansion House London on Tuesday the 30th. Subscriptions were received to the amount of £3000. Measures were taken to complete the Relief Expedition, and send it off at an early day.

Mr. John Bright's health is improving, and he hopes to be present at the opening of Parliament.

A large number of colliers have struck, and disturbances are apprehended at Blarnevon. The military are under arms.

1150 more emigrants sailed from Liverpool in January than in December. The Chicago fire stimulated the emigration of carpenters and masons.

The barque Manitoba went ashore on the 31st ult., day off Penzance, and is a total wreck. Four of the crew were lost.

Bombay, Jan. 28.—The British expedition under General Burchier, against the Loos has on the frontier of India, attacked the latter on Friday last, and inflicted considerable loss upon them, the expedition having four killed and a few wounded. General Burchier received slight injuries.

The British Parliament is to be opened yesterday. Some anxiety is felt in Great Britain and United States as to what the Queen's Speech will say respecting the Geneva Conference on the Alabama claims.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will be present at the thanksgiving services to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The meeting at Galway on Saturday, to nominate a candidate for Parliament, terminated in a riot. Order was not restored till many were severely wounded.

The "Times," in a leading article on Saturday, used the following language:

"We repudiate the construction which has been put on the Treaty of Washington in the American case, and must withdraw from the arbitration of this construction is insisted on; but if this point is reconciled we are ready to stand loyally by the treaty."

The press generally of the past week in referring to this matter took the ground that the United States proffered to have no settlement and wished to hold these Alabama claims as a perpetual menace for political uses.

SOUTH SEAS.—A heavy earthquake occurred at Panah, Hawaii islands, January 5, and Kilanea volcano was active.

FRANCE.—France is now in any thing but a settled state. One day last week.

General Cissy stated to the Assembly that the siege of Paris would not be raised, owing to the presence of Bonapartists and liberated communists, who would create disorder.

Many Bonapartists are arriving in Cor-

conv, and a letter from Napoleon is expected.

It is stated that Picard will move for the consolidation of the Republic and Orleansists and that the Duke D'Anmale will be made Lient, General of France.

In a recent conversation with Gen. Billott, President Thiers is reported to have said, "I am sincerely in favour of a moderate Republic, and long thought it possible. I now see that I was mistaken and that a Republic cannot exist even with my aid. I am compelled to seek the happiness of the country elsewhere."

Count Chambord has issued a manifesto to France claiming his right to the throne.

The Railway laborers at Ayres, struck and threatened to stop the trains. The troops have been sent.

A new play at the Vaudeville Theatre, notaining expressions favoring Imperialism and Bonapartists, caused great excitement. On Friday night Thiers ordered the play to be suspended and if necessary to close the theatre.

The Assembly on the 2nd by a large majority passed a bill authorizing the Government to notify England and Belgium of the termination of the Commercial Treaties. A motion for return of the Assembly to Paris was rejected.

At the Phillipine Islands 120 native soldiers rebelled and took possession of the fort. The regulars stormed the fort and killed all the insurgents.

The French Ministry will probably lose M. Perioe, and perhaps M. Say, in consequence of the refusal of the Assembly to return to Paris. The Orleans family favor the return of the Assembly and Government to Paris.

RUSSIA.—St. Petersburg intelligence has been received to-day of the destruction by earthquake of Shanachie, a town of Transylvania. The shocks were protracted and many lives were lost.

SPAIN.—A despatch from Barcelona says:—Stringent measures have been adopted for the prevention of further disturbances. Crowds who assembled on Tuesday burned houses where octroi duties were collected, and fired on the troops. The latter replied with such effect that two rioters were killed, and another seriously wounded. The place is now quiet and no further trouble expected.

A mass meeting was held in Madrid on Friday in the interest of political reforms.

The Porto Rico Deputies in the late Cortes, demand reforms promised that Colony in 1866.

Havana, Jan. 23.—The Spanish gunboat Astuto captured an English schooner and crew. The schr. was towed to Mazillo. Reported that the schooner had landed contraband of war on the Island when captured.

AUSTRALIA.—Australian news of the 23rd December says the telegraph cable from Java to Australia was successfully laid. The expedition to explore New Guinea will leave Australia in January.

The yield of the Australian gold fields is increasing.

A valuable Plumbago Mine has been discovered near Sentrifield, Australia.

Marriages.

On Jan. the 16th, 1871, by the Rev. Henry Eagles, Mr. William McConnell, of Indian Harbor, to Miss Eliza Jane Kennedy, of Wine Harbour.

On the 1st of February, by the Rev. Alex. Romans, A. M., William McNeil, to Miss Florence B. Drysdale, both of North West Arm.

In Windsor, Feb. 1st, by the Rev. D. M. Welton, Mr. Edw. Barry, to Miss Jane R. Miner, both of Windsor.

By the same, Oct. 25th, Mr. Abraham McDevigil, of Douglass, to Miss Bessie Rhodes, of Aylesford.

At Argyle, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. E. R. Foster, Mr. Daniel McL. Spowin, to Dorcas Ann, daughter of Mr. W. Gaudwin, of Argyle.

On the 17th inst., by the same, at Tusket Lakes, Mr. William Hatfield, to Sarah Moody, daughter of Dea. W. I. Youel.

By the same, at the same place and time, Mr. John Halstead, to Mrs. Mary Lent McConnie, all of Tusket Lakes.

On Onslow, on the 31st ult., by the Rev. J. Henry Chase, A. M., Mr. Ebenezer R. Creelmao, of Upper Srewickie, to Clara Gertrude, third daughter of Mr. Daniel McNaught.

Deaths.

On 6th Oct., on board schr. "La Moine," on the passage from Union Islands, Georgia, to South America, 19 days out, the Mate, Kinsman Parker, eldest son of Jonas G. Parker, of Bridgewater, of diarrhoea and sore throat, after a very few days illness, aged 27 years. May the bereaved relatives be supported with the consolations of Divine Grace in this hour of their affliction.

Dr. John Charles Forster, was born at Osnabruck, Hanover, Dec. 1799. Emigrated to Nova Scotia Dec. 1856, died at Nictaux Falls, Jan. the 23rd, 1872, aged 72 years.

At Tanook, on the 20th inst., Arabella, wife of Deacon Jasper Young, aged 40 years, after a lingering illness, which she bore with implicit submission to the divine will. Becoming