

none at all.—The Christian Messenger and the Provincial Wesleyan continue to sustain their influential and responsible positions as the organs respectively of the Baptists and Methodists. It is not too much to say, that these journals should be in every well regulated household of the denominations to which they belong. No one can read the accounts they give of the work of God throughout the world, without being greatly profited.—The religious papers have the first claim on the members and adherents of churches—not, of course, the only claim, but the first.—We may be supposed to say a good word for ourselves in this way: Well; be it so: it is a true word.

Having named these several issues from the provincial press the editor remarks:—

We wish all our contemporaries which we have named, a happy and prosperous New Year—a better year than they have ever had before. The press is becoming day by day increasingly useful and influential and it becomes Christians to take a deeper interest in its work.

We have not spoken of our secular contemporaries; they are literally "too numerous to mention." We wish them all increased usefulness and prosperity, and more success in fulfilling the noble Mission of the fourth Estate.

By our returning the compliment let it not be supposed that we are forming a "Ring" for mutual admiration, or that the sharp edges of the truths we hold respectively will be taken off by these means. The more we learn to appreciate the good we find in a brother the more concerned we should be that he shall be saved from previous error.

If it were necessary we might mention some of the fields in which the Witness is doing good service. It is doubtless a vigorous and faithful exponent of Presbyterianism, which the adherents of that body of course regard as the highest type of Christianity. In the endeavour to promote the circulation of God's Word, the observance of the Lord's Day, and the support of education free alike to all the people, our contemporary is a watchful guardian, an earnest advocate, and a persevering supporter.

We congratulate the editor of the Visitor on the reception of "a splendid turkey as a Christmas present" which he says was one of a flock of about forty all of superior size and quality.

Notices, &c.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Table with columns for recipient names and amounts. Includes: To the Editor of the 'Christian Messenger', Allow me again through the columns of your esteemed Messenger to acknowledge the receipt of more monies for our Foreign Mission, viz: On the 27th ult., per S. Selden, Esq., from J. H. N. Higgins, Westford, N. S., \$2.00.

Z. G. GABEL, Treasurer of the B. F. M. Dec. 26th, 1871.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Table listing contributions from women's mission aid societies: Billtown—Mrs. W. C. Bill, \$4.00; Upper Steviacke—Rosie A. Bentley, 5.00; Arichat—Mrs. W. B. Chandler, 2.00; Pine Grove—Mrs. Joseph North, 15.00; Fedogue, P. E. L.—Mrs. Edward Lidstone, per Dr. McDonald, 2.00.

Mrs. M. R. Selden, Secy. Halifax, Jan. 2, 1872.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS will meet on Monday evening, January 8th 1872, in the committee room of Brussel Street Church, St. John, N. B., at 7 o'clock.

W. S. MCKENZIE, Secretary. St. John, Jan. 1, 1872.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Table listing letters received: D. Whitman, A. Fleck, \$4. Rev. J. L. Read, \$2. Rev. D. Freeman, M. Sibley, correct. G. S. Chipman, \$4. A.

Table listing names and amounts for various individuals: Maclean, J. R. Stubbart, Rev. P. R. Foster, G. N. Ballentine, \$2.50. X. Z. Chipman, Esq., Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$6. A. McPhail, W. Sibley, Rev. W. E. Hall, G. W. Davidson, D. Fields, Rev. J. Shaw, \$4. Rev. J. E. Filmore, \$1.50. Mrs. R. Monteith, \$5. P. Johnson, \$1. D. H. Newcomb, 2. Rev. I. J. Skinner, \$4. J. S. Witter, Esq., \$2. A. Marshall, Esq., \$4. F. Parker, Esq., \$4. Z. G. Gabel, Esq. (2), 3 subs, \$6. C. Jost, Esq., Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., \$29. Rev. W. H. Richan, \$8. T. Brundage, T. H. Patton, \$2.50. A. Davison, \$2. N. R. Westcott, G. Thompson, M. I. Gridley, 1 sub., \$2. W. Churchill, 1 sub., \$9. Dr. Bars, G. Crossby, \$2. A. Roxby, J. Baker, \$2.50. Rev. J. Davis, H. E. S. Mader, \$5. M. Jeffery, Rev. J. B. McDonald, \$18—and \$2. for Miss. Norris, A. McPhail, 2 subs.—M. Kinsman, 1 sub \$2. M. Potter, Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$1. G. Freeman, \$4. J. D. Marsters, \$5. J. S. Witter, Esq., \$4. E. Potter, Esq., 4 subs., \$10.25. W. Longley, \$6. J. Bew, Esq., \$2—and \$5 for Home Missions and \$5 for Foreign Missions.

News of the Week.

THE ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.—The annual meeting of the Halifax Blind Asylum was held at the Asylum on Wednesday last, agreeably to the Act of Incorporation, to elect Managers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were appointed:—

- President—Dr. J. F. Avery. Vice do —George P. Mitchell, Esq. Corresponding Secretary—M. H. Ritchey, Esq. J. S. Maclean, Esq. W. H. Neal, Esq. G. H. Starr, Esq. S. A. White, Esq. W. C. Silver, Esq. Stephen Tobin, Esq. John Duffus, Esq. Charles Murdoch, Esq. Recording Secretary—Chas. Fletcher, Esq.

This Institution, was opened for instruction on the 1st August last, applications having been received from the number of pupils (five) at which it had been previously decided to commence.

There are two Lady Teachers, the Superintendent Miss Reynolds, and an assistant, Miss Dwyer, who is blind.

The domestic arrangements are under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth, who formerly superintended the Servant's Home in Lookinan Street.

The charge for pupils to those who can afford to pay it, was fixed at \$120 per annum. Five dollars per annum gives all the privileges of membership. The institution is open to visitors every day except Saturdays and Sundays.

Dr. Dodge was appointed Visiting Physician to the Institution, and the Board acknowledged kind services and advice rendered by him on various occasions.

MAN KILLED.—On Saturday afternoon as Owen Gildy, a Section Master on the Nova Scotia Railway, was walking along the track, near his residence, in the vicinity of Rocky Lake, he was seized with a fit, being subject to such attacks of illness, and falling on the rail was run over by the up train for Pictou and instantly killed. The body of the unfortunate man, which was mutilated in a shocking manner, was conveyed to his residence, where an inquest was held, and a verdict in accordance with the facts returned. The snow was falling so thick at the time of the accident that the engine driver did not see the man on the track.

THE SHOOTING CASE.—Pending the decision of the magistrate on an application for his release on bail, the examination of Captain Michael, of the brigantine Nina, upon a charge of shooting and grievously wounding Daniel Duggan, second mate of the vessel, on the night of the 25th inst., is suspended. When the Physician in attendance on Duggan pronounces him out of danger the captain will be liberated on bail. It is, however, considered almost certain that the man will recover. Capt. Blagdon, late of the schooner Maria, of this port, has been employed to take the Nina to Liverpool, G. B., and the vessel will sail thence in a few days.—Colonist.

DR. CURREN'S ACADEMY maintains its high standing. The late examination showed that its efficiency is fully up to its best days.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S CONCERT on Thursday evening was a rare treat, one not often enjoyed in Halifax. But for this Society there would be no opportunity in these parts of hearing the grand productions of the Great Masters of musical composition. Persons of musical cultivation and ability receive much benefit from the practice of such music, as well as confer advantage on the community, by improving the public taste and producing a relish for the finest works of the best composers.

The ladies of St. Matthew's Church and congregation have presented their Pastor, Rev. G. M. Grant, with a costly silk gown.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Thursday last Daniel McKinnon, a seaman belonging to the scho. "Linda," put off from one of the wharves with a boat load of coal for his vessel, which was lying in the stream. His boat got in the wake of one of the Dartmouth steamers, and being deeply loaded, she went down bow first. McKinnon struck out boldly for the steamer, which was immediately stopped. He succeeded in swimming to her and catching hold of the rudder, and held on until he was hauled upon deck.

A new barque "Eliza Alice" was launched at McPherson's shipyard, Richmond, Halifax, on Thursday last. She registers 582 tons, and is owned Messrs. E. Albro & Co., Joseph Kaye, David McPherson and Capt. William Mason. Capt. Mason will command her.

John Dull, Esq., Treasurer of the Chicago Relief Fund, has received from Mayor Meditt, of Chicago, an acknowledgment of receipt of the amount contributed by Halifax. The Mayor says:— "But for the charity evoked by our appalling calamity great numbers of our people must have perished, and amid the contributions for our relief that of generous Halifax stands prominent."

THE INVESTIGATION respecting the Franklin is closed and the committee will shortly report to the Central Board of Health. The pilot, Graham's statement is alone in showing that the captain stated there had been deaths from cholera on board. Dr. Jennings claims \$2000 for his services at Chetzetcook, and Dr. Rigby \$590 for his.

AN EXPEDITIOUS PARCEL EXPRESS has been much wanted for some time past. We hope now that the entire Western line of railway from Halifax to Annapolis comes under the control of the Western Company there will be some improvement. The whole freight business will doubtless be much improved by the new arrangement.

EPISCOPAL.—We obtain the following items from the Church Chronicle. On Sunday last the Rev. Mr. Barratt was admitted to the order of Priests, and Messrs. Tremain, Groser, and Merkel, were ordained Deacons. We understand that Mr. Groser is to be the Curate in St. Margaret's Bay, and that Mr. Merkel is to proceed to Digby to assist in the duties of that extensive Mission. Of the position of Mr. Tremain we are not informed.

On Christmas-Day an Altar Desk of polished brass was presented to the Cathedral as a Thank-offering from the Rev. John Bliss and his brother, Lewis Bliss, Esq. At the same time two Alms-Bags of well executed work of native Indians, were offered by Mrs. John Bliss.

The Offerings for the relief of the poor at the Cathedral on Christmas Day, amounted to \$101.

We also find in the same paper, the lessons for the first week of the year from the New Lectionary.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN JOHN NELSON.—By private letter to a gentleman of this city, we learn that Captain Nelson, of the barque "Mary A. Nelson," of Maitland, N. S., while at Buenos Ayres, left his vessel on Friday, 4th Nov., to go to the shore in his own boat, having with him a boy. There was a strong wind blowing off shore, and his wife watched him until the boat was shut out from her view by lighters lying in shore on the north side of the harbor. Nothing further was heard of him until Monday 7th, when his body was found in the inner roads so much disfigured and blackened as only to be identified by the watch and chain upon it. Neither the boat nor the boy were found. The case is a very sad one, as Capt. Nelson was a young man and had been married only four months. His wife was only 18 years of age, and is almost insane with grief. The funeral was a very large one, and much sympathy is felt for the widow. St. John Telegraph.

OUR WEST INDIA TRADE is suffering from the reports of cholera being brought to this port by the Franklin. It appears that very stringent quarantine regulations have been established in the Spanish West India Islands against vessels from Halifax. The Spanish Consul at this port has promised to represent to the authorities of Cuba and Porto Rico the healthy condition of all the ports of Nova Scotia, and urge the abolition of the special quarantines in regard to Halifax vessels.

ROAD STREAMERS.—The Yarmouth Herald gives a description of a road steamer and expresses the opinion that "there can be little doubt that it can be successfully used on the comparatively level roads in this section of Nova Scotia, at all events until the railroad is completed to Yarmouth."

We saw one of these vehicles in England, thirty years ago, and with the improvements since made we have no doubt but they might be employed to advantage on the road from Yarmouth to Annapolis.

A Prairie Wolf, or Coyote, was recently killed at Tatamagouche.

An iron bridge for the Intercolonial Railway at Little Forks, Nappan River, Cumberland, is being discharged from a vessel at St. John.

THE LAHAYE.—We learn from the Bridgewater Times that the Lahaye river, which during the late severe weather had been closed by ice, is again open for navigation, and several vessels which had been frozen up have got out of port.

There is, probably, no way in which we can benefit our readers more, than by recommending to them for general use Johnson's Anodyne Linctament. It is adapted to almost all the purposes of a Family Medicine; and as a specific for coughs, colds, whooping cough, soreness of the chest, lame stomach, Rheumatism, spitting of blood, and all lung difficulties, it has no equal that ever we saw or heard of.

The propriety of giving Condition medicine to horses, cattle, and sheep, was discussed and admitted by many of the Agricultural Societies throughout the State last fall, and we believe that in every case but one, they decided in favor of Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders. Good judgment.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ROME.—A note from Rev. W. N. Cote, dated Rome, Nov. 24, informs us that the anti-infallibilists of Europe are to publish a weekly paper in that city. Hyacinthe, Döllinger, Friedrich, Reinkens and Micheli are identified with this enterprise. Their names will be inscribed on the journal and its columns will be enriched by their contributions. The paper will be an octavo of sixteen pages, printed in French. The prospectus says: "Many friendly hands there are stretched out from convent cells, and some from the very threshold of the Vatican,—that august dwelling which should be the hearthstone of unity, but which is the home of distraction and schism. . . . We shall be aided by distinguished theologians, some of whom were in the Vatican Council; and we intend to give in detail the doctrines and acts of that famous assembly of which history will record that it was begun by an Ambuscade and ended by a Coup d'Etat." The "Old Catholic" Committee have invited the sympathizers with this movement to devote to its support their customary Peter's Pence contributions. Under the guidance of such devoted and eminent men as those named above, The Esperance de Rome can hardly fail to exert a powerful influence on the vital issues which divide the Romish Church.

Prince Gholam Mahomed has made a second donation of one lakh of rupees to the charitable fund which he established in 1869, for the relief of the poor of Calcutta. His Highness has expressed a wish that this sum should be distributed in the proportion of 80,000 rupees for the native and 20,000 rupees for the christian poor.

Captain Burton, the accomplished African traveller, is bringing home from Panyra the skeleton of a man eleven feet high, which is supposed to be one of the giants of Bashan.—John Bull.

It is reported that Mr. Cardwell intends to abolish regimental bands.

A DISCOVERY AT JERUSALEM.—It is stated on the authority of the Levant Herald that a valuable relic of antiquity has lately been discovered in the grounds of the Russian pilgrim's monastery outside the walls of Jerusalem. It is a shaft cut out of a single block and only half complete. From a description in the history of Flavius Josephus it is believed to be a column intended for the decoration of the ancient Temple of Solomon; but that, as the column split while it was being worked, it was left unfinished, the lower part of it remaining in a rough, unheaven state. The monolith is about thirty-nine feet in length by six in diameter.

A Jew named Pallinkow, has erected a college at Jalez, Russia. Cost 203,000 rubles.

Garibaldi lately wrote to the municipality of Turin: "So long as she has priests, Italy can only be a third rate power."

A lady who gave £20,000 to found Stockwell Orphanage for boys, has offered Mr. Spurgeon a like sum with which to found an orphanage for girls.

A deep religious interest prevails at Princeton Seminary.

The School Commissioners and the Roman Catholics have settled the Hunter's Point Bible difficulty by a compromise. The Bible is to be read in the School, but the Roman Catholic children are to remain apart in the class rooms. The expelled pupils are to be re-admitted, and all parties are to keep the peace.

THE FAMINE IN PERSIA.—Of all the calamities that have stamped their gloomy impress on this day and generation, the famine in Persia seems most woeful. Its incidents are as full of horror as a hideous dream. Here is one moving picture: Mr. A. J. S. Adams, travelling in Teheran about two months ago, says, that in the crowds who swarm in the barrack-square to receive a dose of small silver from the Shah, hundreds, men and women, are literally stark naked, worn to the bone, and covered with sores. The people follow the visitor howling for bread; "two men lie up on the ground quite dead, a third is laid upon one side of the bazaar, covered with a piece of dirty cotton. A naked woman lies in the agony of death, surrounded by a crowd of beings almost as badly off as herself. The next form is that of a woman, who scrapes from the ground a handful of melon-seed and flith, which she divides between her two children."

The people kill each other in the rush for the English rice that is distributed to them. Money is plenty, yet it cannot banish this desolation. Strange truth!—Money! that is so often worshipped as omnipotent!—E.

The American revisers, who have been invited to aid the Committee appointed by the Convocation of Canterbury for the revision of the authorized version of the Scriptures, met in New York on the 7th inst. The same evening a public meeting in the interest of the revision was addressed by the Dean of Chester, Prof. Schaff and Rev. Dr. Washburne. The names of the American revisers are for the present withheld.

From Mr. Roberts, of the Firm of Roberts, Reinhold & Co., Lithographers and Chromo Printers, Montreal.

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