

field as the mothers and sisters who remain at home? We can enter into their sympathies, we can understand their trials, and we have abundant means wherewith to furnish their support and the facilities of their work.

The paltry sum of two cents a week from every Christian sister would fill our mission treasuries. This sum from the sisters in the Baptist churches of the United States alone, would give eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) a year.

It appeals to every heart, and multitudes are responding. England began this noble work when she found the "missing link" and set it in the chain of Christian activities. The "Woman's Union Missionary Society," of New York, have established the fact that single ladies have the heart, the ability, and the opportunity, to do a glorious work in heathen lands.

I had the pleasure of meeting one of your missionaries, Miss DeWolfe, on her arrival in Rangoon, rowing out, or being rowed out, by a Chinaman in a small boat, to receive her from the ship and bring her on shore. She is doing a noble work.

It will give me great pleasure at any time to hear from you and the success of your work. The two Societies may thus become acquainted with each other, and mutually stir each other up to increased interest and activity in the Christ-given work.

Affectionately yours, LAURA A. BIXBY.

For the Christian Messenger.

LETTER FROM REV. R. S. MORTON.

WATERVILLE, AYLESFORD, Jan. 18th, 1872.

Dear Brother Selden,

It is three years and four months to-day since I lost the use of my lower limbs, which, calamity has deprived me of many privileges I once enjoyed, and during all that time, I have suffered continual pain, and often severe. My nerves have been, and still are quite unstrung, so that I have found it hard to write or converse or even think steadily on any subject.

"Not for my duties or desert, But of his own abounding grace."

"By the washing of generation and renewing of the holy spirit," I am what I am. Precious Jesus: what wondrous grace has he bestowed on sinners of a mortal race to make them heirs of God; O! how I long to be able once more, to tell the story of his dying love to all around.

It is the desire of my heart to do or say something in honour of Jesus, to hold him up between myself and poor sinners that they may see all his glorious form and be led to love and obey him. It is this desire that prompts me to write at this time. I have seen the awful end of the wicked and I see and know, that very many precious souls are hastening towards that end, and how can I hope to meet them at the judgment, and be clear of their blood, if I have failed to do what I could in order to prevent their eternal ruin.

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JESUS PRECIOUS.

Of all the names I love, To me there's none so precious, As he who lives above, My interceding Jesus.

Once in this vale of tears, With pity most surprising; He wrestled hard with fears, For sinners agonizing.

For thee, my soul for thee; His love, all love, exceeding, While hanging on the tree, For thee, he still was pleading.

Before his Father's throne, He now, for me is pleading, And hears my mournful cry, When this poor heart is bleeding.

Yes, when no other friend, Can satisfy my longing; All good to me he'll send, At evening and at morning.

Of His great love to me, I'll sing, through life, and dying, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing, with angels vying.

P. S.—I wish here to express my thanks to yourself, for the C. M., and to all my friends, who during my protracted affliction, have generously sent to our aid. My God bless them all, in my sincere prayer. I would just add, I have endeavoured to answer all letters sent to me with my enclosed. If any person has sent to me in that way, and has not received an answer, it is because I have not received their letter, or else my answer has not reached them. Some letters I have received have been roughly handled, and it may be some intended for me have not come to hand.

R. S. M.

Religious Intelligence.

YARMOUTH.—Bro. WALLACE informs us in a business note that he baptised sixteen converts on Sabbath, the 14th inst., into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Arcadia, making in all 43 since the commencement of his labour in Yarmouth. He has also added by letter or experience to the churches under his care about 50 others. He expects to baptise several next Sabbath and is much encouraged.

BRIDGEWATER.—Rev. S. March, writes, January 18th, 1872.—Dear Brother. The "Week of Prayer" was duly observed by us, and I hope that it will result in increased devotion to the service of Christ; inaugurate a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The services were interesting and, I trust, profitable. The attendance was good. We were favored on two occasions with the presence and aid of Rev. P. M. Morrison, Presbyterian, and several of his people seemed to take a deep interest in the services.

On Sabbath Evening we took a special collection for Home Missions, which I enclose herewith (\$6.25). Please acknowledge in the "Christian Messenger" and oblige.

Yours very truly, STEPHEN MARCH.

LAKE GEORGE, AYLESFORD, Jan. 12th, 1872.—I would say for the information of my numerous friends that I have been residing in this settlement for ten years, have made my own farm, and put up my own building; have laboured hard during the week with my own hands and as much as in me lies have laboured among the poor in the word and doctrine, on the Sabbath. I have been much helped during those preaching excursions by those to whom it will be said in that day, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

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Yours in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

C. MOSHER.

[Such labor as that indicated in the above is greatly needed in all our churches. There are outlying districts in the neighborhood of almost every church where brethren who are desirous of doing good might go and carry the gospel, and so rejoice the hearts of many who have no other opportunity of joining in the public worship of God. Go on brother and may a large blessing follow your efforts.—Ed. C. M.]

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Rev. Mr. Hopper, of St. Stephen's, N. B., is in a delicate state of health, so that he is going to the South for the winter.

ELDER KNAPP IN CHICAGO.—The Standard of Chicago says, Jan. 4th:—Elder Jacob Knapp is holding a protracted meeting with the Western Avenue Church, with marked results. Quite a large number of conversions have taken place, and a deep religious feeling pervades the congregation.

INDIAN CHIEFS.—It is stated that the Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Silas Wright, is a Presbyterian preacher; the Chief of the Choctaw Nation, Lewis Downing, is a Baptist preacher; and the Chief of the Creek Nation, Samuel Chihote, is a Methodist preacher. We understand that the Chief of the Seminoles, John Juniper, is also a Baptist preacher.

LIBERAL.—All the ministers in Dighton, Mass., were remembered at a late Christmas tree gathering held at the Methodist Church. The Baptist clergyman received a turkey, the Methodist a goose, and the Unitarian a cord of wood. The Baptist thought the goose, being a water fowl, was intended for him, but no change of birds took place.

The Rev. Henry Miller, D. D., of Elizabeth, N. J., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Warthen street Baptist Church in Lowell.

Dr. Miller's early days were for some time spent in Halifax.

Dominion & Foreign News.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—At the New Dominion Board of Trade meeting the United States Consular fees and Customs charges were considered unjust to Canadian Merchants, and a committee was appointed to confer with the Executive of the National Board of Trade at Washington.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE REV. I. E. BILL left St. John, N. B., in the Express last week, to visit his brother Senator Bill, who is not expected to live, but owing to a thick snow storm, after being out about an hour, she was compelled to return.

THE SHOOTING AFFRAY IN ST. JOHN, N. B.—Mr. Whitman, who was shot at by Isaacs at the Waverley House, called at the office of Justice Gilbert on Thursday and said he did not desire to appear against Isaacs. He appears to feel sorry for the part he has taken in the unfortunate affair.

EARTHQUAKE.—A sharp shock of an earthquake was felt at Moncton about six o'clock on Monday morning 15th inst.

PROFESSOR Elder delivered his lecture on Tennyson, in the Mechanics Institute on Monday of last week. The Telegraph says "the lecture was heard with great attention and frequently applauded."

A FIRE broke out on Monday evening in the wooden building occupied by A. and T. Gilmour, and did serious injury to it and the adjoining building occupied by W. O. Gibson.

An action for libel brought by Alderman Forbes, of St. John, N. B., against the editor and proprietor of the Freeman newspaper, in that city, has resulted in a verdict for the defendant.

UNITED STATES.

The Japanese Embassy numbering 105 persons now in San Francisco; will visit all the Foreign powers, and arrange for a revision of the treaties. It comprises persons of the highest rank ever sent abroad, including five Japanese Princes to go to Vassar College. They are higher in rank than Damous. They first visit Washington and London, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Vienna, and Versailles.

John McLane and Samuel Hanson, firemen of the English steamer "Tiber," lying at Boston, quarreled on Friday, and McLane was stabbed dead.

In Middleboro, Massachusetts, Charles W. Leach, dentist, while delirious from drink, shot four citizens on Friday—two it is supposed fatally.

The "New York Spirit of the Times" nominates Charles Sumner for president, in opposition to Grant.

The excitement is subsiding at New Orleans, the Warmouth faction having gained the ascendancy.

Prince Alexis has shot his first buffalo, and telegraphed the fact to his father the Emperor. The hunting party are on the North Platte, having a grand time. Weather warm and pleasant, and buffalo abundant. The Indians were to give a war dance last night.

The House of Representatives have voted against the repeal of the Income Tax. They have also voted against giving any drawback on Materials imported entering into the manufacture of ships. This last vote is considered decisive of the intention of the House to refuse bounties of fishing vessels.

The loss involved in the publication of a daily religious newspaper in New York is said by Mr. Douglal to be at the rate of \$36,500 per annum; which shows that the majority of New Yorkers are either so good that they don't require religious reading of that sort, or so bad that they won't try it.

The Nova Scotians in Boston purpose to organize a Benevolent Society, for the aid of Nova Scotians coming to or who are in Boston.

Mr. Hall, of Maine, presented a bill in Congress on Monday to admit shipbuilding material free of duty.

A bill was also introduced authorizing the construction of ten new steam sloops of war. Leading Democrats appear to have selected as their nominees in the coming contest, Gen. Hancock for President, and B. Gratz Brown of Missouri, for Vice President. Gold 94. Exchange 98.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.

It is stated in a telegram that on Tuesday of last week while a meeting of Loyalists was being held at Wellington Barrack, Knightsbridge, a mob of Republicans broke into the hall, expelled the Chairman, demolished the platform and furniture. Though the police were outside they made no efforts to prevent the disgraceful behaviour. The rioters had possession of the room for an hour when they retired singing the Marseillaise.

At the annual meeting of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday the 16th Mr. Mandella, M. P., admitted that he was convinced the settlement of the Alabama claims by the means provided in the Treaty of Washington would prove satisfactory.

A Channel Tunnel Company has been registered as a legal corporation. The so called Countess Derwentwater has renewed her claims before the courts to the Estate and Fiefdom of Derwentwater.

John Stuart Mill declined to preside at the mass meeting to be held in support of Sir Charles Dilke, at Freemason Hall.

A parliamentary election is in progress in Kerry. There is intense excitement and violent scenes apprehended. The constabulary has been strengthened, and every step taken by the local magistrates to prevent riot. The riotous excesses in Knightsbridge were repeated at a school house, where a mob smashed the furniture, and set it on fire. The disturbance was finally quelled by the police, and the rioters dispersed.

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' Purgative Pills; they are the most scientifically prepared pill that has appeared in the last hundred years.

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The Danish King congratulates Queen Victoria on the recovery of the Prince.

Prince Arthur has arrived at Berlin. The Duke of Edinburgh takes charge of the new iron-clad Sultan.

The jury has convicted Christiana Edmunds, at Brighton, in the poisoning case. A contract was signed on Tuesday to lay a cable direct to New York.

A treaty for the cession of Dutch Guinea to England meets violent opposition in Holland.

Cardinal Cullen protests against making education in Ireland wholly secular.

Seventeen thousand five hundred quarters American wheat arrived at Liverpool within three days of last week.

An explosion in a cartridge factory in Greenwich damaged the building, and many girls employed in it were injured, several fatally on Thursday last.

BOMBAY, Jan. 18.—A dangerous revolt Among the Hoo Jahs of India has been suppressed. At the first sign of trouble troops were despatched from Della, and marched direct to the head quarters of the rebels whom they met in large force, but completely defeated them, killing one hundred and taking several hundred prisoners. The rebels dispersed, and the country is now perfectly tranquil.

A Bombay telegram reports, the loss of a vessel off Surat and 35 natives drowned.

FRANCE.—The Principal of Alditry, Le-Francaise, has been condemned by the German Court Martial to three months imprisonment for hostile demonstrations of the students, causing much uneasiness in Paris.

The Government has demanded of Austria the extradition of Gambetta's Private Secretary, M. D. Esenes.

The Assembly has adopted a resolution that the proposed tax upon raw material be resorted to only upon the failure of other taxes to meet the expenses of Government. Ministerial changes are expected in consequence.

France is excited by the threatened resignation of M. Thiers, on account of the rejection of his tariff measures.

A mitrailleuse had been seized in the house of a carpenter at Bordeaux.

A strike occurred to-day among the compositors of Stuttgart and the workmen of Charleroi, for higher wages and reduction of the hours of labor.

At Gay, the red flag was raised, but was immediately lowered by the authorities; ten ringleaders have been arrested.

M. Thiers and his cabinet resigned on Saturday causing great excitement. The Assembly refused to accept his resignation, only six dissenting votes. He finally withdrew it, but said he was so worn out and discouraged that he could not change his opinions and sentiments. Conflicts were likely to occur when military and education bills were discussed, and sooner or later he would be compelled to retire.

President Thiers is receiving expressions of public confidence from all quarters.

The diplomatic representatives of foreign governments waited on him in a body yesterday, and presented their congratulations on his determination to remain at the head of the government. The greeting received by the President from Count Orloff, the Russian ambassador, was particularly noticeable, warm and cordial.

It is said that all the fragments of the Column Vendome have been recovered, and it will soon be restored to its former position.

A large body of troops and a number of men of war have been concentrated at Marseilles, owing to recent disturbances.

ITALY.—The Italian Parliament was to assemble on Wednesday last.

GERMANY.—The published statistics show that 9,000 emigrants left Germany last year, nearly all going to the United States.

Another Prussian soldier in the department of Meurthe, has been assassinated. The German commander demanded the surrender of the assassin; and the French authorities are searching for him.

AUSTRIA.—Both Houses of the Austrian Reichsrath have addressed the Crown on the increase of discontent among the subjects from misgovernment and increase of taxation.

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