

MRS. CAROLINE PAYSON, wife of Mr. Adolphus Payson, died on the 5th inst., at Halifax, in the 66th year of her age. Mrs. Payson had been for many years a disciple of Christ. She put on Christ by baptism in early life at her home in Annapolis County. She was much endeared to her family and christian friends. During her protracted illness she was resigned to the will of God, and very happy. Mrs. Payson in her journal, a fragment of which was found since her death, writes: "Twelve months ago I was listening to a very interesting discourse from Elder C. Randall, also heard of the death of dear Father Dimock, whom I had seen a few days before at the Association." [at Bridgetown.] "I had a blessed season in prayer to-day. Blessed be God for what I felt this morning. I had faith to draw down the blessings of heaven, faith to plead with God for my children, for sinners around me, and for the church in this place." This prayer was offered up at her home in Round Hill, Annapolis County. About this time death seemed very near, and of the solemn event she thus speaks: "Have felt to-day that my earthly tabernacle would soon be dissolved. Oh, that I may have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." These extracts from the part of the journal kept by Mrs. Payson show that it was the habit of the departed to commune with God.

Home Missions.

For the Christian Messenger.

HOME MISSIONS.

It was not my intention to present anything to the public in reference to my late labors in Port Hawkesbury but looking over your columns, this evening, I was somewhat surprised by seeing an extract from a note which I sent to the Home Mission Board as a mere accompaniment and explanation of my returns; not thinking that it would fall beneath the eye of any except the members of the Board; as it could not be properly understood except by those who examined the returns. Remembering the kindness and affection shown by the people there, it would be unjust and ungrateful in me to represent them in the light in which they are set before the public in that extract. I spent eleven weeks in Hawkesbury, and vicinity. Found the church in a sad condition, numbering scarcely upwards of a score; and not having met in conference for nearly two years; yet there were a few faithful ones, who had been longing and laboring for the prosperity of Zion, contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. These were ready to join, heart and hand, with me in the arduous work; and by my journeying daily from house to house, encouraging christians and recommending Christ to all, others became more interested until the congregation, at first, numbered by scores, might be numbered by fifties; and the increased attention bespoke a deep feeling in many hearts. I trust that the seeds sown in much weakness will spring up in after time, not to my glory, but to his to whom all glory is due. It is due to the friends to say a word in reference to the amount collected for the Board; which was spoken of as "so small." It was small, would that it had been larger; but considering their number and ability, it speaks well for them; and churches possessing more wealth have even been applauded for the giving of scarcely an equal amount, and it may be well said of them "They did what they could." They are earnestly praying and anxiously enquiring for a minister to settle among them. The place is destined to future greatness. Error has already entered, and drawn some away from the faith of the gospel. Shall we yield to them the ground already gained by us? Shall we not rather bear up the true standard in the name of the Lord of Hosts and enter in to possess the land? O that one would go, filled with the spirit of the Master, to break the bread of life to this hungering people, is the prayer of,

W. SPENCER.

Wolfville, Sept. 19th, 1873.

Religious Intelligence.

TUSKET.—Rev. P. R. Foster writes Sept. 18th:—"I have had the pleasure of baptizing two this week and admitting them to the fellowship of the Tusket Church, with another who was received by profession, having been baptized before.—One of the number baptized is 78 years old. Rev. W. C. Rideout is now with his

friends at Tusket on a visit. He is laboring with his usual devotion and earnestness. May the Lord bless to us his visit.

Yours in Christ, P. R. FOSTER.

Tusket, Sept. 18th, 1873.

PORT MEDWAY, Sept. 20th, 1873.—Dear Bro. Selden.—We are encouraged to labor on for the progress of Christ's kingdom in our midst. Last Lord's Day I had the pleasure of baptizing two happy rejoicing souls in the Melway at Mill Village.—There, as also at Port Medway, our congregations are good, and very attentive to the word preached. We are looking for more signal tokens of the Divine favor in this field hitherto barren, unfruitful many years. I trust that the holy resolves made during the services at Windsor recently, may result in showers of blessing on many a thirsty heritage in these Maritime Provinces. Yours in Christ Jesus, AUGUSTUS SHIELDS.

We learn from the Bridgetown Monitor that Rev. W. G. Parker has accepted a call from the "Lawrencetown and Valley West Church" and that he entered upon his labors there on Sunday 14th inst.

Bro. George O. Gates has commenced his labors with the Baptist Church at Liverpool. May the Head of the Church confer a large blessing on these brethren and the churches with whom they labor.

We understand that the Rev. Mr. Blakeney, now stationed at Fredericton, N. B., who is said to be a very popular minister, has accepted the unanimous call of the Baptist Church, at Nietaux Falls, in this County. Mr. B. has a brother stationed at Lower Granville.—Monitor.

Father Hyacinthe has got along so far as to deny the corporal presence of Christ in the Sacrament. In one of his recent sermons at Geneva, he affirmed, in explicit language, that the true Catholic doctrine of the Eucharist had been grossly corrupted and materialized, citing even later Catholic theologians to show that no material or physical change whatever was wrought by the act of consecration in the holy elements. They were spiritually converted into the body and blood of Christ, through which, as instruments or means, the souls of the faithful communicants were fed with spiritual food in the partaking of that Sacrament.

Spurgeon spent his summer holiday in a way, says the Sussex News, which his friend and admirer, Ruskin, would be sure to approve. A gentleman placed his carriage at the preacher's service, and the two travelled together from place to place in the county of Kent, viewing its scenery and conversing with its people; and as there was room for another, they took along the hard-working secretary of one of the home mission societies. The worthy trio couldn't help having their fill of enjoyment.

METHODIST.—"CAMP MEETING JOHN ALLEN" has commenced his annual round of camp-meeting visits, and, though nearly seventy-nine years old, remarked that he felt as "young as at twenty-six." He claims to have attended two hundred and thirty five camp-meetings.—N. Y. paper.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALFAX, N. S., SEPT. 24, 1873.

It is reported that Parliament will be called together early in November.

The Royal Commission have been receiving testimony on the Pacific Railway affair and have nearly got through the list of witnesses given in by Mr. Huntington.

Whatever these have failed to prove it is unquestionable that vast sums of money were expended in the late elections by both parties—far more than the legitimate and necessary amount required to pay for the mere machinery and labor. If this exposure should result in suppressing such a corrupt state of things it will be doing good service to the country, and the morals of the people.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. JOHN.—On Monday of last week, a man named William Miller was committed for trial in the Supreme Court on a charge of having robbed Capt. Jas. Crowe, of Truro, in the streets a few nights ago.

The Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of Honorable George W. White as a member of the Executive Council of New Brunswick.

Mr. Howard, teller in the Montreal Bank at Newcastle, shot himself in the breast with a revolver on Monday morning, and died in half an hour. Cause unknown. The verdict of the Coroner's inquest was "temporary insanity." The deceased was a very steady young man, and was well liked in the community. On his way to church on Sunday with Mr. Winslow, the manager of the bank, he complained of being low spirited. It is reported that some family trouble weighed on his mind for some time.

P. E. ISLAND.

The Elections for the Dominion Parliament were held on Wednesday and resulted as follows:

Queen's County, D. Laird and P. Sinclair.

Prince County, James Pope and James Yeo.

King's County, D. Davis and A. C. Macdonald.

Both parties are calculating on having an acquisition of strength in these gentlemen coming to their ranks, but it is altogether uncertain yet which party they will support.

An Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition will be held in Charlottetown, on the 14th and 15th of October ensuing.

The vessel that was towed into New London Harbor last week, dismasted and water logged was the "Thetis," of LaHave, N. S. Three bodies, those of two men and a boy, were found on board. They were apparently brothers. The boy was found in the bunk partially undressed. It is seen by the ship's papers that the crew 12 in number, consisted of two families, Corkum and Shenkle by name. After an inquest was held on bodies by Mr. Pingeon, coroner, they were decently interred. The "Thetis" has lost her mast, but her hull has received no damage. She was loaded with codfish.

UNITED STATES.

The great banking house of Jay Cooke & Co suspended on Thursday last, causing a panic in financial circles. Stocks took a tumble generally from 3 to 10 per cent, caused as much by apprehension of the future as by the existing condition of affairs. The suspension is attributed to large advances made to sustain their Philadelphia house and the heavy drain upon their own deposits.

A Washington despatch says the suspension of Jay Cooke & Co, created intense excitement at Washington. The private banking house and the first National Bank, of which they are owners, have suspended.

The following was posted on the office door of Jay Cooke & Co. at Philadelphia:—"We regret to be obliged to announce that, owing to unexpected demands on us, our office has been obliged to suspend payment. In a few days we will be able to present a statement of our affairs to our creditors, until which time we must ask for their patient consideration. We believe our assets to be largely in excess of our liabilities." Signed, Jay Cooke & Co.

The London House of Jay Cooke & Co. is said not to be affected by the failure in New York. The firms of Richard Schell; Robinson & Snyder, of New York; E. W. Clarke & Co., of Philadelphia; and the First National Bank of Washington were carried down in the crash. Cooke himself expresses no doubt of the firm's ability to pay all its liabilities.

A cable despatch from Scotland announces that the survivors of the "Pelaris" were picked up July 20th by the whaler "Havensraig" and transferred to the str. "Arctic," which landed them at Dundee on Thursday.

The Pacific Mail steamship "Costa Rica" ran on the rocks coming into San Francisco harbor on Thursday morning, and will probably prove a total wreck. Passengers, baggage and part of the cargo were saved.

The southern express train on the Pennsylvania Railroad on which President Grant was passenger, was run into Thursday night by the Cincinnati express, smashing an engine and injuring several passengers. The President was uninjured.

The revelation is made that Mills and Rodman, of the Brooklyn Trust Company rifled a trunk of a half a million dollars in railroad bonds.

A fire broke out in Chicago on Wednesday, in the hay depot of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, on Newburyport street, and spread with great rapidity, as the locality was mostly wooden dwellings of two or three stories, and before it was checked sixty four houses were destroyed, only one of them being brick. A strong wind was blowing, and cinders were carried a great distance. Immense crowds rushed to the conflagration, and the excitement was very great, there being fears of a repetition of the calamity of 1871. The loss is estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000.

The propeller "Acorn," of the Vermont Central line, was burned on the night of the 17th, on Lake Ontario; the passengers 50 in number, and the crew, were with difficulty saved.

The Terrehaute nail works were burned on Friday last; loss 122,000 dollars.

Four persons were burned to death in a dwelling house at Williamston, Ky., on Tuesday night.

There were nineteen suspensions in New York and several in Philadelphia on Friday.

Many leading stocks declined 55 to 25 per cent.

It is thought that the worst of the crisis has passed. Measures have been taken to restore public confidence, and to relieve the temporary financial distress. Government was to purchase ten millions of bonds on Saturday which, it was believed, would give the needed relief.

The announcement of the discovery of heavy defalcation in the Union Trust Co., causes a still further heavy fall of stocks.

The Secretary of the Northern Pacific Railroad announces the temporary suspension of the construction of the road, on account of the failure of Jay, Cooke & Co.

The Stock Exchange is closed. Members who deal in stocks until further orders will be expelled.

Capt Thurston Macomber, of Fairhaven, Mass, who commanded the bark "Osprey" of New Bedford in 1851 to 1854, has been summoned to England by cablegram to testify in the Tichborne case.

Yellow fever is still unabating at Shreveport. The present population is 30,000, including 10,000 sick and convalescing.

Despatches on Wednesday said the decrease in number of deaths is greatly owing to want of material. The mortality is beyond precedent, and it looks as though but comparatively few will get well. Stores are all closed and dwelling houses turned into hospitals. In fact Shreveport is one great charnel house.

ATTEMPT AT MURDER IN PORTLAND, ME.—An Englishman, named James Hawkins, shot his wife, formerly a widow named Rachel McKinney, of Nova Scotia, in the breast, on Tuesday afternoon in Portland, Me. She had refused to live with him, after being married a year, on account of his intemperate habits. He was drunk at the time of the shooting, and entered a yard where she was hanging out clothes. She is in a critical condition.—Chronicle.

The Rio Grande river in Texas has overflowed its banks causing great destruction of cotton and damage to railway and telegraph lines.

The Propeller "Ironides" founded during a terrible gale in Lake Michigan, off Grand Haven on the 15th inst. The roughness of the water prevented any aid from the shore. Some of the propeller's boats were swamped and the occupants drowned. Fourteen bodies have been recovered. The propeller had forty-nine persons on board, of whom nineteen were passengers.

At a conference on the Fifth Avenue Hotel between representative capitalists of New York and President Grant, with Secretary Richardson, the capitalists asked for the issue of the legal tender reserve, which was refused. It was decided to buy an unlimited amount of five-twenties at par in gold.

There was better feeling in financial circles and the stock exchange on Monday.

Portions of Florida were visited by a terrible storm on Friday. Stores were unroofed, thirty or forty houses blown down, and others badly damaged. A great number of gin houses were destroyed. The crops are considered ruined. Three or four lives were lost, a large number of animals killed, roads blocked by falling trees, and telegraph wires and fences are down for miles. The loss is immense. St. Marks is completely washed away; only two houses left standing. Newport is also reported gone.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—Several changes have already been made in the English Cabinet, and others are talked of. Mr. Gladstone is Chancellor of the Exchequer, as well as First Lord of the Treasury, Mr. Lowe, Home Secretary, Mr. Ayrton, Judge Advocate General, Mr. W. P. Adam, Board of Works.

The "Great Eastern" has arrived at Portland. Her failure to repair the broken cable of 1865 depresses the stock of the company, and it is said that no further reduction of tolls is possible.

The "Mark Lane Express" says the potato disease is spreading rapidly. The "Express" estimates that England must import 12,000,000 quarters of wheat this year.

The British press treats with unsurpassed humor the failure of the Transatlantic balloon project.

A serious riot took place at Tralee, Ireland, on the 15th. Several houses were gutted. The police charged on the mob with fixed bayonets before they could be got to disperse.

Eight persons were killed and several injured by the falling of a wall of a burned building in Devonshire on Sunday the 14th inst.

The Wardens of the Newgate prison have been found innocent of the charges of bribery in connection with the plot for the escape of the Bank of England forgers.

The Dundee papers give the statements of the officers and crew of the "Pelaris." They say that they did not purposely abandon the shore party, but after the vessel broke adrift it was impossible to ascertain even their location.

The London Times in an editorial upon the financial crisis in New York, considers the crisis as the effort of the financial system to get rid of dishonest elements.

Recent rains have caused inundations in Forfarshire, Scotland. Much property was destroyed.

A full freighted schooner, name unknown suddenly sunk in the Mersey on the 16th carrying down all on board.

A despatch from Calcutta announces the loss at sea of the ship "Indus," coolie laden. Four hundred and eighteen coolies perished.

A heavy gale prevailed around the British coast on Wednesday, and it is feared much damage has been done to the shipping.

Starnes, the English traveller, has arrived at Paris from Central Africa. He reports that he met Dr. Livingstone last

June, and parted from him on the 1st of July. The Doctor was in perfect health.

FRANCE.—The deaths by cholera in Paris from the 8th to the 14th are officially reported to be 12 instead to 19, as previously stated.

The evacuation of France by Germany has now been completed.

Bark Margaret S. Wier, last from Halifax, is stranded off Calais. She was fully insured, and the cargo, consisting of wheat, was also insured. Her owners are James Kitchen, of Pictou, E. Albro & Co., J. B. Duffus, and Esson & Co., of this city.

She has since been got off, but leaks badly.

SPAIN.—The Spanish insurgents at Carthage are actively engaged in making guns. They make frequent sorties and capture cattle with impunity.

It is reported that the insurgent leaders at Carthage are trying to secure the co-operation of the Carlists against the Government.

Serious riots are reported in Eceja, Spain, provoked by the Intransigentes. Many persons were killed and injured.

The session of the Spanish Cortes is suspended until January 2nd.

The Government have issued a proclamation suspending the constitutional guarantees, and regulating the press. This action, and the occupancy of Malaga by Government troops, have restored public confidence.

GERMANY.—The electors of Hesse Cassel have consented to its annexation to Prussia in consideration of an indemnity of two million thalers.

ITALY.—The King of Italy is on a visit to Vienna. An immense crowd surrounded the station as the Royal train left.

On the King arriving in Vienna he was cordially received by the Emperor and the populace.

AUSTRIA.—It is officially reported that there have been 2755 cases of cholera in Vienna since the outbreak of the disease, 1110 proving fatal. For twenty-four hours, ending midnight yesterday, 41 fresh cases have been reported.

PERSIA.—It is reported that the offence for which the Grand Vizier was removed has connection with the Reuter concession, which is very unpopular with the Persian officials.

TURKEY.—There was a violent gale on the Black sea last week. Two vessels were wrecked near the mouth of the Bosphorus, and nearly all on board perished.

At one point on the coast 265 corpses were washed ashore.

NEW ZEALAND.—Despatches from Australia report a great fire at Auckland.—Fifty eight buildings were destroyed; loss \$24,000.

AFRICA.—The Emperor of Morocco is dead, and civil war is raging between his son and a brother of the deceased Sultan which is paralyzing business.

SOUTH AMERICA.—Peru is again threatened with serious danger resulting from land slides.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A correspondent of the National Baptist, calling on President Brooks of Kalamazoo College, found him "aboard of a board, paint-brush in hand, putting the interior of the Ladies' College into a more inviting appearance for next term. He seemed to enjoy that style of recreation, and I heard of no complaint from the Trustees. He confessed a little difficulty in getting his hand in, but it was evident that his heart was in, and that makes things go!"

The Baptist Publication Society proposes to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next May, by raising \$200,000 for the erection of a much needed Society building in Philadelphia. Seven-eighths of this amount have already been secured. Next, it is proposed to raise \$100,000 for the missionary work of the Society—\$27,000 of which is to be expended in Sunday School work in the South.

Three graduates of Spurgeon's College are laboring in Ohio, and are described as "showing themselves men approved of God and the Baptists." Five more men of the college are inquiring concerning the opportunities for work in this country.

Marriages.

At Lower Argyle, Sept. 15th, 1873, by the Rev. L. B. Gates, Charles Goodwin, to Laurena Spiney, all of Lower Argyle.

On Tuesday, 16th inst., by the Rev. Alex. Romans, A. M., James W. Crichton, (of the firm of J. R. Davidson & Co.) and Jane H., eldest daughter of J. A. Clark, all of this city.

On the 17th inst., by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, assisted by the Revs. David Shaw, and James Parker, Witherforce Shaw, to Jessie W., daughter of Mr. Robert Ainsley, of this city.

On Thursday, 18th inst., by the Rev. Professor Currie, Mr. Robert Benjamin, of Gay's River, to Maggie Ann, daughter of Mr. W. Davidson O'Brien, of Noel.

At the residence of the bride's father, July 26th, by the Rev. G. N. Balentine, Mr. Sylvanus M. Freeman to Miss Nancy A. Burke, all of Brookfield, Quebec.

By the same, at Kempf, Queens Co., 4th Sept., Alexander Somerville, M. D., of Liverpool, to Miss Hannah Freeman, daughter of Mr. Josiah Freeman, of Kempf.

On the 17th Sept., at the house of the bride's father, Mr. Wm Bennett, Cornwallis, by the Rev. D. Freeman, Miss Margaret Elizabeth, to Mr. William J. McLean.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Chester, on the 10th inst., by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. Ainsley Paisley, of Windsor Road, and Miss Ella Raftuse, of Chester Grant.