

turned home again, several have been "born into the kingdom." Some have been admitted into the Methodist Church there. At North Brookfield on the delightful Sabbath morn., Dec. 7, we visited again the "Baptist waters" where seventeen rejoicing ones publicly put on Christ by baptism. Among these were, in one family the father, mother and daughter. Last Sabbath Dec. 14th, five more at Caledonia came forward to follow the "Blessed Jesus" into the "Jordan." In another section—South Brookfield, the Angel of the Lord it appears has come down and "troubled the waters" and many are "stepping in." The Lord carry forward His work, and may it spread until the whole land shall be vocal with the praise of God. I expect to be able to tell you more at a future time, meanwhile let us pray. "To God be all the glory."

Yours in Christ,  
G. N. BALLENTINE.

THE CUMMINS' MOVEMENT.—The withdrawal of Bishop Cummins offers the Low Churchmen a fine opportunity for manifesting their devotion to evangelical truth. With a Bishop at their head, they run no risk of parting with the "apostolic succession" in separating from the High Church party. In England, the Evangelicals have shown a timidity which is a reproach to them. They ought to have abandoned the Establishment long ago. But they hold on to their endowment and grow irate over High Church encroachments. In this country, they have no inducement of that sort to hold them in fellowship with a theology which they own to be subversive of the principles of the Reformation. We shall see whether she will move.—Interior.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., DEC. 31, 1873.

The Toronto "Globe" of Monday, comes out with an article in favor of a dissolution of the present House of Commons, and a general election.

Benton, alias Cox, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Payne and the boy Doughty in Sumner, Ont., was hung on Friday.

Chief Justice Duval, of Quebec, has tendered his resignation.

The West Oxford murder case causes the most intense excitement, and the scene where the deed was committed almost beggars description. In one corner of a room stands the bedstead on which two murdered girls were left by their brutal father, after having driven a sharp axe into each. On a trundle bed, from under where the girls lay, were two boys, the youngest aged five, his head severed from his body; the other, 11 years old, with his head cut in two. In the adjoining room lay the wife and mother, with her head so fearfully gashed that recognition even by her friends would be difficult. The most sickening sight of all, however, was the criminal himself sitting upright in a chair, and his clothes saturated with blood. There was a hole so large in his throat that the cavity of the wind pipe was discernable, and his breath escaped through the aperture, and articulation was quite impossible. A large number of doctors were in attendance; and when we left they were proceeding to sew up the gap with some confidence of saving the murderer's life. Great sympathy is felt for the relatives of the wretched family, who are industrious and respectable. Mr. Topping belongs to a sect who believe there is no reward or punishment after death, and he sought this means of allowing himself and family to escape from want here.

At the Huntington banquet on the 23rd, Mackenzie, in reply to a question, said it was probable Mr. Angwin would soon be in the Cabinet. It is thought he will take a seat without a portfolio.

The statement in the Opposition press that Hon. J. Young has been appointed Postmaster of Montreal is pronounced untrue.

A despatch from Lord Kimberly to the Governor-General is published replying to the announcement to Her Majesty of the change of the Dominion Government. He concludes by saying: "I agree with your Lordship in the satisfaction which you express that the result arrived at has been reached by a strict application of constitutional principles, and by the regular working of the machinery of a free parliament; and I have much pleasure in conveying to you Her Majesty's entire approval of the manner in which you have acted in circumstances of no ordinary difficulty."

Notice is given of the erection of a Light House on the West End of Sable Island, showing three distinct flashes in every half minute, to be seen at 18 miles. This light was first shown on the 10th Novem'er. A Steam fog whistle has been established at the same place.

ANTICOSTI.—A director of the Anticosti Company states that there are now two thousand people on the island. The sensational story in the New York papers of the destitution prevailing in Anticosti, is utterly unfounded, and was evidently originated by enemies of the Company. Fishing during the late season was very successful, agricultural operations have given large returns, and lumbering is being carried on with very satisfactory results.

The Barque "Thornhill" from Quebec bound to Liverpool, which sailed Nov. 14th, has been lost with all on board, except one man who was badly frost-bitten. Where she was lost is not reported. The captain and sixteen men lost their lives.

UNITED STATES.

The resignation of General Sickles, United States Minister to Spain, has been officially accepted.

Caleb Cushing has been appointed in his place, and accepts the appointment.

A terrible murder was committed in Boston on Christmas Day, Joseph Hegnar shot and killed Anton Little. He also mutilated the head and neck of his victim with a hatchet. Hegnar was arrested. Both were Germans and room-mates.

It is believed that the Government will prevent the departure of any more filibustering expeditions to Cuba.

A formidable strike occurred on Friday, the locomotive engineers on a score or more railroads west of Pittsburg, including the Pan Handle, Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago, Illinois Central and Northwestern, quitting work at noon on account of the reduction of wages.

Business on the road was affected, although in some instances the efforts of managers to obtain substitutes for the strikers were partly successful.

It has been decided at the Department of Justice that proceedings shall be instituted against the "Virginian" in the United States District Court for Eastern district of New York, before Judge Benedict.

During a fight, resulting from an attempt to arrest three men in Lincoln, New Mexico, recently, the constable was killed by the man he was trying to capture, and the men were killed by constables and posse.

The banks of Jordan, Marsh & Co., leading dry goods firm in Boston, were seized on Saturday, for alleged revenue frauds covering a period of ten years, and amounting to over a million and a half dollars, perhaps more.

Despatches from Pittsburg, report the striking railroad engineers are resolved to hold out at all hazards. Trains are running on most of the roads in charge of master mechanics and assistants.

The "Virginian" survivors have united in an address of thanks to President Grant for causing their liberty.

Foreign papers contain telegrams from Gibraltar confirming the total loss of the steamer "Bicklow," of Newcastle, England, one man only out of 23 being saved.

New York, Dec. 29.—Gold 104. Sterling Exchange 9 a 9/8.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—A letter from Capt. Surmont, of the Ville du Haere, to the London Telegraph, emphatically denies in the strongest language that there was any cowardice shown by his officers and crew, and repels indignantly the animadversions upon himself.

On Friday morning the steamer Gipsy Queen struck the wreck of a sunken lighter in the River Tyne, and sunk in five minutes. Between 50 and 60 workmen were on board. Twenty were rescued; the remainder were drowned.

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce has resolved to build a central railroad depot at an expense of £750,000.

GERMANY.—The Emperor William was dangerously ill last week but was pronounced better on Friday.

FRANCE.—Marshal Bazaine has left Versailles for the Island of Santa-Margherita. Rumor was current in Paris that Marshal Bazaine had fled from the country. It was also reported that Henri Rochfort died at the penal settlement in New Caledonia.

The News reports that the hostile tone of the recent Pastoral issued by the French Bishops has caused the German Government to renew its complaints to France.

There is strong opposition to the proposed grant of money to the Empress Eugenie.

SPAIN.—Fourteen thousand Republican troops under General Morien left San Sebastian by sea. Destination not known. Three thousand Government troops remain in the city.

A desperate conflict between Carlists and a Republican force occurred on Wednesday in the Province of Valencia. The Insurgents were defeated with heavy loss.

The Municipal authorities of Madrid have been suspended from office.

Ten steamers are at San Sebastian for the purpose of embarking the Republicans under Morien, and who are surrounded by thirty thousand Carlists. They cannot escape capture except by leaving on vessels.

Generals Morien and Concha have re-entered the Province of Biscay, with 15,000 men.

ITALY.—The Pope was to deliver another Allocution in the Consistory on the 25th inst.

HOLLAND.—Despatches from Penang dated the 20th, announce that the Dutch troops have occupied both banks of the river running through Atebeen. The Sultan, seeing that defeat was inevitable, has submitted to the Dutch commander.

AFRICA.—Despatches from the Gold Coast announce the arrival there of the Highland troops at Cape Coast Castle.

The cattle plague has broken out in Madeira, and the cattle going thence to the Gold Coast are infected.

WEST INDIES.—Yellow fever is reported to be prevalent at Port Royal, Jamaica.

Bacz is urging the United States to establish a protectorate over San Domingo.

The election in San Domingo is reported to be completely changing the political aspect, and exciting fears that the Samana contract will be annulled.

They claim at Cuban headquarters to have news of several minor Insurgent successes in Cuba, and that in recent attack on Manzanilla they "destroyed fully half the town, captured \$1,000,000 worth of stores several millions in Spanish Bank notes, and a large amount of war material, with one hundred prisoners. Their loss was 13 officers and 50 privates killed and wounded. They compute the Spanish loss at 300.

A Havana letter says that the slave owners in the island are secretly planning a conspiracy in Spain to overthrow Castelar against whom a bitter feeling is felt for his course in the "Virginian" matter. Great drouth prevails in neighborhood of Sagua La Grande, and crops of corn, rice and vegetables are completely lost. It will also materially influence the crop of the sugar estates that have no cane left over from last year, as the growth of ratoons and newly planted cane has been too much retarded.

There is no truth in the report that the British war ships in the West Indies have been ordered to assemble in Cuban waters.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The King of Siam having attained his legal majority upon the 25th of September last, retired to the monastery of Buddhastua to become a priest according to the Siamese ancient custom. His Majesty returned upon the 10th of October to resume his royal prerogative, and was crowned at Bangkok upon the 16th of November.

During the past week two beautiful stained glass windows have been placed one on each side of the pulpit of Craithie Church a gift from her Majesty. One window has been erected to the memory of the late Dr. Norman Macleod, Glasgow.

The sarcophagus ordered by the Queen for the remains of the late Napoleon III. has been completed. It is made of red Peterhead granite, and weighs upwards of five tons.

THE REV. C. H. SPURGEON.—The London Freeman says that Mr. Spurgeon's health renders it needful that he should soon leave the country for a few weeks for a more congenial climate. The distinguished preacher was unable to attend the meeting at Regent's Park College, much to the disappointment of the large assembly that had gathered there. He is not able to do more than preach on the Sabbath to his own congregation, which continues to be as large as ever, the services on the Monday and Thursday evenings have to be conducted by other ministers.

Dr. Dollinger says that the report of his disposition to submit to the pope "is an Ultramontane lie."

Through the agency of Mr. Van Meter, the Baptist Historical Society has secured the original manuscript of Father Grassi's defence before the Inquisition.

The trustees of the estate of the late Sir Edwin Landseer have decided to sell the whole of his collection of pictures, and they will be disposed of the coming season.

Archbishop Ledochowski having refused to pay the fine imposed on him for a breach of the law against ecclesiastics, his carriage and horses were seized upon and sold by auction. The Polish Ultramontanes, however, purchased them for 641 thalers, and intend to return them to the Archbishop.

A Dutch Reformed clergyman having preached a discourse to children concerning "The river Jordan and some things that happened near it," the Baptist Weekly suggests that he should take for his next subject, The river Jordan and some things that happened in it.

Recently in New York city, at the dedication of the new and splendid Jewish Synagogue, corner of Lexington avenue and Fifty-third street, a portion of the first chapter of Genesis was sung by the choir; and as the words, "Let their be light and there was light," were uttered with a grand burst of melody, the whole building was instantly lighted up by electricity.

The Mennonites of Russia have sent three deputations to America to select a place of settlement for the members of their faith. This religious sect are conscientiously opposed to war, and the Russian government obligates military service, therefore they like the early Puritans, seek homes in the New World. The Legislature of Minnesota has extended an invitation for them to settle in their State. Twenty-five thousand are expected to arrive in America next year.

The city of Rome is undergoing a thorough renovation in many of the streets. Houses are being torn down and rebuilt; many have been whitewashed; the streets have been dug, newly paved, and footpaths constructed; the lighting is wonderfully improved. Visitors to Rome next year, it is said, will hardly be able to recognize the city, from previous sight or description.

A writer to the Scotsman vouches for the following bit of humor by Mr. Spurgeon: "At a meeting on Friday evening the reverend gentleman complained that inconsiderate people sometimes put questions to

him which it was very unpleasant to answer. The other day a gentleman asked him what the Tabernacle would do when he was dead. He answered this question with another, "Pray, sir, what will your wife do when you are dead?" His interrogator did not relish the suggestion, and changed the subject. At the same meeting Mr. Spurgeon remarked on the large number of pound notes which he received from Scotland in support of the benevolent institutions connected with the Tabernacle. They were generally rather dirty but he found that the newest and brightest sovereigns from the mint were not more useful.

News of the Week.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—It had been predicted that we should have it stormy on this day. The telegraph had told us a storm was approaching, but either it went in another direction, or it had expended itself before reaching Halifax, or something else; for it proved unexceptionably fine—a real red letter day. Everybody seems to have enjoyed it in some way. The sleighing was excellent, in striking contrast to that of last year. We indulged in an hour's walk and met with none of the mishaps which befall many who exercised their horses instead of themselves.

"GOOD WILL."—The good feeling existing between the Teachers and scholars of several of the Public Schools was shown last week by presentations from the latter to the former at the closing before the holidays. We may mention of these Miss Robinson of the Acadian School, Mr. Bishop of the National School, Miss Emma MacPurson of the Richmond School.

Dr. Curran, and Mr. W. H. Waddell, the principals and proprietors of Grammar Schools were also the recipients of handsome testimonials of their scholars' affection. We have also learned of similar marks of kind attention from several Sunday school classes to their teachers.

BRIDGETOWN.—On Sunday the 21st inst. a double dwelling in Bridgetown, owned by Mrs. Jonathan Walker and Miss Rickerson, was totally consumed by fire. There was a small insurance on Mrs. Walker's portion.

YARMOUTH.—The first accident on the Yarmouth railway (in course of construction) occurred on Friday last. A man named Finley McDonald, from Pictou, had one of his legs broken by an earthfall.

WESTERN COUNTIES' RAILWAY.—We are glad to report progress on this line. The contract for clearing, grading, fencing, bridging and masonry of section No 3 has been awarded to Mr. Arthur Puttli, late an engineer on the Windsor and Annapolis Railroad. The section extends from the end of Section No. 2 at the old Kempt Road, to the County line—a distance of 8 1/2 miles.

John Crawley, jr., Esq., of Carleton, has taken the contract for the road.

Frank Killam, Esq., M. P., is now in England on business connected with the Western Counties' Railway.

Meanwhile it is gratifying to perceive operations on the line progressing so steadily and satisfactorily.—Herald.

THE YARMOUTH CHORAL UNION, on Thursday week gave their friends a rehearsal of Hayden's Creation in the Masonic Lodge Room. The music was pronounced a great treat.

AMHERST.—Members of the Baptist Church and congregation on Christmas eve presented a silver plated Tea Service to J. Albert Black, Esq., as a recognition of their appreciation of his gratuitous services, as organist and leader of the choir, which office he has filled most efficiently for many years past.

AN INDIAN KILLED.—On Thursday an Indian who was lying drunk on the track was run over and killed by the express train, in the neighborhood of Londonderry. The man was shockingly mutilated, the legs being completely severed from the body.

ANOTHER VICTIM.—Patrick O'Donnell a poor man of over sixty years of age was found dead on the beach near Steele's Pond, on Wednesday morning last, where he had evidently fallen over and was killed by the fall and subsequent exposure. He was seen on the previous night in a state of intoxication. The parties who sold the liquor to these men must surely have some unpleasant reflections.

PICTOU.—Geldert's sleigh, with fifteen passengers for the Halifax train broke through the ice on Friday morning, near Pictou, wetting most of them. No baggage.

THE BLIND ASYLUM.—The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Halifax Asylum for the Blind was held on Saturday afternoon at the institution, the President, Dr. Avery, in the chair. The Secretary read the annual report, which shows that the pupils have made substantial progress in geography, mental arithmetic, reading, writing, cyphering, &c. vocal and instrumental music. In addition to the bread and wool work, the girls have been taking lessons on the sewing machine, and though it is brand of construction was only commenced two months ago several of them are already able to operate the machine well. The boys have chiefly been employed at cane-seating chairs. They have seated during the year 223 new chairs and re-seated 95 old ones. Citizens should know that the institution is prepared to neatly reseat old chairs at the moderate price of from 50 to 60 cents each. The number now in the institution is fifteen—ten boys and five girls.—The full rate charged to those who

can afford to pay is \$120 per annum, but those who are not able to pay are received on very moderate terms. The expenditure during the year was \$3,284.67 and there is a balance of \$679.77 in the Treasurer's hands. This balance will soon be required to pay for books and maps that have been ordered from Boston and for broom machinery. The old Board were all re-elected; as the managers of the Asylum for 1874:—James F. Avery M. D., President; John S. Maclean, Vice-President; Geo. P. Mitchell, Treasurer; M. H. Richey, Corresponding Secretary; Chas. Fletcher, Recording Secretary; John Duffas; W. C. Silver; S. A. White; W. H. Neal; Stephen Tobin; Edward Smith; Chas. Murdoch.

KENTVILLE AND NEW MINAS.—We are glad to learn that the Baptist friends made a pleasant visit to the residence of Rev. Jas. Parker, on Tuesday the 23rd, with music and speeches and more substantial articles, together with that which "answereth all things," amounting in the aggregate to about \$100.

MAILMAN the murderer was to be hanged yesterday, but Rev. H. L. Owen applied to the Governor-General for a month's reprieve, and it was expected that it would be granted.

Notices, &c.

YARMOUTH, Dec. 28th, 1873.

Dear Brother Selden,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of (\$10 00) Ten Dollars, received from three friends for the "Acadian French Mission."

Yours-Truly,  
SAMUEL BROWN,  
Treasurer.

Funds for this Mission are greatly needed.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Sunnerville.—Miss S. E. Marsters, \$24.00

The Secretary omitted to state that \$5.00 of the amount remitted by this society last August, was given to the memory of the late Mrs. James Grenough of Sunnerville.

Waterford, Digby Neck.—Mrs. F. L. Morse, 10.00

A New Society formed on the 1st of Nov. with a membership of twenty-eight.

Halifax, Granville St. Church,—Miss E. Robinson, 14 15.

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.  
December 31st, 1873.

N. B.—The Secretaries of the various Societies whose membership has not been reported, will oblige by sending on the numbers as soon as possible by letter or Postal card.

Rev. Dr. Day wishes, in the appointment of Rev. George Armstrong, to say one-quarter of the time, instead of one-third.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. M. P. Freeman. T. A. Wilson. G. V. Rand, 1 sub. Rev. O. Chute. J. D. Hallyard, \$6. Rev. G. N. Ballentine. M. J. Dennison, \$10. G. W. Freeman. 1 sub. \$2. G. W. Thomas, 1 sub. \$3. G. Fleck, \$1.25. for Mission at Rome, \$1. Hon. A. McL. Seely, \$4. J. Baker, \$2. Rev. G. O. Gates, \$2. Rev. D. A. Steele. Rev. Dr. Tupper—with enclosure. G. B. Titus—all right 51 cts. H. E. Payson, Esq., \$5. Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$1.26. J. Whitman, Esq., \$2. Joseph D. Masters, Esq., \$10. Rev. James A. Stubbart, \$7.

Marriages.

At the Baptist Meeting House, Berwick, Nov. 26th, 1873, by the Rev. D. O. Parker, T. H. Morse, Esq., to Miss Emma P., daughter of John Dimock, Esq., all of Berwick.

At the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 14th, by the Rev. Geo. O. Gates, Mr. William E. Perry, of Shelburne, to Miss Abigail A., daughter of Mr. Charles Poyzant, of Beech Hill, Queens Co.

At Broad Cove, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., by the Rev. Alexander Grant, Mr. D. E. McKay, of Margaree, to Helen J., eldest daughter of Isaac McLeod, Esq.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Windsor, December 24th, by Rev. D. M. Weylton, Mr. Nathaniel Bezman, of Windsor, to Miss Annie L. Lyons, of Horton.

By the same, Dec. 25th, Mr. John Fletcher, to Miss Catherine A. Phillips, both of Windsor.

At Dartmouth, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., by the Rev. Alexander Faulkner, Mr. James Faulkner, to Miss Cassie Goetz, both of Dartmouth.

In the Baptist Meeting House, Dec. 7th, by Rev. G. L. Cox, Mr. Herbert Rice, to Miss Mary E. Miller, all of Hillsburg.

At Gaspeau, on the 24th inst., by the Rev. E. O. Read, Mr. Isaac N. Colwell, and Miss Rebecca D., daughter of Mr. Robert Westcott, all of Horton.

At the Pine Grove Baptist Meeting House, Dec. 24th, by the Rev. W. G. Parker, Mr. Robert A. Dodge, to Miss Mary E. Cropley, both of Whitton, A. C. (No cards.)

By the same, Dec. 13th, Mr. Alfred Sale, to Miss Annie G. Nixon, both of Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co.

Deaths.

On the 23rd inst., Richard Guess, aged 70 years.