

ambitions of distinction at the coming Examination. Extraordinary precautions are adopted to thwart any attempts by the candidates to evade the rigid examination rules. A plan capable of holding ten or fifteen thousand people, is covered with substantially built brick sheds or stables—ranged in long parallel lines,—just space enough being left between the rows for one person to walk. Up and down this space, before every two or three stalls, marches, day and night, an armed sentry. Each stall is six feet by three, and is provided with a lamp, a board and a mat to sleep on. It is the sentry's duty to preserve the occupants of the stalls in complete isolation from all their friends and the outside world generally, until examination is over and the result announced.

It is pleasant to retreat from the crowded streets and oppressive atmosphere, to the roomy well ventilated quarter assigned to foreigners. And yet one shudders at the reflection that, at any moment, all the elements of discord and red-handed anarchy, pent up in the adjacent city, may, at a signal from the most treacherous government in the world be let loose, in a torrent of destruction and massacre, upon the devoted Foreign Quarter.

It is one of the results, incident to the imperfection common to all human institutions, that the police arrangements of a despotism are in many respects, more effective than those of governments whose foundations rest on constitutional liberty. The missionaries at Canton bear grateful testimony to the almost perfect municipal administration which they enjoy. Life and property, they say, are safer at Canton than at the British Colony of Hong-Kong, and yet, either from inability or indifference, the Chinese government has never suppressed the pirates that infest the coasts. The large merchant junks with which the river is crowded at Canton, are without exception thoroughly armed, many of them carrying as many as eight or twelve large cannon.

A. R. R. C.

ERRATUM.—No. XI has for its closing words, as printed, "seem to be mystical," the M. S. tried to say, "to be semi-mythical."

A. C.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

DEACON SAMUEL FITZ RANDOLPH,

died at his residence Williamston, Annapolis County, August 25th in the sixtieth year of his age. Our beloved brother was baptised and united with Baptist church in Wilmot more than forty years ago. He afterwards became a member of the Nictaux Baptist Church and was chosen deacon, which office he filled until called to his rest above. His beloved companion preceded him to the better land some two years ago. They left ten children to mourn the loss of Christian parents. The writer had the privilege of baptizing nine of the children when pastor of the Nictaux Baptist Church. Our brother will be much missed in his family and the Church. May the great Head of the Church raise up others to take his place.

"Yet again we hope to meet thee When the day of life is fled Then in heaven with joy to greet thee Where no farewell tear is shed." —Com. by the Rev. W. G. Parker

Religious Intelligence.

BRIDGEWATER, October 13th, 1873.

Dear Brother Selden,—

I am happy to inform you, that I have had the privilege of administering the ordinance of Christian baptism, on two occasions since the Convention. The first was in the second Sabbath in September, at Lapland; and the second on the first Sabbath in the present month in Bridgewater. They were both occasions of deep interest, and we trust are but the precursors of larger blessings yet to follow.

Yours in Christian love,

S. MARCU.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., OCT. 22, 1873.

A despatch from Fort Garry announces that on Monday Kiel was elected for Provencher, by acclamation, and is now en route for Ottawa, accompanied by Scholtz and Cunningham. The news creates profound sensation.—Col.

Parliament will meet at Ottawa to-morrow. Many are awaiting the result with great interest. There will be a great gathering of politicians from the United States as well as from all parts of the Dominion.

Mr. Bellerose, M. P. for Laval, is appointed a Senator.

Mr. Rossini, of Quebec, has been appointed Flour Inspector of Montreal, in place of the Hon. Jno. Young.

The Governor of Ontario has appointed Thursday Nov. 6th, a day of general Thanksgiving for the abundant harvest.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

RAILWAY CHANGE.—The night train between Bangor and St. John will be discontinued after the 15th November.

To-morrow is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving for the abundant Harvest.

EXPLOSION.—The tug boat "St. George," was shattered and sunk at Carlton on Saturday last by the explosion of her boiler. The Engineer, Hermon Taplay, son of the Police-Magistrate of Portland, was killed, and the mate and fireman wounded, though not dangerously.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A driver named John Young, formerly of Shelburne, fell from a loaded wagon in St. John on Saturday last. The wheel passed over his neck, nearly severing the head from the body.

A man was also killed in Portland, by a pile of deals falling on him.

P. E. ISLAND.

A Charlottetown paper says that a few nights ago an old-burying ground on the farm of Mr. James McFarlane, Five Mile House, St. Peter's Road, was robbed of the body of the late James Robertson.

UNITED STATES.

Manuel De F. H. Borges, Consul of Portugal, and vice-Consul of the Brazils in Boston, committed suicide on Thursday last by shooting himself. Financial embarrassment is supposed to have been the cause of the act.

Charles H. Phelps, Cashier in New York State Treasury depot at Albany, is a defaulter to the amount \$300,000 and is in jail awaiting trial.

The loss of the schooner "R. I. Warren," from Deer Island, Maine, with crew numbering sixteen persons, is announced. Ten of the crew belong to Nova Scotia; their names are not known.

President Grant has appointed November 27th the national Thanksgiving Day.

Aristarchi Bey the new Turkish Minister, presented his credentials to President Grant on Monday 14th.

The result of the elections in Ohio is still in doubt, both the Republicans and Democrats claiming the Governor.

The Republicans have carried Pennsylvania and Iowa.

Considerable loss of life and damage to shipping was occasioned in Southern ports by a hurricane on Sept. 25th.

The Long Island Savings Bank in Brooklyn was robbed of a box containing bonds valued between \$50,000 and \$75,000, while the secretary and clerks were attending to duties in other portions of the bank. The thief had not been arrested at last accounts.

A disastrous fire consumed the Eastern Railway car sheds, at Boston, on Monday together with twelve cars, also seriously interrupting Eastern and Southern telegraphic communication.

The ravages of yellow fever at Memphis, Shreveport and other places are unabated. Relief contributions are pouring in, but more too late for the city's necessity.

Owing to the stringency in the money market, many employers in Washington have been obliged to curtail their forces of workmen. Over 2000 men have been thrown out of employment in Paterson N. J., during the past two weeks.

Ex-President Johnson appeared before a Notary Public recently, and made affidavit to a claim for \$93,000 against the First National Bank of Washington, which has suspended.

At the Annual reunion of Society of Army Generals, Sherman was made President. Grant and many prominent Generals and other officers were present.

The Trial of Stokes is progressing, but develops no new testimony.

The trial of steam canal boats for the New York State prize of \$10,000 was to be held on Tuesday last.

The War department at the request of Indian Commissioners, will post troops at places on the Red River, to prevent Indian raids on Texas.

A telegram from New York says a private letter from a French settlement at St. Pierre Canada (?) states that Bishop De Verchen was assassinated while at prayer in the Church. The Bishop's cousin is arrested, charged with the crime.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—William Baxter, M. P. in a speech at Dundee, on Monday, urged increased intercourse with the United States. Every public man, he said, should visit that country.

Ardverkie Castle, formerly the residence of the Duke of Abercorn, has been destroyed by fire. Many works of art, including

numerous sketchings by Landseer, were lost.

Reginald Herbert having wagered 5000 that he could row on the canal, from Maiden-head to Westminster Bridge, distance fifty miles, in twelve hours, started at 7 o'clock on Tuesday, and arrived at Westminster Bridge at four o'clock in the afternoon, three hours inside the time allowed.

The steamship "City of Dublin," from Queenstown for New York, on Wednesday morning returned with her steam chest fractured.

One hundred and fifty thousand pounds bullion was shipped from Liverpool to New York on Wednesday.

Rumors of an unfavorable character from America were afloat in the Stock Exchange. It was reported that several Bank failures would be caused by the decline in Erie Stock.

Intelligence has been received of the blockade, by a British force, of the Gold Coast of Africa, from Cape Coast Castle to the River Assinie. The blockade went into effect the first of last month.

The British Government having officially represented to the Emperor of Brazil the sufferings of English emigrants, to that country, free passage home has been given to 164 of the emigrants by the Brazilian Government.

Bullion in the Bank of England decreased £1,923,000 during past week.

Consols for money 92½ to 92¾ for accounts 92¼ to 92½.

FRANCE.—The Times Paris correspondent telegraphed on Thursday last as follows:—"From exact information it appears that Monarchical parties have come to an absolute agreement. The Orleanists have made concessions which are satisfactory to the Liberal Monarchists, and the following will be submitted to the Assembly: viz: The proclamation of a Hereditary Constitutional Monarchy, the King promising liberty of conscience and equality before the law as the right of all. The Monarchists are confident of a majority in the Assembly. It is said 416 deputies are pledged to support the restoration of Royalty.

The "Times" despatch also says that the Assembly is called to meet not later than the 27th.

Eighteen deputies in the Assembly, from the department of the Seine, have signed a manifesto protesting against attempted Royal restoration, and declaring they will energetically resist all such schemes.

The Republicans in French Assembly paid Thiers a congratulatory visit.

The Council of War, before which M. Ranc was summoned to appear, has declared him guilty and passed sentence of death.

The "Journal de Paris" declares that the recent elections demonstrate the necessity for restoration of monarchy to prevent impending anarchy.

At a meeting of Bonapartist Deputies on Tuesday, M. Rouher's organization of a vast system of petitions, advocating an appeal to the people, was discussed.

Upon the re-convening of the French Assembly, the Right Centre, acting in union with the Ministry, intend to propose a prolongation of McMahon's tenure as President. The Left Centre are willing to accept, if the proposal is accompanied by a plan for definite organization of the Republic.

The deputation which met Count de Chambord at Salzburg on the 12th inst. is believed to have failed in its negotiations.

Rumors are afloat that disagreements have arisen between France and Italy. It is stated that upon the termination of the present crisis, the Italian Minister to France will take leave of absence for an unlimited time.

The trial of Marshal Bazaine on Thursday was marked by some rather exciting episodes between the accused and the President of the court.

SPAIN.—It is said that Don Alphonso and wife have recrossed the frontier into France.

In the great battle off Carthage 13 men were killed and 47 wounded in the rebel fleet. Senor Mayer, member of the Junta, was killed on board the "Numancia."

A despatch from La Palma, a few miles from Carthage, says a heavy cannonade was heard there, and it was thought that another engagement between the government squadron and the insurgent fleet was in progress.

The Carlists assert that in a battle on the 6th, Gen. Morines lost 900 men, while their loss was only 400.

The insurgents of Carthage, attribute the defeat of their squadron solely to the cowardice of Contreras, who ordered a retreat against the wishes of the crews. They declare that he will not be suffered to command the fleet again. The vessels sailed out of the harbor on Monday the 13th inst., for a second fight, but finding the Government fleet prepared they retired.

Madrid despatches state that one of the insurgent frigates ran into another and sunk it, drowning half the crew. It is rumored also that the sunken vessel was fired into for not obeying a signal.

RUSSIA.—The River Neva has risen ten feet beyond its natural height, causing great damage in the city and the country through which it passes.

The Emperor of Austria visits St. Petersburg during the holidays of the Russian Christians.

AUSTRIA.—The Vienna "Press" says that the explanations and excuses of the Porte, relative to the circular recently sent abroad by the latter, is not satisfactory,

and Count Andrassy will demand ample satisfaction for the offence.

The Emperor of Germany arrived at Vienna on Wednesday last. He was received with great enthusiasm by the people.

GERMANY.—The Emperor of Germany and the Pope are engaged in a correspondence relative to the former's attitude toward the Church.

The Crown Prince of Saxony was thrown from his carriage on Sunday, and severely bruised.

CUBA.—The Cuban insurgents, under Gomez, captured Santa Cruz, obtaining 400 rifles and 600 cartridges. They sacked all stores and private houses, taking provisions, clothing, &c.

CHINA.—Letters from China, via California, state that thirty-seven villages have been swept away in the Province of Shan-see by the Youngfing River. Its branches having burst the banks, a great number of human and animal lives have been lost by the floods.

News of the Week.

CIVIC.—Alderman Ackhurst has been re-elected Chairman of the Board of Works. It has been proposed that \$1900 be appropriated to remunerate the members of the Board for their services. The city officials were nearly all re-elected.

We are to have a Fire Alarm Telegraph for the City of Halifax. The contract is given to Messrs. Gamewell & Co, New York, for \$7,250, the work to be completed within four months.

On Thursday last Judge Marshall fell down a long flight of stairs in the Nova Scotia Publishing Company's building and received considerable injury to his head and hands.

Captain Bryan O'Brien, who was recently appointed keeper of the Lightship which is to be placed at the entrance to this harbor on Tuesday.

There are already Storm-signal appliances at this port and Pictou, and the system will soon be extended to Yarmouth, Sydney, Little Glace Bay and Cow Bay.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Nathaniel Hoff of Lunenburg, Nelson McLeod and Charles Cushing of Queen's County, and Edmund Barnham of Digby, have been made Justices of the Peace. Valentine Hardwick of Hilleburg, County Digby has been appointed Issuer of Marriage Licenses.

DARTMOUTH.—The Town Council has appointed John Y. Payzant, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder (subject to approval of the Government), at a salary of \$400 per annum. Thomas Waugh is appointed Police Constable, in place of W. H. Isenor, resigned.

A young woman named Mary Cook, who "stowed away" on board the mail steamer "Austrian" at St. John's, Nfld., was given into the custody of the police on the arrival of the vessel at this port, she was sent back to Newfoundland in the "Hibernian."

THE NEW FLAG-SHIP.—The armor-plated screw ship "Bellerophon," intended for the flag ship of Vice-Admiral G. G. Wellesley, went out of Portsmouth, England, harbor on the 3rd inst., for a trial of her machinery. She anchored at Spithead, and on the 4th proceeded on a day's cruise to the Eastward of the Isle of Wight.—Chron.

FROM SABLE ISLAND.—The Dominion steamer "Lady Head" arrived on Monday night from Sable Island, bringing the boats crew (five men) belonging to the Guion steamer "Wyoming," who, when the steamer grounded on the island several weeks ago, got ashore and did not return aboard.

A FITTING PUNISHMENT.—The St. John Globe says Halifax police authorities order our offenders to leave for St. John as a fitting punishment.

OHIO, YARMOUTH CO.—A sad accident occurred at Ohio, on the 1st inst. Four persons were at work on the staging of a new house, being built by George Crosby, Esq., when it gave way, and precipitated them to the ground a distance of about 20 feet. Deacon Joseph W. Patten had one leg broken besides being otherwise seriously injured. Bro. Harvey G. Tedford, also had one leg broken, and one arm badly hurt, but otherwise is not as much injured as Bro. Patten. A boy who was also with them escaped with only a few injuries, while the fourth Bro. Charles Crosby from Lake George, escaped by clinging to a window, which he was fortunate enough to grasp in his descent. It is only through the mercy of God that they were not instantly killed, as they fell among rocks, and rubbish, and were buried beneath all the debris of the staging. Both the injured men, are doing as well as can be expected. They are under the skillful treatment of Dr. Mills, who is eminently calculated for the work, having had a large practice, as surgeon of the Army during the late American War.—Com. by J. P. N. Ohio, Oct. 13th, 1873.

CAPE BRETON.—The "Cape Breton Advocate" learns from reliable authority that the railway from Sydney to Louisburg is a decided fact, and the construction of the line will be commenced at once.

A party of miners, employed by Mr. Gisborne, are sinking trial pits near Muggah's Creek, close to Sydney, in order to prove the value of a lode or bed of hematite iron ore. The surface indications are good.

A. M. Purdy of Palmyra, N. Y., the well known fruit grower and floriculturist, offers to send the three last Nos. of his FRUIT RECORDER & COTTAGE GARDENER for this year free to all who will write him they will pay the postage at their office. He also sends out a 64 page SMALL FRUIT INSTRUCTOR, which tells how to plant and grow small fruits in abundance for home use or market, for only 25 cts., post paid. Copies of the RECORDER & INSTRUCTOR, now on our table, speak well as to their practical value.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.—At a bear hunt in the vicinity of Nictaux Falls, last week, Mr. William Brown was accidentally shot in one of his legs by one of the party. The bear which was shot weighed 400 lbs. It had four inches of fat on the back, and eight gallons of oil were obtained from the carcass.

On the 8th inst. an old inhabitant of Granville, named John Weatherspoon, was found dead in a field, opposite his own house, on Parker's mountain.

The Bridgetown "Monitor" reports that a few days ago, as Mr. Job E. Durling, of Roxbury, who had been out shooting, was getting over a fence with the gun on his shoulder, by some unaccountable accident, the contents were discharged into his leg near the knee.

KINGS COUNTY.—Mr. Colin W. Roscoe, of Centreville, Cornwallis, has received the appointment of Inspector of Schools for the County of Kings, instead of Rev. R. Somerville, removed from the Province.

VICTORIA COUNTY, C. B.—Messrs. McCurdy, Tremain, and Morrison, were nominated at Baddeck on Thursday last for the House of Assembly in place of Mr. Campbell, appointed to the Legislative Council.

SHELBURNE COUNTY.—Alfred Smith of Shelburne, lost his life last week while diving to recover the cargo of an American fishing schooner, which was sunk at Cape Negro in the great gale of August last. It appears that the diving apparatus got out of order in some way, and before the assistant could get Smith to the surface he was dead.

During the laying of the telegraph cable between Capes Turmentine and Traverre, last week, by the steamship "Robert Lowe," a man named John White, a Quartermaster, was accidentally drowned from a boat.

William McPherson, of Tatmagouche, was lost overboard on the 6th inst., from the schooner "Nine Brothers," off Gull Rock.

W. H. Townsend, Esq., formerly M. P. P. for Yarmouth, died at his residence in the town of Yarmouth, after a severe illness, on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

ACADIA POWDER MILLS AT WAYERLY.—An explosion took place here on Friday morning last and seriously injured a workman named Henry McEwan. It is supposed that some tramps got into the mills and made a fire in the building, without knowing what was its character.

LUNenburg.—The trial of Peter Mailman for the murder of his wife commenced on Thursday last. The principal witnesses are Daniel Carver and the prisoner's daughter. The evidence is very strong against the prisoner. On the 11th of August he and his wife went together into the woods he having an axe in his hand. She had not been again seen till her body was discovered in a half consumed state. On the day after the murder he had gone to Annapolis and had stated that the constables would hang him if they caught him. Mailman showed great unconcern in the court room.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SENSATIONAL TEXTS.—The text is not allowable, if by means of its failing to form a complete sentence, or to express the complete idea of the inspired penman, it becomes undignified. Sensational preachers are apt to degrade the pulpit by texts which, when insulated from their contexts, lose their sobriety. For the sake of replenishing the empty seats of a Scotch kirk, the minister placarded, every week, such texts for the coming Sabbath as: "What fear! yes, what vehement desire!" "Nine and twenty knives," "A time to dance," "Alas, master, for it was borrowed," etc., etc. It is recorded that on a Sabbath forenoon during our last war with Great Britain, a minister eminent for his genius and learning, was engaged in his pulpit services and was informed that three ships of the British navy were coming near the port where he resided, and imperilling one of our men-of-war. He instantly suspended the morning worship, left the pulpit, hastened to the neighboring fortification, offered his military services to the commander, was ordered to stand by one of the guns, remained at his post until the three ships of the British line had sailed away; then he returned to his church in season for the afternoon sermon, which he delivered extempore from the triumphant words: "There go the ships." (Pa. civ. 26) The text as quoted is entirely different in its meaning from the text as first written. The sentence was complete, but when severed from its adjuncts became ludicrous, though patriotic.—Prof. Park.

An exchange states that at a camp meeting, held to promote sinless perfection, a man and his wife who profess entire sanctification and who made a speciality of promoting holiness, insisted upon conducting matters; but they were "so crotchety, ill-tempered, unreasonable and peevish" that their services were declined.