

Just such a school we need in Rome. I hope Mr. Van Meter will find it within his power and means to establish in this city a large Industrial School, where boys and girls, young men and maidens, can acquire habits of industry, and learn to produce work much superior to that of the native inhabitants. We do hope and pray that his friends in America will support Mr. Van Meter in his efforts to open a school of this character. It is a great desideratum of Rome.

According to the last reports, the Waldensian Church, which has a Presbyterian form of government, and is thoroughly identified with that denomination, has 37 missionary stations in Italy and Sicily, 3,220 worshippers, and 1,952 communicants. The Free Church, which is mostly Congregational, has 28 missionary stations, and 1,118 communicants. The Methodist Church occupies 20 stations, and numbers 689 converts in full membership, and 586 scholars. There are 2 general superintendents, 15 Italian ministers, 8 catechists, and 18 day school teachers. These several missionary organizations are supported by their respective denominations of England and America.

Our Baptist Mission comprises 8 regularly organized churches, with an aggregate membership of 296. Efforts are being made to open new stations at La Spezia and Leghorn. The points we occupy are Rome, Civita-vecchia, Bari, Bologna, Modena, Carpi, and La Torre, (Waldensian Valleys).

The Plymouth Brethren have a few churches of their own in Italy. The exact number I have not been able to ascertain, but it is very small. There are in the whole of Italy about ninety five churches, and four thousand five hundred communicants. As you see, there has been considerable work done. — But alas! how small when compared with the whole population!

During the last year the circulation of the Scriptures has amounted to a total of 49,855 copies, which have comprised 6,913 Bibles, 19,395 New Testaments, and 23,547 portions. May this good seed bring forth much fruit.

W. N. COTE.

Rome, Nov, 18th, 1872.

P. S. The committee of your Publication Society will be glad to learn that the book, "Mes Raisons," is now being circulated among the Catholics of the Waldensian Valleys, and, according to the latest reports, is doing a good work. W. N. C. — National Baptist.

IN MEMORIAM.

SPINNEY WHITMAN, ESQ.,

died at Cape Canso, Dec. 15th, 1872, aged 78 years. The strong points of our deceased brother's character were integrity and humility. It seemed a part of his nature to be inflexibly honest, and to be guided by the command, "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them." During the greater part of his life he endeavored to walk humbly with his God, but so great was his distrust of self, that he had passed the meridian before he publicly put on Christ by baptism. His hope, though a trembling one, was a good one, and we sorrow not as those who have no hope. He had no talent for the public exercises of the church, being seldom able to express himself in public, but constantly he entered into his closet, and regularly kept up family worship. Mr. W. was a firm and consistent Baptist, never swerving for a moment from the distinctive principles of the Word of God. He took the Baptist Magazine while that periodical was published, and when the Christian Messenger was started he at once placed his name on the subscription list, and has ever since been its constant reader and obliging agent. The little church at Canso will utter the petition of the Psalmist: "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men." — Com. by D. A. S.

Religious Intelligence.

AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, HALIFAX — "Princes shall come out of Egypt and Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." — Psalm 131.

For the benefit of your numerous readers and for encouragement of poor Churches wherever this may reach, we wish to state through the columns of your valuable paper that on the 27th ult., the finance Committee in connection with the African Baptist Church, Halifax, met at said Church in Cornwallis Street, where the Treasurer submitted a report shewing to the satisfaction of all present, that a debt of One thousand Dollars which was incurred four

years ago for the renovation and enlargement of said church had been cleared off, with all other additional expenses, and that a balance of nineteen dollars remained in hand. The report was unanimously received and adopted.

The Rev. James Thomas who has been labouring anxiously and faithfully among us for the past thirty seven years, and chosen pastor in August 1861 which situation he has filled with perfect satisfaction to the church and Congregation ever since; and the church has no idea of parting with him provided they can secure his services.

In appreciation of their heartfelt respect for him and his discreet management of the church affairs, before and since his pastoral charge of us. It was unanimously resolved that a donation of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars be presented to him.

Protracted meetings will be held in the church every evening during the week (Saturday excepted) ministering Brethren and Members of other churches are cordially invited to help us in the good work.

P. E. McK., Clerk of Committee. Halifax, January 4th, 1873.

TORONTO. — College St. — As many of our readers are aware, a short time ago a mission was established in the north-western part of this city, of which Bro. Lloyd writes as follows: "Last Lord's Day evening was a memorable one in the history of the new Baptist interest on College St. Of the six accepted candidates, I was permitted to baptize four in our new baptistry, before many witnesses, to some of whom it was a strange sight. We trust, by the blessing of God, to have many opportunities of visiting the 'emblematical grave' in our new and wide field.

Alexander St. — The cause in Alexander St. is steadily going forward. The pastor, Bro. Munro, was permitted to administer the ordinance of baptism last Sabbath evening. Others are expected shortly to unite.

Parliament St. — On Sabbath evening, Dec. 22nd, the pastor baptized five candidates; four of them were men and three of them heads of families. Soon again, it is expected, the baptismal waters will be visited. — Canadian Baptist.

Rev. Dr. Castle, has intimated his acceptance of the call from the Bond St. Church and expects shortly to arrive in the city and enter on his new duties.

PASTORAL VISITING. — The duty of visiting means earnest pastoral work. The minister who neglects this, neglects a great part of his duty. It implies something more than going around among the friends, saying a good word and then passing on; it means to go to each house, family after family, and if the time and circumstances will admit, on such occasions a brief passage of Scripture should be read, instructive and pointed comments should be made in a frank, tender and common sense manner, without whining or cant, and an appropriate prayer should be offered. For that the apostle practiced daily household preaching, see Acts v. 42; also xx. 20. — Can. Bap.

The Macedonian and Helping Hand will for the coming year be issued together from the Mission Rooms in Boston. The publication will be in convenient quarto form, and full of missionary information from month to month. Price 35 cts. for single subscriptions per year; four to one address, \$1; packages of 25 or more 20 cts. per copy, always in advance.

The Rev. J. E. Vining has accepted the unanimous call of the Boston Church to become their pastor in connexion with the church at Burch's Corner.

Bro. Edward Love was ordained to the work of the ministry, as pastor of the East Baptist Church, New York city, Dec. 5th. He came from an open communion church in England, but from the account of his examination as given in the Examiner, it seems plain that he is now in full Scriptural accord with the great body of the Baptists.

The ladies of the First Baptist church in Nashville, Tennessee, have agreed to dispense with jewelry and other finery in church hereafter, and wear only plain dresses in worship.

The Baptist Home Mission Society is to have its organ, The Home Missionary Herald, and the Missionary Union will have another.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., JAN. 8, 1873.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3. — Hon. Mr. Muirhead, of Miramichi, has been summoned to the senate vice Hon P. Mitchell resigned.

MONTREAL. — The Insurance Company's Agents Meeting held here deprecate the smallness of the Fire Brigade, the want of appliances, and the dangers of water famine.

The Earl and Countess of Dufferin arrived here on Saturday.

The destruction of the factories of Nelson Wood and Ames Milland, throws 1200 persons out of employment. The former, however, will resume work shortly. The total loss is \$250,000; insured for \$150,000.

There was a heavy snow storm on Sunday and the railway trains were greatly impeded.

TORONTO. — The Corporation at Yorkville has been fined \$5,000 for neglecting to keep bridges in repair.

A Chinaman arrived in town on Monday from California. He intends starting a laundry here and will be followed by others of his countrymen.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The St. John Globe publishes a statement showing that the number of New Brunswick built vessels lost during the year was, 4 ships, 10 barques, 8 brigs and brigantines and 14 schooners. There were built 5 small steamers, 13 ships, 22 barks and brigantines, 4 brigs and brigantines and 36 schooners.

THE SCHOOL LAW. — The N. B. government have made the following order: "That nothing in Regulation 20 shall be taken to prevent the wearing of the cross or other emblems as ordinarily worn by the members at large of any denomination of Christians."

WESTMORELAND. — The Amherst Gazette reports a fire at Woodpoint, on Christmas night, by which Mr. Barnes lost his dwelling house, carriage, sleigh, harness, &c. His family escaping with their lives.

P. E. ISLAND.

Island papers announce that Daniel McDonald, Esq., of North Perth, has been returned, without opposition, to the seat in the Legislative Council vacated by the Hon. D. Gordon.

The Evangelist (Charlottetown paper) says: "We regret to hear that diphtheria is in town, and making its ravages among the young people. Two children are said to have died from this cause already. Measels and scarlet fever have been in a few families, but both diseases, we rejoice to know, are, so far, of a very mild type."

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The "Royal Gazette" contains the following announcement: — "The Right Hon the Earl of Kimberley has informed His Excellency, the Governor, that Her Majesty, the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve of Frederick B. T. Carter, Esq., Q. C., and Ambrose Shea, Esq., retaining the title of Honorable within the Colony of Newfoundland, on account of the length and general merit of their services as Executive Councillors."

UNITED STATES.

The Fifth Avenue Theatre was burned on New Year's Day. A portion of the walls of the Fifth Avenue Hotel were broken in, and two private stables were demolished by the falling of the theatre walls. No lives lost. Loss, \$250,000 to 300,000.

A fire on Broadway destroyed \$40,000 worth of property; and one on Church St \$17,000.

The ship "Golconda," from Liverpool, reports landing at Fayal the captain and crew of barque "David Cannon," from Miramichi for London — waterlogged, on the 28th of November.

The trial of Stokes for the murder of Fisk was finished on Saturday last. The jury returned a verdict of "murder in the first degree." On Monday he was sentenced by the Judge to be hanged on the 28th of February next, being the shortest time the law allows between the time of the sentence and its execution.

Before the sentence, Tremaine, the counsel for the prisoner, took exception to the Judge's ruling. Governor Dix, it is stated is not likely to commute the sentence. Stokes made a speech, bitterly denouncing several of the witnesses as perjured wretches.

Testimony introduced stated that a pistol, represented to belonging to Fisk, was picked up on the stairs after the shooting.

In New York city the past year there were 140 suicides, 206 deaths by drowning, 57 homicides and 705 deaths by accidents.

Troops operating against Apache Indians killed 37, captured a number, and destroyed large quantities of provisions.

Two hundred deaths from Small Pox are reported in Boston last week.

Sixty persons were killed by accident during the week.

A despatch from Newburyport, Mass., states that the British steamer "Sir Francis" is ashore on Hampton Beach bar. The passengers are being landed. The vessel is safe and will be got off.

The "Texas," of the Dominion line, from Liverpool, also got ashore the same night while entering Boston Bay. Her bow is fast aground, and the stern afloat in twenty feet of water.

On Thursday last a train on the Beaver Valley Branch of Pittsburg, Fort Maine and Chicago Railway, struck a broken rail near Moravi. The train consisting of baggage car and three coaches was thrown down an embankment. Two coaches were burned, none of the passengers were burned or killed, but twenty were injured.

The Erie Claims against Jay Gould it is said have been proposed to be settled on payment of \$9,000,000.

Prof. Goldwin Smith has joined the Methodist Church.

The Bureau of Agriculture reports indicate a favorable yield of cotton, averaging sixteen per cent. above that of last year, and it is estimated that the total product will be 3,450,000 bales.

A heavy gale with rain and sleet prevailed on Sunday last, prostrating telegraph lines in every direction, and flooding numerous cellars in this city and suburbs.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 p. m. — Gold 1 1/8. Sight exchange 10 1/8. Money 7 per cent.

AUSTRALIA. — Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, Jan. 3, via London, 4th, says: — Additional cases of kidnapping of Polynesian natives by wholesale have come to light. The guilty parties will be severely dealt with. The authorities are determined to break up the infamous practice.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND. — On Friday last despatches were received from Queenstown, Birmingham and Southampton reporting that a tempest, unprecedented in violence, raged all the preceding night. The storm was accompanied by terrific thunder and lightning, and caused great alarm to the inhabitants. The wind was blowing a gale, and sleet and snow falling.

Hundreds of agricultural laborers are out of employment in England, because the farmers refuse to pay the wages they demand. Many of the laborers are preparing to emigrate to Brazil.

The revenue receipts of Great Britain for the quarter ending 31st of December amounted to \$78,000,000 — an increase of five millions over the previous quarter.

It is rumored that a large Prussian loan is to be put upon the English market. The London Times of Friday morning, on the death of Kamehameha, says it must confess that Americans will eventually people the Sandwich Islands, which will become a valuable colony between San Francisco, China, and Austria. It doubts the right or propriety of any nation taking possession of the Sandwich Islands by filibustering.

A Honolulu letter received at San Francisco says the natives of the Sandwich Islands are disposed to make Mrs. Bishop, a popular resident of Honolulu, their Queen. John F. Pawson & Co., of London, dealers in Manchester goods, have failed, with liabilities amounting to five million pounds sterling. Other failures are expected.

The ex-Emperor Napoleon had an operation successfully performed upon him on Saturday last, for stone in the bladder.

FRANCE. — On New Year's Day in Paris the weather was very fine and the Boulevards were crowded with holiday throngs. The city presented a more animated appearance than at any time since the war. At Versailles President Thiers held the usual New Year's reception. The diplomatic body was first received. No speeches were made.

200,000 Francs are to be voted by the Assembly for sufferers by the floods in France.

Correspondence has taken place between Von Buest and the Duke de Grammont in relation to assertion of the latter that Austria promised to assist France in case of war with Prussia. Von Buest announces his intention of shortly publishing in Paris a reply explaining the attitude of Austria at the time of the outbreak of the war.

Borealeo will return to Paris from Rome. This is regarded as an indication of a continuance of the difference between Thiers and the Pope.

GERMANY. — Lieut. General Von Karnecke will succeed General Von Roon as Minister of War. The latter is to be made a Field Marshal.

RUSSIA. — The Russian Government has communicated to Great Britain its plans for a campaign in Central Asia, and offered to allow British officers to accompany the troops.

A St. Petersburg despatch says the Czaravitch is making favorable progress towards recovery. His fever is gradually decreasing.

The Khan of Khiva is making preparations to resist the projected invasion of his dominions by Russia.

ITALY. — A despatch from Rome says that the Pope, in receiving the Palatine Guard, on New Year's Day, made a brief address, alluding to the persecution of the Church, and declaring that the cities of Europe were standing on perilous ground.

An Army Bill has been introduced into the Chambers, making all Italians between 18 and 20 liable to military duty.

The King of Italy has completely recovered from his sickness.

POTUGAL. — The Cortes was opened on Thursday last by King Louis in person.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ANOTHER STRUGGLE. — Ultramontanism has tried another fall with Prince Bismark, and has sustained a serious defeat. This time the battle-ground chosen was the right of State-elected teachers of religion to retain their position after they had been excommunicated by Papal authorities. — The case in point was that of Professor

Wollman, who was appointed many years ago by the State as theological instructor at the Braunsberg Gymnasium; but having some time since refused to accept the Infallibility dogma, he has fallen under the ban of the now notorious Bishop of Ermland. Berlin, however, has been quite a match for Rome, and has refused point-blank to subordinate the authority of the Government to that of the Bishop; and the maintenance in their position of men in similar circumstances to those in which Professor Wollman is placed has been guaranteed by the votes of 264 against 84 members of the Lower House. The minority was made up of Ultramontanes, "Fossilists," and Polish members. The rejection of this motion is the more noteworthy from the fact that the Government had professed that "many parents were compelled, under threat of withholding from them the sacraments, to withdraw their children from the religious instruction imparted in the Gymnasium;" so that there is now likely to be another element added to the warfare on the excommunication question.

SELLING OFF. — The splendid steamship constructed in 1859 by the Thames Iron Ship-building Company for the Pope, and named the "Immacolata Concepcion," is on a passage to England for disposal by private sale. Her length is 178 feet, 27 beam; depth 16 feet; burden 627 tons (B. M.) She carries eight brass 18 pounders, the whole cost being £21,560.

An International Coinage Convention has been signed between Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.

IMPROVEMENTS AT JERUSALEM. — The Holy City suffers constantly and severely from scarcity of water. A proposal is now made and pressed upon Jews and Christians of the West to build again the aqueduct of Solomon, and secure for the beautiful city a bountiful supply of good wholesome water. The city thus supplied would increase in wealth and population, and become a comfortable and attractive centre of pilgrimage. The present generation will likely see Railway communication to Jerusalem, and the city lighted with gas.

THE RED INDIANS. — The history of the Red Indian race, like the roll given to the prophet Ezekiel, has written upon it "lamentations and mourning and woe." In the United States their numbers have been continually diminishing since the European stranger first set his foot upon their shores; and during the last twenty years they have dwindled down from 400,764 to 221,000 souls. British territory does not contain more than an additional 148,000. This small remnant of those numerous tribes which once called the American continent their own, tells a sad tale of numbers who have perished by the sword, and of still greater numbers who have been destroyed by the vices which the white man has introduced amongst them.

WAR AND MISSIONS. — Recent statistics show that Christian nations so-called, expended within the last twelve months, in support of war, and the war system two thousand millions of dollars. The amount contributed for missions within the same period, is five millions.

A scheme has been suggested by a French aeronaut to explore the Polar regions by means of a balloon.

A Scotch divine, recently praying, said "O Lord, give unto us neither poverty nor riches," and pausing solemnly a moment, he added, "especially poverty."

Shakespeare is to have a monument in New York. Americans reason thus: — "Shakespeare was born when the flag of Old England and the flag of America was one flag; therefore Shakespeare is an American."

An Italian Savant, M. Luigi Vallerio, of the Academy of Florence, has just discovered a new art, that might be called photo-painting, for not only are drawings reproduced, but the colours also with remarkable distinctness.

The Moon is now brought "within 80 miles" of the naked eye. The largest existing telescope magnifies an object 3000. This, for purposes of sight is equivalent to bringing the moon within eighty miles of us.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS. — Every column of a newspaper contains from 12,000 to 15,000 distinct pieces of metal and the displacement of any one would cause a typographical error. And yet some people lay claim to remarkable smartness if they discover an error in the newspaper. When such people find a word with a wrong letter in it, they are sure that they could spell that single word right, and they are happy for a whole day.

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N. B. — Just received from the manufactory one case Rouillon (1 er choix) FRENCH KID GLOVES, made especially to our order. S. W. H. BROS. Dec. 4.