For the Christian Messenger. OUR HOME MISSIONS, LETTERS,

Mr. Editor,-

We sincerely regret that the Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Society should again force us into personal self-defence. After his remarks characterized by "christian courtesy and refinement," in which he charged us with lacking the " essential element," and in which he took his formal leave of us, we expected as a controversalist we should see his face no more. We were somewhat surprized, therefore, to notice his references to us in the last issue of the Messenger. We had hoped to finish our remarks on Home Missions before being again compelled to refer to his personalities, but we were to be disappointed.

In his last letter, the honorable Treasurer assumes a dignified air, and charges us with " rudeness." It is a pity that he did not think of being refined and dignified before. We thought many of his remarks were rather course. In the very first letter of his last series he has an unnecessary fling at us, and in several others there is " offensive" language. He has charged us with a lack of the " essential element" with " repeated misrepresentation," and " rudeness," simply because we quoted his own language and drew from it fair and legitimate inferences. After such expressions in an unprovoked attack upon us, we think when we wish to become perfect in " Christian courtesy and refinement," we shall not think it advisable to take lessons of Judge McCully. We may here quote a sentence or two from the letter of a gentleman of high culture who lives at a distance and is an almost entire stranger to us. He says-" I have admired the christian spirit with which you have maintained the "controversy," and again, " As I view the matter, you have not been worsted in any degree in argument nor driven from any of the positions you have assumed. And as I have already hinted, you have never lost your temper, notwithstanding many provocations; which is more, perhaps, than could be truly said of your opponent."

The Treasurer tells us again that we have been unable to prove our allegations " though challenged to do so." We quoted his statements proving most conclusively the assertions we made. (See Messenger, April 30). If a mun is unwilling to receive his own testimony in evidence, we must fail in our hope to convince him. We are forced, therefore, from the Treasurer's language to one of three conclusions. He has either not written what bears his signature, or he attaches to it a hidden meaning which no one else can understand, or he has but little confidence in his own statements. He then boasts of his "anticedents,' of what he has done and could do. He calls us " belligerent divines," and implies that we are anxious for a conflict. We are not "belligerent." We are not anxious for war. Our motto is never to attack a person unnecessarily, but when attacked to defend ourself to the best of our ability. It matters little to us what have been the antecedents of the Treasurer, what warriors he has stricken down or crippled, or what victories he may achieve in the future. Of one thing we are certain, he has made rather poor work in dealing with the Home Mission question. His letters remind us of a remark of the celebrated Curran, about a speech he had listened to. He said it was "phraseology sailing in ballast." Although we are not warlike in our tendencies we shall allow no man to attack us without being ready to meet him. We are glad that Judge Me-Cully is a Baptist-that he has by perseverance worked himself up to an honorable position, and that he takes so much interest in denominational work. But as a man he has rights to which others are entitled as well as himself. Hence be must expect that we shall be as tenacious of our rights as he is of his.

We hope next week to continue our remarks on Home Missions, and soon finish what we have to say on that important subject.

G. E. DAY, Cor. Sec. of Union.

OPENING OF THE BAPTIST VES-

TRY, MILTON, YARMOUTH. Dear Brother,-

Yarmouth, May 23, 1873.

We have at length entered our New Vestry. On the first Sabbath evening in May we took leave of the Old Vestry that had served the good cause for upward of 30 years. The sermon was from the oft quoted

hath the Lord helped us." At the close of the sermon Dea. Samuel Brown of the Temple Church gave some very interesting and touching reminiscences. The farewell spoke feelingly of the rich blessing they stream. had witnessed and enjoyed in the old building.

The opening services of the New Vestry took place last Sabbath at 2 o'clock, P. M The Rev. Dr. Day preached an able discourse on the occasion from Isa. xlii. 4.

Brethren W. H. Porter, W. L. Parkers and J. Whitman (Congregationalist) took part in the services. The congregation was very large and solemn, the service was rendered increasingly interesting by the reception of a worthy sister into the church who had been baptised at 11 o'clock. This sister tried hard to satisfy her conscience that sprinkling is baptism, but failing she sought a home with us and was cordially welcomed.

The Vestry is 45 feet long by 42 wide. It is a splendid room lighted with gas, warmed with furnaces and fitted up with all the modern improvements. May it become the scene of rich displays of Divine power and grace!

There is also at the back of the large room, a commodious Class Room and a Room for the accommodation of the Sewing Circle. The whole arrangement will add very much to our comfort, and we trust tend largely to the glory of God.

The work has been done thus far by the well known firm of Kinney, Healy and Co. and notwithstanding unavoidable delays, reflects credit upon the skill and taste of a terrific whirlwind on Thursday last. Its the architect, as well as upon the enterprize of the company. Their contract however is not yet completed.

Yours truly, ISA. WALLACE.

Milton, Yarmouth, 15th May, 1873.

A friend writes from Lowell, Mass. "Ten new members were received by baptism into the Worthen street church last Sabbath, by Rev. D. Henry Miller pastor, making sixty eight baptized, and ninety added to this church since the Week of Prayer."

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., MAY 28, 1873.

On Tuesday the 20th, in the House of Commons, Sir John A. Macdonald read a cable despaten from Sir John Rose, announcing the death of Sir George E. Cartier, which event occurred in London on that morning. Addresses expressive of sympathy for, and eulogistic of the deceased statesman, were made by several members. His funeral will be public—the expenses being borne by the Government. It appears that after being in Parliament 25 years, and in the government about 20 years, and probably the most influential man in Quebic, he died a poor

On the votes for the appropriation for the Militia, it was objected that the management was very inefficient.

Mr. Langevin agreed that the present system was not the best for Canada, and would not be continued.

Camps of instruction are to be done away with.

A bill has passed the Dominion House of Commons granting \$150 000 a year as compensation to New Brunswick for loss of export duty on American lumber, which is to be abolished with the view of securing for Canada the coasting trade privileges provided by the Washington Treaty.

The Ottawa Parliament adjourned on Friday last till August.

The Grand Trunk Railway is to be completely renovated within the next two years, and is expected to be one of the best roads on the continent.

An Ottawa despatch says that a deputation from Manitoba have asked the Dominion Government to extend the limits of the Province, both north-east and south, reaching Hadson's Bay, Lake Superior and the American frontier as far as Ontario. It would give Manitoba a port at the Hudson's said the Government has giving its approval to this scheme, which has been put forward by Mr Royal and his colleagues. This extention would give Manitoba ten times its present area.

A memorandum of the Chief Engineer of the Pacific R R., submitted to the House of Commons, shows the Canadian route from Red River to Montreal to be 500 miles shorter than by any other existing route.

P. E. ISLAND.

The delegates to Ottawa returned to Charlottetown on Tuesday night, and were received with bonfires, illuminations, &c. They claim that the new Confederation terms are \$30,000 better than those obtained by Messrs. Laird and Haythorne.

A telegraph despatch has announced that the House of Assembly of P. E. Island way to Madrid to present the English re- Howe's appointment to the Governorship. | please copy.

passage in 1 Sam. 7: 12. "Hitherto unaminously passed resolutions on Monday accepting the terms offered to that province on entering the Union.

A colored man named William Carpenter was drowned in Charlottetown harbor on Saturday evening, while attempting to swim meeting was deeply impressive. Many to a boat that had been anchored in the

UNITED STATES.

The Modoc War practically ended on the 22ad when the Hot Creek hand comprising about one half of Captain Jack's followers surrendered unconditionally to General Davis at Farchillis Ranche. The remainder of the Indians are still retreating, and a vigorous pursuit is kept up.

It is said to be probable that prisoners will be treated as murderers and hanged. Fort Abraham Lincoln was attacked by

100 Sioux on May 7th. The Sioux were repulsed. George Francis Train has been adjudged

insane asylum. Governor Dix has vetoed the local prohibition bill, and his veto has been sustain-

nsane, and ordered to be committed to an

Further outrages on Texas Frontier by Mexicans, Kickapos, and Lipons, are reported. It was rumored that a Government train had been attacked and seven teamsters killed.

Heavy reinforcements for the United States troops now on the Rio Grande have been privately ordered to prepare for speedy despatch. This is regarded as indicating trouble with Mexico.

The British steamship "San Antonio," while entering Galveston harbor during a heavy gale, on the 20th, was blown ashore and still lies aground.

Washington County, lowa, was visited by arrived in Constantinople. path was about half a mile in width, Houses, barns, fences, trees, cattle, and human beings were caught up and whirled through the air like toys and then dasted to the ground. Destructive hail stones fell, nine inches in diameter; several persons were killed and injured and many farm houses destroyed, The loss of life and property was much greater than at first reported. Six more persons died since morning, and the lives of many others despaired of. An enormous amount of property has been destroyed, only one house being left in the town of Lancaster.

A fearful tornado passed over the north of Prairie City, Ill., on Thursday evening, killing and wounding several persons and a large number of horses and cattle; blowing down houses, barns, etc.

Judge Edward Pierrepont declines the proffered Russian mission.

NEW YORK, May 26.-Gold 18. Exchange 8% and 9%.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND. - The city of London was illuminated on Saturday evening in honor of the Queens Birthday.

On Thursday a letter appeared in the London papers from John Bright in which referring to the adherence of the American people to the Republic, he says the argument used by monarchists in support of their present form of Government in Great Britain may be used with equal reason in support of the Republic in America.

The London "Lancet" publishes a detailed statement of the malady of the Pope, which it says is werse than has been officially stated.

Fears are entertained that the crops throughout England for the current year will fall far short of the average.

FRANCE.—Paris, May 25.—The Thiers Government was deleated in the French Assembly on Saturday by a small majority. Intense excitement followed.

The Ministry tendered their resignations which were accepted by Thiers, who then | height. resigned the Presidency.

A motion to appoint a new President caused a tumult in the Assembly, the Left moving that Thiers' resignation should not be accepted. Latter motion lost by a vote of 368 to 339, and Marshal McMahon was chosen President by 390 votes, the Left abstaining from the ballot.

The new French ministry was announced on Monday as follow: Minister of Foreign Affairs-Duke de Broglie ; Minister o Justice-Ernoul; Minister of Interior-Beule : Minister of Finance - Pierre-Magne; Minister of War-General de Bay Government Factory, which is opened | Cissey; Minister of Marine-Admiral de during three months every year. It is Forney; Minister of Public Instruction and Worship-Bathie; Minister of Public Works-De Seilligny, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce - M. Bouilliere.

tion of the country in consequence of the inst. It appears that three men belonging change in the Government. No fear of a disturbance is apparent in Paris. The daylight to go out shooting. The weather people on Sunday attended in great numbers the Chantilly races, giving themselves is supposed they were caught by a breaker up to pleasure and caring little seemingly outside the harbor and their dory capsised. for politics.

The debate in the Assembly on the Conservative's interpellation was opened on up the poor fellows' souwesters and oil Friday, and speeches were made by Duke | clothes, but the bodies have not been rede Broglie on one side, and Minister Dulaure on the other. M. Thiers tried to address the Chamber but was prevented by an uproar, upon which formal notice of his intention to speak was given, and the Assembly adjourned.

SPAIN -Mr. Bradlaugh, while on his

solution congratulating Spain on the establishment of a Republic, was taken prisoner by the Carlists, but was soon released.

It is expected that Senor Oranzi, the chief of the Republican party, will be President of Constituent Cortes, and Senor Figueras remain President of the Ministry.

General Vilarde has issued a proclamation at Barcelona, calling all males between the age of 14 and 16 years into the Republican columns and threatening the infliction of heavy penalties on all municipalities which thwart its operations.

It is reported that the Spanish Government will propose that a President of the Republic be elected by plebiscitum.

Russia .- Despatches from St. Petersburg say that there is no truth in the report that Khiva has been taken, and that the Khan has fallen into the hands of the Russian troops.

The Shah of Persia arrived at Moscow on the 19th. Upon entering the city he was met by an immense concourse of peoole who welcomed him with great enthu-

JAPAN .- The palace of the Mikado, at Yeddo, was destroyed by fire May 5.

India .- A despatch from Paduy announces an army of Battahs and a lichen force 10,000 strong, marching on Delhi, a state on the North East coast of the Island.

ITALY .- A despatch from Rome to the "Independent Belge," says the Pope had several severe attacks recently, and is in danger of death from suffication. The Cardinals had assembled in the Vatican, under the presidency of Cardinal Pattize, ready to provide in case of any emergency which may arise.

The Pope is again reported to be in a critical condition, and the Cardinals have assembled to provide against any emergency

TURKEY .- The Knedive of Egypt has

Valuable discoveries have been made in Assyria by George Smith, including the King of Nineveh's library and portions of broken tablets.

PRUSSIA.—The session of the Prussian Diet closed on Tuesday. The speech from the throne was read by General Von Roon President of the ministry.

SWITZERLAND .- A Special despatch to Daily Times (News?) from Geneva says Father Hyacinthe in his sermons in that city attacks the confessional and celibacy. people and the use of the Bible, and the saying of litanies in the national language.

News of the Week.

THE DRUMMOND COLLIERY RELIEF FUND from Halifax amounts to about \$5000. The total number of deaths caused by the explosion is 59, leaving 30 widows and 92 fatherless children. A meeting was held at Stellarton on Thursday last when the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to have the charge and disbursement of the amount raised for their relief: Henry A. Budden, Vice President International Coal Co.; Millard W. White, Agent N. S. Coal Co.; James Hudson, President, Managers Halifax Mining Co.; Jesse Hoyt, Agent Acadia Coal Mining Co.; J. C. Jones, M. D., and Daniel Munroe, Westville; Rev. C. Bowman, Stellarton, and Rev. R. McDonald, P. P. Pictou; Jas. Carmichal, New Glasgow, Treasurer; Geo. A. Dickson, Westville, Truro. Secretary

In addition to the above there have been contributions from St. John, Montreal and

THE ASH CART SERVICE commenced this lands. week. Carts go round Wards 1 and 2 on the night of Monday, 3 and 4 on Tuesday, 5 on Thursday, and 6 on Friday, every

The Nova Scotia Giantess, Anna Swan, now Mrs. Bates, and her husband Capt. M. V. Bates, are on a visit to Halifax. They are each seven feet eleven inches in

A NOVA SCOTIAN MURDERED -The coronor's verdict in the Nashua (N. H.) murder case is to the effect that Robert E. Blair came to his death by a wound in the head from a bullet fired from a pistol in the hand of Jesse Diehl Thomas L. Blair, brother of the murdered man, arrived in Nashua on Tuesday from Philadelphia. He states that the victim was not a native of North Carolina, as reported, but was born in Onslow, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, and that his parents now reside at Truro, N. S. He was one of ten chi dren, six of whom are now living. The preliminary trial of the murderer was held at Nashua on Tuesday, before Judge Emerson.

A correspondent of the Citizen reports the occurrence of a sad accident at White-There has been no disorder in any por- haven, County of Guysboro, on the 13th to an American schooner left the vessel at was rough and foggy at the time, and it Another dory going out shortly after, to meet the boats coming in, with bait picked, covered. The three men belonged in Yarmouth Co., two of them being married and the other single.

> HANTS COUNTY .- Archibald Frame, of Maitland, has been selected as the Govern-

DARTMOUTH .- On Tuesday of last week the following gentlemen were elected to form the first corporation of this town:

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Warden, - W. S. Symonds. Councillors, - James W. Johnston, Joseph Allan, John Forbes, Wm. T. Murray, Thomas A. Hyde, Francis Mumford.

Their first meeting was held on Friday evening when it was resolved that the town officers be requested to hand in the books and papers belonging to their offices.

Councillors Johnston, B. Forbes and Hyde were appointed a committee to prepare Bye

Councillors Allen, Forbes and Mumford were appointed a Street Committee. It was agreed that four members of the

Council should form a quorum. Councillors Johnston, Hyde and Murray were appointed School Commissioners. The Fire Wardens and Constables now in

office, were re-appointed. Councilors Murray and Mumford were appointed a Fire Department Committee. Henry Horn, Thomas G. Elliot and

Leander Mumford were appointed Health Councillors Johnston, Murray and Mumford were appointed a Committee on Public

A memorial to the Dominion Government in favor of making Dartmouth the Terminus of the Intercolonial Railway was adopted, and a committee was appointed to prepare the business for the Railway Meet-

ing to be held on Monday evening. The Public Railway Meeting on Monday evening passed a series of resolutions urging upon the Governor General the claims of the eastern side of Halifax for the Terminus of the Intercolonial Railway.

A lad named O Donnell, whose parents reside in Dartmouth, was accidently drowned from the Marine Railway wharf, on Wednesday evening. An inquest was held by Coroner Weeks, and verdict of accidentally drowned retured.

SHIPPING IN HALIFAX -The spring trade is bringing quite a number of vessels into our harbor. During last week there arrived 7 steamers, 1 ship, 3 barks, 1 brig, 6 brigantines, and 112 schooners-The total number of vessels in port on Saturday was 138; viz., 5 steamers, 1 ship, 9 barks, 1 brig, 12 brigts., and 110 schooners.

The Ex. High Sheriff of Halifax J. J. Sawyer. Esq. died on Wednesday last. He had held that office for forty years, and had long been a prominent and much re-He also urges the election of priests by the spected citizen. His departure will be much regretted.

Somerset, Kings Co.—The residence of Mr. James McMaster with nearly all its contents was destroyed by fire last week.

Marriages.

On the 19th inst., by the Rev. G. M. Grant, A. M., James McKurdy, late 78 h Highlanders, to Rebecca Dorey, of this city.

On the 28th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Day, Captain S. G. Dunn, of Lockeport, to Miss Lydia Dixon, of St. Mary's, Halitax Co. At Dartmouth, on the 20th inst., by the

Rev. Alexander Fatconer, the Rev. J. Henry Chase, A. M. of Onslow, to Harriet, eldest daughter of Charles Robson, Esq. On Wednesday, 21st inst., by the Rev. Jas.

B. Uniacke, Rector, William Y. Gray, to Christia, daughter of Mr. Horatio Powers. At Truro, on the 15th inst, by the Rev.

Dr. McCulloch, Thomas Sephton, Esq, Manchester, England, Superintendent of Iron Bridges, I C. R., to Agnes, second daughter of the late Isaac N. Archibald, C. E., of At Boston, Highlands, May 14th, by Rev.

Henry M. King, a sisted by the Rec. Mr. Boggs, of St. John, and Rev. W. S. Mc-Kenzie, of Cambridge, Rev. Ingraham E. Bill, to Mrs. Susan L. Dove, of Boston, High-At Truro, 15th inst., by Rev. D. W. C.

Dimock, A. M., assisted by the Rev. Dr. Mc-Culloch, Robert W. Ells, of Montreal, to Miss Harriet N. Stevens, of Troro.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Billtown, on the 20 h inst., by Kev. J. F. Kempton, Mr. aupert S. Parrish, and Mis Julia A. Rock. well, both of Woodville, Cornwal is.

By the same, at the same place, on the 22nd ust., Mr. Silas Rutus Rand, and Miss Prudence Parker, both of Brooklyn Cernwallis.

Peaths.

At Dartmouth, on Wednesday, 21st inst. Catherine W. beloved wite of John T. Walker, aged 45 year.

At the Bank House, Arundel, Sussex, England, on the 29th of March last, in his 70th year, W. K. Milward, Esq., formerly of Hali-

At Plainfield, New Jersey, U.S., on the 12th inst., Herbert Clarke, aged 10 years, only child of Isaac and Mariana Hopkins, of Barrington, N. S.

At Laurencetown, on the 19th inst., Matilda, second daughter of Andrew and Soph a Robson, in the 21st year of her age. At Providence, R. I., May 21st, Henry Austin, aged 18 years, fourth son of Robert

S., and Annie Austin. On Wedesday, May 21st., John James Sawyer, late High Sheriff of Halifax County,

aged 74 years. At Waverley, on the 21st inst., Mary D. Harney, eldest daughter of the late William

Rudolf, and widow of the late Michael Hurney. Fell asleep in Jesus, on the 21st inst., Ann

Gillis, the beloved wife of John McLean, in the 65th year of her age. On Wednesday, 21-t inst., Patrick Joseph Lonergan, in the 14th year of his age.

At Tatamagouche, on the 15th inst., in the 17th year of her age, Mary Jane, beloved daughter of Robert Logan, Esq. "She is not dead but sleepeth."

At East Jordan, Co. Shelburne, on the 1st ment cardidate in Hants for the seat in May, Baraurn McKay, age 86 years, widow the House of Commons, vacant by Mr. of the late Alexander Bithum —Scotch papers Caledon WEDI Little G foundla Malinus verance

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