

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

MISS CAROLINE TUPPER.

My fourth daughter, Caroline, died with her hand clasped in mine, at 4 o'clock in the morning of the 3rd inst., aged 37 years...

It was nearly two years since she lost her health in the United States, and a year and a half since she came home to die. She had probably experienced religion years ago...

Wm. A. TUPPER.

Scots Bay, Dec. 4th, 1873.

Religious Intelligence.

GERMANY.

In the Correspondence of the Missionary Magazine we find the following interesting narrative from Mr. Staugnowski:

Experience Meeting.—On our return to the house we gave an opportunity for such as earnestly desired to be baptized, to talk with the Lord had done for them.

The result was that about 30 believers were received, of whom about two thirds were Poles the rest Germans.

Scene at the Baptism.—We then went praising God, about one English mile to a river which flows into the Weichsel.

Notwithstanding the mockery and railing with which we were saluted, the moments were rich in blessing while I baptized these first fruits of a glorious harvest.

Voices from Heaven.—Several were heard saying that this might have been the original form of baptism, but they missed the voice from heaven which accompanied the baptism of Christ.

"That is the voice from heaven!" said one and another as in terror they hastened to their homes, while we went on our way rejoicing, like the Ethiopian treasurer baptized by Philip.

The enemies hung around till into the night, armed with clubs, designing to attack the brethren on their way home.

A Promising Field.—We hope the Lord will soon grant us another such feast in Hirschberg, for several more are already awaiting baptism.

In another place I have recently baptized five more, others inspire the hope that they will soon follow Christ.

Joyful Revivals.—At the baptism on March 2d, the candidates, 37 in number stood around the baptistery, all arrayed in white, while a brother delivered the baptismal address.

Since then there has been a series of conversions. Several have been renewed in the Sabbath-school. A prayer-meeting was held by a brother one Lord's day at an out-station, where 21 found peace in the blood of the Lamb.

There is not room enough for all who come to hear, and many are obliged to go away for want of room. It grieves me to see these souls, hungry for the word, go away.

BISMARCK.—The story of Prince Bismarck's early life is well told in the November number of Good Words. It appears that his childhood and youth passed without the promise of greatness, and that the young man was known among his neighbors as "Mad Bismarck."

REMARKABLE DEATH.—An affecting circumstance is connected with the death of Rev. J. H. Kaufman, late pastor of the Presbyterian church at Matawan, N. J.

his strength gave out, and he sat down while the congregation sang the hymn through. Then he followed with a prayer in a feeble though earnest voice, and at the word "Amen," he fell over in a fit of apoplexy, from which he died in a few hours after being taken to his home.

The obituary notice of a Kentucky lady includes the fact that her hair was six feet eight inches long.

The Clarendon Street Baptist Society, Boston, presented their pastor, Rev. A. J. Gordon, a check for \$1,000 on the tenth anniversary of his marriage.

A Western Methodist has found eight leading members of the church in one place who spent for tobacco in a single year \$195 and gave \$33 to support the church.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., DEC. 10, 1873.

QUEBEC, Dec 3rd.—The whole Labrador Fleet of Conception Bay have arrived home safely. There has been no loss to the shipping nor loss of life among the crews this season.

A telegram from Fort Garry on Saturday says, a fire last night burned the Parliament Building. All the books and official documents were saved.

At Toronto the gale was very destructive. The Gas Works, General Hospital and Normal School were seriously damaged. Loss \$100,000.

At Hamilton the steamer Acadia, the pleasure steamer Transit, and the schooner Florence, were driven ashore during the storm.

At Ottawa two men were reported killed. The gable end was blown out of the new Catholic Church, and one church spire was blown down.

A clerk in a dry goods store, named Evans, attempted suicide. He had been representing himself as a Lord Granville and visitor at Rideau Hall.

A Deputation from the Local Government of Manitoba will visit Ottawa, soon to secure co-operation of Dominion Cabinet in carrying into effect legislation of Manitoba Legislature enlarging that Province.

The Manitoba Court has issued a writ of *copias ad respondendum* in Riel's case. Unless he now appears for trial he will be outlawed.

Dominion Revenue for November, \$1,814,985; expenditure, \$2,176,093. Circulation, \$11,968,065; excess of specie, \$315,488.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. JOHN.—On Thursday evening during a violent gale, the schooner "Jessie Hoyt" Capt. Strum, from Pictou with coal, struck on a rock at the entrance of the harbour, but got off soon and drifted into Courtenay Bay.

A HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—We are informed that Duncan Campbell, Esq., purposes writing a history of New Brunswick. His researches for writing the History of Nova Scotia, would be an excellent preparation for a similar work for the sister province.

Scarlet fever has been fatal to a number of children in the vicinity of St. Andrews, the last few weeks.

A man named Lynch went into Gulnón's stable, Woodstock, on Monday afternoon and demanded a horse. On being refused by Hanlin, the hostler, a scuffle ensued in which Lynch threw Hanlin and killed him.

UNITED STATES.

The Spanish Government it was reported had requested the United States Government to modify the protocol in the *Virginius* affair, so as to provide that instead of being surrendered to their authorities the vessel may be delivered to some neutral power to be agreed upon between Spain and the United States.

A later despatch states that the Castellar Government has not asked that the "Virginius" be placed in the hands of a third party to await adjudication.

President Grant's message to Congress, was read on Tuesday the 2nd. It was a lengthy but a remarkable document treating almost wholly on matters relating to the general interests of the country.

mail. It is expected shortly, and will be submitted when received.

The President says:—Pending negotiations between the United States and the Government of Spain on the subject of the capture, I have authorized the Secretary of the Navy to put our navy on a war footing, to the extent at least of the entire annual appropriation for that branch of the service.

The United States steamer "Junata" has arrived at Santiago, and her Commander has had an interview with the passengers of the "Virginius," one hundred and one. It proves that only 37 prisoners were executed.

On Friday last at Andenried, Pa., while 15 miners were descending into a mine, a ring staple broke and the car fell 170 yards. Two were killed, two dangerously injured, and others escaped with slight injury.

It is reported that Bishop Cummins and his adherents, held a meeting in New York last week, and organized themselves as "The Reformed Episcopal Church."

M. Bartholdi has been appointed French Minister to the United States.

The Secretary of the navy has asked Congress for an appropriation of five million dollars.

A private Havana despatch says the Home Government has telegraphed from Madrid peremptory orders for the immediate surrender of the "Virginius," threatening, if instructions are not obeyed, to look upon the Spanish mail contents if Cuba as insurgents, and treat them accordingly.

Propellor "City of Detroit" was sunk. There were twenty on board, of whom only eight have been heard from; though four others went down with the propellor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8, P. M.—Gold 94. Sterling Exchange 8 1/2 to 9 1/4. Money 7 per cent.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—News is received of a collision at sea between the British man-of-war "Bellerophon" and the Brazilian steamer "Homestead," the latter was sunk, but all hands were saved.

The London papers generally praise President Grant's message. The "Times" says the excessive privileges in regard to freedom from search claimed for vessels bearing the American flag would confer immunity on open piracy.

A factory at Halifax, England, was destroyed by fire on Friday morning; loss \$150,000. Three persons were killed by falling walls.

The crew of the "Loch Earn," which ran down the steamer "Ville du Havre," have reached Plymouth. Their statement is that there was a lack of discipline on board the ill-fated steamer, and that officers and men acted the part of cowards.

FRANCE.—The French authorities have ordered an investigation into the loss of the steamer "Ville de Havre." The "Lochern" was so badly damaged by the collision that the persons rescued from the wreck by her requested to be put on board the "Trimountain." All were transferred except three who were too badly injured to be removed.

Count Segur, member of the Right Centre, was elected Secretary of the Assembly by 309 votes.

Admiral Javres has proposed to the French Assembly the establishment of an International Tribunal for the purpose of investigating collisions between vessels on the high seas.

A grand funeral service for those lost in the "Ville du Havre" was held at Havre on Sunday. Subscriptions for the survivors have been raised in France to the amount of £40,000.

SPAIN.—An order has been promulgated that in view of the definite establishment of the Republic in Spain, the royal insignia will be removed from the flags and standards of the Spanish army.

The commander of the forces investing Cartagena telegraphs that the insurgents ceased firing at 2 o'clock on Monday, but opened again on the government works on Tuesday; but feebler than before.

It is reported the Spanish mission at Washington has been offered to Senor Figueras.

By the bombardment of Carthagena. Four hundred houses in the city have been destroyed.

At request of Gen. Ceballos, commander of the Government forces, the foreign fleet have withdrawn from the harbor.

The Government squadron not being seen in the vicinity of Cartagena, the insurgents, procured fresh supplies, and captured several provision boats.

The Spanish Government intends to push the bombardment of Cartagena.

It is reported that a disagreement had occurred between Castelar and Salmeron. A later despatch says a conference has taken place between them, which is believed to have resulted in the restoration of harmony.

Serious trouble between Germany and Spain is threatened, on account of seizure of German vessels at the Philippine Islands. Archbishop Ledochovski refuses to comply with the demands of the German Government for his resignation.

A despatch from Berlin says that the City of Posen will probably be declared in a state of siege, in consequence of the prevailing ultramontane agitation.

CUBA.—Havana advices of the 4th represent the Cubans as highly indignant and belligerent at the idea of surrendering the "Virginius" according to the agreement between Spain and the United States. Captain General Jovellar has resigned his position professing his inability to enforce the orders of the Government, and it is reported that the Colonial Minister had also resigned.

News of the Week.

Supreme Court.—The December term for arguments opened on Tuesday of last week. There were about one hundred cases on the docket. Judge McDonald took his seat on the bench for the first time.

been in capital order for skating several days during the past week. If we may judge by the numbers seen on the streets carrying skates, there has been a good deal of that pastime indulged in.

The Inland Revenue receipts in Halifax for November were \$18,700.23, against \$12,746.99 for the corresponding month of last year.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Mr. H. A. Parsons, clerk in D. Murray & Co.'s store, in Granville street, while at the "Parker House," in Lockman Street Extension, some days since, accidentally fell down a hatch, and sustained such severe injuries by the fall that, after intense suffering, he died on Wednesday last at the "Cumberland House," where the deceased boarded.

Such accidents becoming frequent should induce our authorities to use some means to prevent their recurrence. In England the levy of a "deadend" more or less heavy on whatever has caused the accident is resorted to for this purpose.

LECTURES.—E. Jenkins Esq., the author of "Gink's Baby" is advertised to give two subscription Lectures on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week on "English Satirists" and "The England of to-day." On Wednesday Jan. 7th '74 the Hon. Fred. Douglas is to lecture on "Self-made men." This effort to bring men here of first-rate talent and reputation will doubtless be highly appreciated by the public.

"A few days ago," he says "I had occasion to prepare for another student a solution of potassium chloride, and I used what I had just bought as 'snowflake potash.' To my surprise the proper tests would not answer, and presently it occurred to me that the 'potash' might be soda, and so it proved to be, and I have no doubt that all, or nearly all the new and excellent 'potash' from the States is really soda, most probably from the mineral cryolite which is largely imported from Greenland to Philadelphia, etc. The soda will answer for domestic purposes as well as potash, only it will not make soft soap, as I dare say many home makers of soap have found to their bewilderment."

DIGBY.—On Thursday morning the 30th ult., a man named Dennett, about 40 years of age, was found dead in Mr. Lynch's stable, at Digby. There were three gashes in his throat, and a jack-knife covered with blood was found lying in a sleigh near where the man lay.

The snow sheds on the Intercolonial Railway are nearly completed.

TRURO.—The "Sun" reports what is supposed to have been a shock of earthquake was felt in that neighborhood on Wednesday last.

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