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, -naturally timid and nervous, and having so recently witnessed the excessively painful death of her mother, while herself reduced to extreme weakness by rapid consumption-she feared physical suffering, and shrank from the conflict with death. She used to express a wish to die, and be at rest-but desired she might become unconscious before the final struggle came. This desire was not granted for she was perfectly sane and conscious within ten minutes of her decease.

It was nearly two years since she lost ber health in the United States, and a year and a half since she came home to die. She had probably experienced religion years ago; but like too many had made no profession, and of course had gone with the world-but when the Lord laid his afflicting hand upon her she earnestly sought his face and favor, obeying his commands and exhibiting her faith in the great atoneing Sacrifice. During the last months of her life she enjoyed much of the Divine presence. Becoming extremely emaciated and feeble, coughing almost incessantly. Enquiring how she had got through the night? She would say : Sunercu'a good deal-but Jesus supports me, he is near to me continually-O how near! But a little before she died she said "Lord Jesus receive my Spirit." Dear girl, she rests in the glorious hope, that he that was so near to her, and supported her in her pain and weakness-will soon come and raise her up, to enjoy eternal youth, and health and happiness, with all that love him, and look for his appearing, with him in the Holy City to go no more out.

WM. A. TUPPER.

Scots Bay, Dec. 4th, 1873.

# Beligious Intelligence.

### GERMANY.

In the Correspondence of the Missionary Magazine we find the following interesting parrative from Mr. Staugnewski:-

Experience Meeting .- On our return to the house we gave an opportunity for such as earnestly desired to be baptized, to tell what the Lord had done for them. Meanwhile two brethren preached the word, one in German and the other in Polish, to a great congregation in the house of another brother. The examination was somewnat protracted, because most of the candidates knew no German and we were therefore obliged to have an interpeter.

The result was that about 30 believers were received, of whom about two thirds were Poles the rest Germans. Among them were the parents of the child just laid away in the grave, and a deaf and dumb girl who gave the most satisfactory evi dence of conversion. A brother who had been excluded several years was also re-

Scene at the Baptism.—We then went praising God, about one English mile to a river which flows into the Weichsel. The scene that met my eyes. I can hardly describe. An immense multitude, great and small, stood on banks of the stream. More than 2,000 had come together, moved by curiosity, to see the ordinuces as administered by the Baptists. We were anxious before the services began for we were surrounded by mockers and enemies. But the Lord gave us courage to do his own work, which He had commanded and of which He had set an example. There were numerous logs floating near the spot, which were all covered with spectators. Many cultivated women were so anxious to witness the baptism that they waded knee deep into the water. A tumult arose, so that a man could not hear his own voice. I began to fear a real Polish row. But, pressing into the midst of the crowd, I spoke to them calmly, begging them to be quiet during the sacred ordinance, that all might bear and see how Christ was baptized. I particularly called upon the most demonstrative, as reasonable persons, to speak to the people in Polish, requesting of them peace and order. The plan proved the right one for they spoke very decidedly and quieted the people. One of the brethren then spoke in Polish of the divinely appointed ordinance and of its signification, closing with prayer in the same language. Atterwards I prayed in German, and then haptized these 30 believers into the death of Christ.

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

Voice 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. But behold scarcely had we gone up from the water, when a cloud covered the blue expanse and out of it came two successive claps of thunder.

"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. In the evening we had a blessed season at 'the Lord's supper at the bouse of one of the brethren, re maining together till far into the night, in communion with one another and with Christ.

The enemies hung around till into the night, armed with clubs, designing to attack the brethren on their way home. But several went out and seized two of their number and wrested their weapons from them, and delivered them to the police. So peace came upon Israel.

A Promising Field - We hope the Lord will soon grant us another such feast in Hirschberg, for several more are already awaiting baptism. It is an interesting and remarkable circumstance that while the child in the forenoon was buried literally, his parents in the afternoon were buried symbolically in the likeness of Christ's

In another place I have recently baptized | documents were saved five more, others inspire the hope that they will soon follow Christ. The word of God is a joy to our souls The Lord Jesus is gathering his people to Himself. To Him be glory and praise forever and ever,

Also the following from Mr. Grau.

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: Among the number were 18 children. The ordinance was witnessed by 200 spectators, perhaps more, who were

they were all welcomed to the church, and the Lora's Supper followed. All went home deeply impressed.

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 outstation, where 21 found peace in the blood of the Lamb; in another place 10; in an other, several, besides others. Eighteen now stand ready for baptism, and about 40 have asked for the ordinance while still others are anxious. National preachers and teachers have done everything to resist | the boundaries of Ontario. the movement, but hitherto without effect.

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. The entire hall, the floor, the aisles and the space outside of the windows,—all is crowded. At every meeting some are converted. Ottentimes all lie, as it were melted at Jesus' feet. No words can describe what a work of the Holy Spirit we are enjoying. Many refuse to go home until they have found peace and joy in the blood of the Lamb. It conversions go on as at present, our prayer on New Year's Day will undoubtedly be answered, that our number may this year be doubled.

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." The turning point in his career was, as in the case of so many other eminent men, his marriage. The lady of his choice was " the only daughter of a quiet, good Christian family." This lady's influence aroused "the sense of duty" in her able husband, and all that was noble and aspiring and patriotic in him began to assert itself. It is thought that Octo Edward Leopold von Bismarck, now Prince, learnt other and higher lessons from his wife, and gradually became a religious man. There can be no doubt that Prince Bismarck fears God and values by Hanlin, the hostler, a scuffle ensued in divine truth. "Trust in God, my darling." he wrote to his wife when she was in sorrow. "The Lord knows how to turn even our very errors to our best good," he said to a political friend, adding "I feel that daily Hanlin's friends say it was murder. with wholesome humiliation." Oliver Cromwell and George Washington, in days gone by, showed what religion can do for rulers of men. Prince Bismarck and John Bright are living statesmen who draw their inspiration from the same source. The Pope will find it difficult to overcome Bismarck. That wise and pious wife of his is a greater help to Bismarck than the College of Cardinals can be to Pius IX. We note the fact that the great statesman's religiousness as another proof of the power of the unscen to make, men able leaders of their tellow men in warring with present evils.

REMARKABLE DEATH .- An affecting circumstance is connected with the death of Rev J. H. Kaufman, late paster of the Presbyterian church at Matawan, N. J. On Sabbath morning Oct 20th, as he was reading these lines in the first byun :

"Soon the deligh ful day will come, When my dear Lerd shall cell me home, And I shall see his face."

his strength gave out, and he sat down while the congregation rang the hymn through. Then he followed with a prayer in a teeble though earnest voice, and at the word " Amen, ' he fell over in a fit of appoplexy, from which he died in a few hours after being token to his home. Mr. Kaufman's age was forty-seven. It is stated, as a very singular coincidence, that the Rev. Mr. Shafer, who was pastor of the same church about thirty-three years ago, fell dead in his pulpit from appoplexy, as be had concluded the same line of the same hymn which Mr. Kaufman read just before

The obituary notice of a Kentucky lady includes the fact that her hair was six feet submitted when received.' 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.

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 ship ping nor loss of life among the crews this

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

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 Flo-ence, were driven ashore during the

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. The slating blew from the Parliament Buildings in large quantities. The Iron work on the Library was

A clerk in a dry goods store, named Evans, attempted suicide. He had been representing himself of a Lord Granville and visitor at Rideau Hall. Enquiries showed him to be a thorough imposter. Shame at discovery led to the attempt upon his life.

A Deputation from the Local Governmentgof Manitoba will visit Ottawa, soon to secure co-operation of Dominion Cabinet in carrying into effect legislation of Manitoba Legislature enlarging that Province. It is proposed to extend it easterly to

The Manitoba Court has issued a writ of capias ad respondendum in Riel's case. Unless he new appears for trial he will be

Dominion Revenue for November, \$1,-814,985; expenditure, \$2,176,093. Circulation, \$11,968,065; excess of specie, \$315,438.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

Sr. John.—On Thursday evening during a violent gale, the schooner " Jessie Hoyt" Capt. Strum, from Pictou with coal, struck on a rock at the entrauce of the harbour, but got off soon and drifted into Courtenay Bay. Some of her crew got on shore in the small boat, but were unable to return. The captain, his wife, second mate and steward were compelled to remain on board all night lashed to the rigging. Their sufferings

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 Gulnon's stable, Woodstock, on Monday afternoon and demanded a horse. On being refused which Lynch threw Hanlin and killed him. There is great excitement over the affair. Lynch's triends say Hanlin was subject to heart disease, while on the other hand on Sunday. Subscriptions for the survivors have been raised in France to the amount

### UNITED STATES.

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, and held until its real character is determined by a competent tribanal. To this the Government replied at once, relusing to accede.

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. The suggestion from Cuban authorities to Admiral Polo and was unofficially communicated to Secretary Fish, but, as stated, it does not meet the views of the administration.

President Grant's message to Congress, was read on Tuesday the 2nd. It was lengthy but a remarkable document treating almost wholly on matters relating to the general interests of the country. He considers the controversy with Spain, in regard to the " Virginius" seizure and execution of her people, as peaceably settled, by the prompt reparation promised by the Spanish Government. The President says the correspondence on this subject with the Legation of the United States by cipher and by cable needs the verification of the actual text of the correspondence. "It has seem- reported to be in a weak state of health, ed to me to be due to the importance of the all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. case not to submit this correspondence lie has to be wheeled from his bed to the leave strong grounds for the above and until the actual text can be received by table.

mail. It is expected shortly, and will be

The President says :- Pending negotia tions 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 A Western Methodist has found eight appropriation for that branch of the service, trusting to Congress and the opinion of the American people to justify my action.

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

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 mal contents in Cuba as insurgents, and treat them accordingly.

Propellor "City of Detroit" was sunk

There were twenty on board, or woom only eight have been heard from ; though four been in capital order for skating severes others left in boats. It is feared the other men went down with the propellor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8, P. M.-Gold 91. Sterling Exchange 84 to 94. Money 7 per

#### 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. Such pretensions are indeed short sighted for a mercantile

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 re-

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

ceived 270 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 " Villu du Havre" was held at Havre

of £40,000. that in view of the definite establishment The Spanish Government it was reported 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 Tuosday; but feebler than before. The besiegers had been reinforced and an assault was expected.

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

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

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

occured between Castelar and Salmeron. A later despatch says a conference has taken place between them, which is believed to have resulted in the restoration

Serious trouble between Germany and Spain is threatened, on account of seizure of German vessels at the Phillipine Islands. Archhishop Ledochovski refuses to comply with the demands of the German Gov. ernment 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 Jouvellar 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. The people expressed a determination not to surrender the "Virginius" directly to the Americans, but will give on the vessel to a neutral power. The Captain General assures the Government the immediate delivery of the " Virginius" will instantaneously cause a frightful commotion throughout the Island, which would be sure to result in successive catastrophies, even if a man of the highest ability should be in command. Enthusiastic preparations for war are in progress at Havana and Cienfuegos.

# Alews of the Week.

SUPREME COURT -The December term for arguments opened on Tuesday of last week. There were about one hundred causes on the docket. Judge McDonald took his seat on the bench for the first

days during the past week. It 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 \$18.700.26, against \$12,746,99 for the corresponding month of

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 diseased boarded. After hearing evidence, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

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

LECTURES. - E. Jenkins E-q., the author of "Gink's Baby" is advertized to give two subscription Lectures on Thursday and Friday evenings of next week on " English Satiriets" 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 lew 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 'enow fike potash.' To my surprise the proper tests would not answer, and presently it occurred to me that the "potash" might be sada, and so it proved to be, and I have no doubt that all, or nearly all the new and excel lent 'potash' from the States is really soda, made, most probably, from the mineral cryolite which is largely imported from Greenland to Philadelphia, etc. The soda will answer for domestic purposes as wellas potash, only it will not make soft soap, as I dare say many home makers of soap have found to their bewilderment."

Digny -On Thursday morning the 30th ult ,a man named Dennett, about 40 years of age, was found dead in Mr. Lynch's stable, SPAIN .- An order has been promulgated 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. There is no doubt that the act was one of suicide. The deceased was a widower, his wife having died about 10 months ago. He had four children.

The snow sheds on the Intercolonial Railway are nearly completed.

Tauro.-The "Sun" reports what is supposed to have been a shock of earthquake was felt in that neighbrhood on Wednesday last.

A breakwater is being built at the mouth of the Ratchford River, Cumberland County.

The steamer " Picton" from Quebec to Pictou, has caused no little anxiety by not heing heard of now for three or four weeks. Fears are entertained that she was burned at sea and all hands lost. A report is brought from the Magdalen Islands that on the night of the 18th of November, a great light was seen on the coast, which was at first thought to be a house on one of the prominent head lands. But as next morning the house was still standing, it was supposed that the light proceeded from a vessel on fire at sea. On hearing this report many have concluded that the missing steamer has been burnt, and that all on board have perished, as no boats could possibly live on such a night. This report GERMANY. - The German Emperor is coupled with that from Fairfield, P. E. Island, of a vessel having been seen on fire off that part of the Island on the 18th ult.,

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