steamers *must have* coal just at that spot, and so, presto! the barren heaps become a town of several thousand inhabitants, with shops, and carriage-drives, hotels and coal yards, barracks and fortifications. Rain falls here but once a year, and huge tanks have been formed among the hills, a few miles from the town, to secure as much water as possible for consumption after the rain ceases. The tanks were all exhausted now,—and as one looked out at the glaring sea, and in at the sun-baked and pulverized hills—as innocent of water as the bed of a blast furnace—it became a question of painful interest, where do they get their water? It was a relief to learn that the supply was as inexhaustible as the ocean—whence a number of condensing machines drew daily an immense quantity.

No imagination could picture a greater contrast than Aden and Ceylon—a lava bed and one of the Isles of the Blest. Point de Galle is the coaling port for all the steamers, mail and merchant, bound to China, Australia and Japan, and owes its chief importance to that fact. A dense grove of cocoanuts presses down almost to the water's edge, and rich green foliage in tropical profusion refreshes the thirsty sea-wearied eye wherever it gazes.

The Burmese always speak of Ceylon with great reverence, as the asylum of their religion. When persecuted in India, and as the place whence it issued with great energy of propagandism, to convert Burmah. And yet one looks in vain, as the harbor is entered for Pagodas and other monuments of Buddhism, not one is to be seen. The decay of false religion is often found far advanced at the heart, while the extremities are comparatively vigorous and flourishing.

A. R. R. C.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

ORDINATION AT ST. ANN'S, C. B.

Persuant to a call of the St. Ann's Baptist Church, a Council convened at North Sydney, July 5th, at 2 P. M., to consider the expediency of ordaining to the work of the christian ministry, Bro. Daniel McLeod of St. Ann's.

Rev. A. Chipman was chosen Moderator, and Geoge H. Dobson, Clerk. The candidate related his christian experience, call to the Ministry, and views of christian doctrine, after which the Council unanimously voted to proceed with the Ordination.

The Public Services were held on the 6th, at 11 o'clock, A M. The Sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. McDonald, from Ephe. iv. 11; Prayer of Ordination and Charge to the Candidate by Rev. A. Chipman; the Hand of Fellowship by Rev. J. B. McDonald.

Bro. McLeod is engaged at present by the N. S. Home Missionary Board, and is laboring at St. Ann's and West Bay with considerable acceptance.

CLARENCE, ANNAPOLIS Co.—Rev. A. Cohoon writes, "It was my privilege to baptise five youthful converts, at Clarence, on Sabbath last, the 5th inst."

WINDSOR.—Rev. D. M. Welton writes: "We visited our Jordan last Lord's day and four were baptised."

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., JULY 23, 1873.

UNITED STATES.

Cholera has broken out among the convicts in the Ohio penitentiary. The disease is said to be abating everywhere in Europe.

A Mount Vernon, Indiana, despatch states that a panic prevails there on account of the cholera, 40 deaths having occurred in a week. People are fleeing from the city.

A sensation exists in Salt Lake caused by Brigham Young's seventeenth wife leaving him, with her personal effects, and suing for divorce with alimony.

Eight millions of dollars of the Alabama Claims Award have been received from England.

A fire at the Navy Department, Washington, on Tuesday last destroyed many valuable records; damage to building about $10,000.

In Baltimore harbor on Monday of last week a squall capsized a boat with seven young men in it, four of whom were drowned.

A crowded church floor in Hudson City, N. Y., fell on Friday evening. Many persons were severely injured; two fatally.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—An interesting debate occurred in the House of Peers on Wednesday evening last on a motion for a committee to consider what legislation was necessary to check the tendency towards Romanism in the Established Church. The motion was negatived, although no speeches were made against the object of the motion.

The Judicature Bill abolishing the powers of the House of Lords as a Court of last appeal in certain cases, has passed in Committee.

In the Commons, Mr Mitchell Henry, member for Galway, has given notice of an early motion looking to faithful and impartial official reports of the House. He complained that the reports were partizan in character, and intensely hostile to the Catholic religion.

On Wednesday evening the Right Hon. Lord Etho Fitzgerald, member for Kildare County, produced and read the Queen's reply to the Address of the House of Commons, on the subject of International Arbitration; as follows:—

"I have received the Address of my faithful Commons, praying that I would be graciously pleased to instruct my Principal Secretary to enter into communication with foreign Powers, with the view to further improve International relations and establish a general and permanent system of Arbitration. I am sensible of the force of the philanthrophic motives dictating that Address. I have at all times desired to extend the practice of closing international controversies by their submission to impartial friends, and to encourage the establishment of rules intended for the equal benefit of all. I shall continue to pursue a similiar course, with due regard to time and opportunity, whenever it is likely to be attended with advantage."

The House received the document amid hearty cheers.

Right Hon. Sir Sydney Waterloo, Lord Mayor of London, created a Baronet, and Sheriffs Thomas White and Fred. Perkins have been Knighted.

In the Commons Mr. Rylands gave notice that he should move to throw out the appropriation for building a house for the British Legation at Washington.

The *Gazette* announces that the Queen has given her consent to the marriage of Prince Alfred and the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandria.

An Irish Team has won the Elcho Shield at Wimbledon. This is the first time Irish riflemen have carrried off a prize from English marksmen.

A great Liberal manifestation was made at Nottingham on Wednesday evening. A dinner was given at which a large number of persons sat down. The Marquis Huntington made a speech in defence of the Government.

A bad accident occurred on the Caledonia Railway by which two persons were killed and thirty injured—some fatally.

The friends of Mr. Edward Miall, the editor and founder of the *Nonconformist*, gave him a reception at the Crystal Palace on Friday last, and a testimonial purse of $50,000

Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Manchester fell from his horse on Saturday and was killed. He was riding with Earl Granville on a visit to Mr. Gladstone. The horse was going at full speed. The Bishop's neck was broken, and death was instantaneous.

LONDON July 21.—A banquet will be given at Richmond this evening in honor of the Canadian Riflemen, who are here to participate in Wimbledon contests. Viscount Bury presides.

The trial of the Tichborne claimant was resumed this morning, but almost immediately adjourned on account of the intense heat.

Thermometer 85 degrees in the shade in London and vicinity.

FRANCE.—The Government of France has instructed the Prefects of occupied territory to interdict public rejoicings on the evacuation of the territory by the German troops.

The Assembly expects to adjourn on the 25th of October

Rochefort will be sent to New Caledonia on 31st inst.

The cure of Santa Cruz has escaped from Spain into France. MacMahon refuses to arrest and return him.

SPAIN.—Don Carlos re-entered Spain on Tuesday night. He issued a proclamation, invoking the help of God for his armies, declaring that on listening to the voice of suffering Spain he came to fight for God and his country; and concluding with an exhortation to volunteers to go forward and save dying Spain. There was great enthusiasm among his followers when Don Carlos joined Valdeshima and Lizzama on Spanish soil.

Several Ministers have resigned to facilitate the formation of a homogeneous cabinet.

An unsuccessful attempt to create an outbreak was made at Barcelona on Tuesday.

The crew of the war ship Almanza deserted to join the Carlists.

The Carlists are again beseiging Paycerda which is vigorously defended by the garrison and citizens.

The Carlists have occupied the town of Berga, 50 miles from Barcelona. The garrison, 500 strong, surrendered as prisoners of war.

Twelve thousand rifles for the Carlists were landed near Regiolla.

The Carlists claim some recent successes.

President Margall refused to negotiate with the Carlists for the exchange of prisoners, but he has authorized the Republican commanders to come to an understanding unofficially with the Carlist Chiefs to secure proper treatment for Spanish troops falling into the hands of the insurgents.

The Carlists entertain strong hopes of recognition of their belligerant rights by France as soon as they gain possession of a regularly fortified city, wherein to establish their seat of Government.

Despatches received from Madrid give the particulars of a great battle which has just been fought between the Carlists and the Government troops. The town of Iqualada, thirty miles north-west of Barcelona, was the scene of this, the greatest battle of the war, so far. The town itself was taken and re taken a dozen times, the troops on both sides fighting with the greatest desperation.

The battle lasted eighteen hours. The loss on either side is not known, but a great number were killed and wounded. Many of the latter remined on the field of Battle, it being impossible to obtain sufficient waggons to remove them.

The battle resulted in the total defeat of the Carlists.

The Spanish Cortes has elected Salmera President of the Council, over Margall, by thirty of a majority. During the session some unknown parties exploded a bomb outside the Cortes, but no injury resulted. —*Tel. to Reporter.*

The names of the new Spanish Ministers are published, headed by Salmerson, and elected over Margall, 118 to 93.

ITALY.—During the recent earthquakes in Northern Italy there were fourteen movements, seven forward and seven backward, each occupying a second, as regular as the beat of a clock. Nine persons were killed at Belluno and many injured.

PERSIA.—It is reported that the Shah will return at once to Teheran on account of insurrection in his dominions. He will visit Constantinople on his way home.

HOLLAND.—A report has just reached this city that an extensive fire is raging at Amsterdam.

NORWAY.—The coronation of Oscar and Sophia as King and Queen of Norway, took place at Drontheim last week, Prince Arthur representing the Queen of England.

CHINA.—Particulars have been received of a recent audience granted by the Emperor of China to representatives of foreign governments.

News of the Week.

THE HALIFAX PUBLIC SCHOOLS were brought together into the Rink building on Friday last for the purpose of receiving the Prizes awarded at the late examinations. The whole interior of the building was occupied by the children and their teachers to the number of three or four thousands, forming a most beautiful animated picture highly suggestive of thought and reflection as to what may be developed in future years. Each school was distinguished by its name neatly printed on a banner. The number of girls appeared far greater than of boys. There were also more grown up young ladies than boys. This may arise from the latter being commonly taken from school and put to labor earlier than the former.

James Thompson, Esq. the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners gave an address to the company present on the progress of Common School Education in Halifax and intimated that it was the intention of the commisioners to provide for instruction in the Higher Branches. The Prizes consisting mostly of books were given to the successful ones by the Commisioners in turn. It was of course difficult to keep order with so large a number congregated. It would have taken less time and we think, might been more satisfactory if arrangements had been made for giving the prizes simultaneously to all the schools. Some school odes were sung nicely in concert by the whole under the direction of Mr. Norton. The Zion School of colored childred sung some very sweet pieces under the direction of Mr. O. Banyoun.

His Excellency the Governor General is on a visit to Prince Edward Island. He arrived at Charlottetown on Friday last.

On Wednesday afternoon last Edward Targett, an employee at the Dartmouth skate factory, had his right hand badly crushed and the little finger taken off completely, by a heavy bar of iron falling on it.

THE LIVERPOOL BANK we are informed is again doing business. The "Advertizer" is resuscitated. Long may both flourish.

DEATH OF AN UNKNOWN MAN IN CALIFORNIA.—The San Francisco papers of the 12th June contain an account of the finding of the body of a middle-aged man on the sand hills. He was respectfully clad, and had in his pocket a small amount of money, a letter addressed to Asa Corning, dated at Yarmouth, N. S., and signed by Daniel McMullan, with postscripts from Clara Corning and Elizabath Corning.

THE CROPS in all parts of the Province promise well, the late rains have been of essential benefit to the grass which in some parts was but thin.

Our Wesleyan Brethren have appointed a standing Committee of Twenty to watch over Educational interests as endangered by the advocates of Separate Schools.

THE CANADIANS AND ENGLISH PEOPLE in the Western States are leaving their homes in the United States and crossing the lines into Manitoba and the North-west territory.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT of the Wimbleton team are taking several of the prizes for superior marksmanship.

THE BODY OF THE BOY JONES drowned in Bedford Basin, Sunday before last, has not yet been found. Divers have been searching and discovered the boat but failed to find the boy.

THE MAINE PRESS ASSOCIATION have been making a tour of the Lower Provinces. A large number of its members and ladies, about seventy, reached St. John last week. Thirty-two of them came on to Halifax on Saturday last by the Intercolonial Railway, and were entertained in handsome style by members of the Halifax press, being taken for a drive on Monday morning and an excursion on the harbor in the steamer *Goliah* in the afternoon.

Yesterday morning they left via Annapolis and St. John for their homes, having greatly enjoyed their visit to our far east city.

The *Eastern Chronicle* states that for a number of years past a pear tree in the garden of Mrs. Alexander Fraser, of New Glasgow, has blossomed twice in the year once in the spring and again in the month of July. The phenomenon is repeated this season, the tree being now, as in former years, in full bloom.

ELLERSHOUSE.—The Windsor *Mail* states that Mr. Ellershausen is about making extensive improvements on his estate at Ellershouse. It is estimated that the contemplated work, including the gardens, will cost $3,600 per year and will take five years to complete them. A croquet ground has been made at a cost of $300. A lake will be made near the railway, the water to be brought from Taylor lake. A church building, erected entirely at Mr. Ellershausen's expense, is now nearly completed. It is a neat Gothic edifice, 31 x 60 feet, and will cost about $4,000.

"CITY OF WASHINGTON."—The investigation ordered into the cause of shipwreck of this fine steamer was brought to a close last week, and on Thursday, Captain Scott rendered the verdict of the court, which, after reciting the circumstances of the voyage, adds:

"That this accident should have occurred so near the main land in broad daylight and with fine weather is a matter for which all must be devoutly thankful, for, had it happened in the dead of night and stormy weather, but few of the 567 souls on board could have been saved from their perilous position.

"Having duly weighed all the circumstances, and having worked up the reckoning, as shown in the log book, I am of opinion that it was imprudent to ignore the dead reckoning between the 25th and 27th of June, which showed that the ship was considerably to the Northward, and as this could not have been due to Rennell's current, it must have shown that the compasses had a large amount of easterly deviation.

"It was also imprudent to pass the Grand Banks of Newfoundland without trying to correct the dead reckoning, seeing that, for six days, no observations could be obtained, and as thick weather prevailed for two days after passing the Banks, it was highly imprudent to continue at full speed without taking a cast of the lead to show that the ship was off soundings, and particularly when it ought to have been known by the master that so much more iron and steel had been placed on board the ship since the compass corrections had been obtained.

"Under the circumstances, I am of opinion that the Master's certificate of service held by William Robert Phillips, the Master, should be suspended for the space of one year from the date of the loss of the steamship City of Washington, and this certificate is hereby suspended accordingly.

The number of visitors to the Vienna exhibition is far less than anticipated. Trades people are discouraged at the absence of strangers. The price of living has been reduced as an inducement to visitors.

THE BAR.—At the present sitting of the Supreme Court four young gentleman, Norman J. Layton, of Truro, B. A. Weston, of Dartmouth, J. M. Geldert, Jr., of Halifax, and D. C. Fraser, of New Glasgow were admitted as Barristers and Attorneys, having passed highly creditable and successful examinations.

Marriages.

On Wednesday, 16th inst., by the Rev. J. A. Rogers, Osborne Blois, to Frances M., daughter of the late Jonas Johnson, Esq.

On the 17th inst, at St. George's Church, by the Rev. J. B. Unlacke, David Blackwood, to Lizzie Anderton.

On Wednesday, by the Rev. J. Ellis, Joseph H. Found to Catherine Beattie.

At Pictou, July 17th, by the Rev. C. Bowman, M. A., Rector of Christ's Church, Albion Mines, Rev. D. C. Moore, of Viewfield, near Stellarton, to Mary Anna, eldest daughter of the late Henry Hatton, Esq.

At Fredericton, 19th inst., by the Rev. W. Stuart, Robert Sedgwick, Barrister-at-Law, to Mary S. McKay, daughter of the late Wm. McKay, Esq., all of Halifax.

On Thursday, July 17th, at St. Paul's Church, Portland, by the Rev. Dr. Cochin, John Stairs, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., to Isabell, eldest daughter of the late James Holbrook, Esq., of Fredericton, N. B.

July 10th, at St. John, N. B., by Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Henry Kennealy to Miss Margaret Morton, both of Halifax.

Deaths.

At Woodworth Mountain, July 8th, Rebecca, consort of Mr Henry Metzler, aged 62 years. Trusting in the Lord.

At Canning, July 11th, Benjamin, son of Edmund and Amanda Kelly, aged 2 years.

On Wednesday, 16th, Catherine, widow of the late Michael McLean, in the 75th year of her age.

Mr. James Lucas, in his 68th year.

At Falmouth, Hants Co., June 7th, 1873, in the sixtieth year of her age, Anne la Theresa, wife of T. A. Kennedy, leaving a fond home circle to mourn their irreparable loss.

At Mill Village, Queens Co., N. S., June 2, 1873, William Hendry, Corporal of the 112 Regiment now located at Athlone in Ireland, in the 23rd year of his age. He evidently was a man of ability and promise; but fell consumption marked him as his victim in the dawn of manhood, thus disappointing and blasting the hopes of fond parents and his fellow officers.

At Port Medway, Queens Co., Mr. Nelson Williams, June 24th, 1873, in the 25th year of his age.

At East Port Medway, July 2nd, 1873, Mr. James Cohoon, in the 86th year of his age, in the full enjoyment of the presence and peace of the Lord Jesus.

On the 16th inst., Sarah, the beloved wife of Andrew H. Chalmers, and eldest daughter of the late Captain Joseph Warton, R. N., in the 46th year of her age.

At Preston, on Thursday, 17th July, James Slaughter, aged 98 years.

On Sunday, at Oaklands, Arthur Binney, eldest son of the Rev. James J. Hill, in the 4th year of his age.

On Sunday, after a lingering illness, John J. Flinn, aged 32 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.

TUESDAY, July 15th.—Brigts. Chieftain, Roche, Cienfuegos; Woodcock, Neilson, Boston; Am. schr. Onward, Bunker, Portland; schrs. Curlew, Gardner, Liverpool, N. S.; Rose, Grimes, North Sydney; Leader, Daniels, Port LaBear; Rainbow, Blakely, Antigonish; Allegro, Walker, St. Peters, C. B.; Sea Queen, Hyson, Mahone Bay.

WEDNESDAY, 16th.—Bt. Bishop McKinnon, Delorey, Pictou; schrs. Sophia Bowen, Bowen, Montreal; Friend, Lantz, Lunenburg; Thetis, Henry, Newfoundland; Mediator, Hatt, Port Medway; Mary Alice, Smith, Moseis River; Swan, Jamieson, Canso.

THURSDAY, 17th.—Schrs. Candid, Dicks, Channel, N. F.; Levi Hart, Dickey, Pictou; Lone Star, Farrel, North Sydney; Jane, Richards, St. Peters; Bonafide, Rhynard, Liverpool, N. S.; Lady Seymour, Fader, Chester; Cassie Mae, O'Leary, Cow Bay; Clare, Bourgoine, Mahone Bay; Swan, Jamieson, Cape Canso; Little Belle, Carter, do.; Mary Mac, McMillan, Pictou; Villager, Ritcey, Glace Bay; Vivid, Stewart, Pictou; Lord Bury, Giffin, do.; W. S. McLeod, Perry, Clyde River; Umpire, Hopkins, Barrington; Muta, Young, Ship Harbor; Carrie Coulding, Stevens, Musquodoboit; Ann Hilts, Wilson, Barrington; Emma, Lorman, Pope's Harbor; Commodore, Zwicker, Mahone Bay; Dart, Venod, do.; Mitchell, Jeddore; brigs. Ellen, Boudriot, Pictou.

FRIDAY, 18th.—Schrs. C. Gerrior, ——, Montreal; Marie Vigilante, ——, do.; Mary, Sullivan, Cow Bay; F. N. Gisborne, Spencer, do.; Robie, Lloyd, Liverpool; Matilda Hopewell, Ormiston, Glace Bay; Ajax, McGinn, Cow Bay; Three Brothers, Eisenhaur, Martins River; Havelock, Dickson, Louisbourg; Hannah, Bennett, Pictou.

SATURDAY, 19th.—Am. steamer Alhambra, Wright, Boston; barque Avena (of Sligo), Carey, Greenock; brigt. General Caerobert, Fougeron, Sydney; Portuguese schr. Union, DeSilva, Demerara; schrs. Amelia, Richards, Boston; Am. Laura A. Dodd, Malada, Gloucester, Mass.; Temperance, Fougeron, Caledonia; New Dominion, Russell, do; Linnet, Glawson, Cow Bay; Mary Jane, Forrest, North Sydney; Active, Marchand, Pictou; Ann, LeVashe, do.; Lodi, Romkey, Cow Bay; Pettipas, Perine, Tor Bay; Providence, Albert, Chatham; Life Boat, Foster, Port Medway; Queen of the East, Burke, Mainadieu; Ellen, McLean, Cow Bay.

SUNDAY, 20th.—Brigt. Queen of the West, Hammett, Cienfuegos; schr. Samuel Jones, Delaney, Cape Breton.

CLEARED.

TUESDAY, July 15th.—Steamer Nestorian, Watts, Liverpool, G. B; schrs. Lottie C. McLeod, Port Caledonia; James A Potter, Oiger, Little Glace Bay; Allegro, Walker, Lunenburg; Elizabeth, Logan, Sheet Harbor; Griselda, McDonald, Sydney; E Smith, McLeod, St. Paul's Island.

WEDNESDAY, 16th.—Bt. Ellen H. Flynn, Newry, Ireland; schrs. Sylph, Abrill, Sheet Harbor; Hanna, Mitchell, L'Ardoise; Sea Foam, Terrio, Pictou; Enterprise, Allen, do; Laura, Skinner, Port Hawkesbury.

THURSDAY 17th.—Barque M. C. (of Cadiz), Guerra, Cow Bay; brigs. Lockiel, Ham, F. W. Indies; schrs. Lavinia Elizabeth, Sheet Harbor; H. Martin, Murphy, Ship Harbor and North Bay; Scotian, McGillivray, Cow Bay via Louisburg; D. Grant, Boudrot, Cow Bay; Onward, (Am.) Bunker, Port Caledonia, C.B.; W Philpot, Philpot, Cow Bay; Marian Smith, King, Burnt Islands, N. F., via LaHave; Lily, Mitchell, North Bay; Curlew, Gardner, Liverpool, N. S.; Pemel, Smith, do.; Sea Sympn, Murdoch, Sherbrook; Mabel, Myers, Cape Canso.

FRIDAY, 18th.—Bts. Jane E. Hale, Fanning, Porto Rico; Montrose, Favin, Jamaica; schrs. P. Walsh, Cann, Louisbourg; Mary Lois, Reddy, Isaacs Harbor; Reaper, Harling, Sheet Harbor; Mary Alice, Smith, do.; W. C. Duryea, Nicholson, Sydney; Evergreen, Potter, Cape Breton; Ninth of June, Boudrot, Cow Bay.

SATURDAY, 19th.—Am. steamer Alhambra, Wright, Boston; brigts. Woodcock, Neilson, Kingston, Ja.; Comrade, Doane, Demerara; Ellen, Boudrot, Cow Bay; Eustace, Polson, Dalhousie, N. B.; Champion, Fanning, Malaga; schrs. Laura, McFarlane, Bay St. George, N. F.; Mediator, Hatt, Port Medway; Ida E., Watt, Dalhousie and Campbelltown, N. B.; Sea Lion, Dean, Bathurst, N. B.; E. J. Wilson, Townsend, Fouchie and Louisburg, C. B.; Foaming Billow, Glawson, Bay of Islands, N. F.; Louisa, Balcom, Sydney; Amateur, McDonald, Sydney and Cow Bay; Vesta, Hall, Cow Bay.

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