

within that of the Presbyterian Board, and and he not know of it, and the news only now for the first time, reaches us.

I sometimes wonder whether any of us have taken in the vast dimensions of this Mission enterprise, and its responsibilities. If a man builds a house, or a bridge, or a ship, if he contracts for a railway to be constructed, his earliest necessity is a plan, a reliable scheme, and then a master mechanic.

The children of this world it was long since declared by high authority, are "wiser in their generation than the children of light." But if we require ten houses, ten ships, ten bridges, or ten Railways—a *Jortiori*, we should be provided accordingly.

And I do not hesitate here to say, as one who has thought not a little about the subject—that if the period has not already come, it is not far off, when a paid agency giving entire time and attention to this enterprise, will have to be substituted for our present system.

The annual disbursement of ten thousand dollars in distant India—for it will soon reach that sum—is a duty too onerous to be discharged by unpaid volunteers. A set of books of accounts must be opened, (most likely already commenced) as a matter of course, and details of expenses incurred by each Missionary, so far as chargeable to the Mission duty entered, and the whole should be under the eye of an experienced and competent accountant. A number of gentlemen have hitherto given their time and attention *gratis*, and instead of complaining that they may not possibly have been able to manage matters so as to rob criticism of all grounds for remark, under existing circumstances, they have probably done all that could reasonably be expected of them. But the labour and the responsibilities are only just commencing.

AN ORIENTAL.

For the Christian Messenger.

"But behold all the banks beyond the River were full of horses and charots which were come down from above to accompany her to the City gate.—Christiana, in *Pilgrim's Progress*."

Some of the many readers of the *Christian Messenger* may peruse with interest possibly, an extract or too, from a letter written by the late Mrs. McCully, (wife of Judge McCully) shortly before her decease, addressed to a near relative residing in the country.

Mrs. McCully's manners were of that reserved retiring character that her mind was rarely disclosed on religious subjects, except to her pastor perhaps, or some of her more intimate friends and acquaintances.

In the matter of Women's Missionary Aid Societies, and their organization she took a decided interest, and discharged the duty of Treasurer for a time, but owing to the state of her health she eventually resigned the office.

Referring to the letter in question, which was dated 3rd March, 1874,—she died on the 9th May—after some introductory remarks, relative to domestic arrangements, &c., she observes:—

"We have had a lovely winter, it has been pretty cold, but pleasant. I have not been out much, not even to meetings. I find to keep well, I have to be careful.—One blessing, God is not confined to place and wherever we erect an altar, he is ready to hear and answer. He (Jesus) is our great High Priest to intercede for us. I am very fond of reading Spurgeon's Sermons—one in particular, on the Exaltation of Christ. Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. What a comfort to us, that our Elder Brother is exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour! And he will exalt us to be with him, for has not Christ said, or asked his Father in that ever-to-be-remembered prayer, Father I will that these whom thou hast given me may be with me where I am that they may behold my glory? For they are thine. \* \* \* And I pray not for these alone, (and here is written comfort for us) but for those who shall believe on thy name, (through all ages in every place and clime.)"

"His name is above every name. Christ is exalted and we his followers rejoice therein—because if our Head is exalted, we shall be exalted too. If we suffer, He suffers too. Paul says—we have not an High Priest that cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities but was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. Oh! glorious words. If I live ye shall live also. Be of good cheer, I am with you. He will take us safely over the swellings of Jordan.

"Let us, dear sister, comfort one another with these words, as we go down the pathway of life. We have spent much of our time together here, God grant that we may spend an eternity together and know as we are known."

Addressed to a very dear and intimate relative, the foregoing was of course never intended for the public eye, but reflecting

as it does, the inner life, the thoughts, the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit upon a believer, so soon to experience the realities which are here so vividly, and reasonably and consoling foreshadowed, it is thought that such a fragment even, was worth preserving, and a place in a religious periodical.

The probability is, that many others besides the relatives and acquaintances of the dear departed may find therein, seasonable subjects for reflection and meditation.

In the exhortation "to comfort one another with these words, as we go down the pathway of life," one is reminded of Hopeful's exhortation to Christian, "Be of good cheer, my brother, I feel the bottom, and it is good \* \* \* and so it followed, that the river was but shallow. Thus they got over" safely, and so shall we if we too are *His* and *He* is ours.

MARITIME.

IN MEMORIAM.

DEACON WILLIAM HART

departed this life on the 28th of August, 1874, at Margaree, C. B., in the 65th year of his age. In compliance with a request cheerfully furnish this brief notice. This justly esteemed brother with whom I have been acquainted over 46 years, was truly ripe for the sickle. In early life he was converted, yet failed not to illustrate in his life the principles of a true disciple. He was baptized by the Rev. William Burton in 1827. At that time the Baptists had no organized church in Margaree. Dutiful and affectionate as a son, father, and a husband, yet he was firm in his conviction of right. He was blessed by having pious parents who were able through grace to cast him and all their burden on the Lord. He was one of eight brothers, six of whom passed away with their parents. The Hart family has been a religious one, and yet their religion was not a family religion; the parents were Congregationalists. Two sons from conviction by reading the New Testament became Baptists; the other brother, Hezekiah, who was a Baptist preacher, died when quite young. Deacon William Hart was a pillar in the Baptist church in this place and was one who took the lead in the Sabbath services. His life was most amiable. He laid up his treasure in heaven and enjoyed the advantage of it in his last trial. Amidst the surging of the storm when the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house, it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock. He has left a sorrowing widow, seven daughters and two sons and a large circle of friends to mourn, but not without hope, for the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

HUGH ROSS.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N.S., SEPTEMBER 30, 1874.

Mr. Ross, Minister of Militia, has resigned his position in the Cabinet. He will be succeeded by Mr. Vail, who, it is said, will take the office of Secretary of State in place of Mr. Scott, who becomes Minister of Militia. Mr. Oakes will resign his seat for Digby in favor of Mr. Vail.

William Ross, late Minister of Militia, has decided to accept the Halifax Collectors'hip of Customs.

Mr. Henry Elliott, of Dartmouth has been appointed Dominion Arbitrator, vice Mr. Wm. Compton.

The Liberal Conservative Convention met at Toronto on Thursday. Over five hundred delegates were present. Hon. James Skead, of Ottawa, was elected President. It is said that England will support British Columbia in her demand for the fulfilment of the terms of the Union, so far as practicable.

The following appointments are published in the *Official Gazette*: W. A. Ross, of Ottawa County, to be Judge; Capt. Jas. Wiley, of Windsor, N. S., Harbor Master; W. F. Hennigar, of Bear River, County of Digby, Harbor Master; Joseph Eden, Harbor Master, and Louis Riel is gazetted member for Provencher.

A movement is on foot in Manitoba to make a platform for the Canadian party during the elections, demanding the adoption of the Legislative Council, and French language in the laws, and debates of the Legislature.

A special despatch from Fort Garry, Manitoba, says there is considerable rejoicing there, over the news that the Hudson Bay Company's new steamer has successfully arrived at Fort Carlton on the Saskatchewan. This is the first steambot that ever navigated these waters. She was built last June, above Grand Rapids.

The oath of office was administered to the new Ministry, in the Province of Quebec on Tuesday last.

Goldsmith's Hall in Toronto was robbed of six thousand dollars worth of jewelry on Friday night last.

A fire at Windsor, Ont., caused loss of \$40,000; another at Campbelltown, \$10,000, and the steam barge *Carleton* was burned at Montreal; loss \$110,000.

The upper waters of the River Restigouche, from Wetoukewegick to its course in the County of Restigouche, in the Province of New Brunswick, are hereby set apart for the natural and artificial propagation of fish.

UNITED STATES.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, the Lady Mayoress, and Alderman Manning and daughter, who accompany the Irish Rifle team, were entertained by the city authorities of New York on Wednesday last.

Louisiana continues quiet, but there are reports of impending trouble in Alabama.

A detachment of state troops has been sent from Louisville to protect the Court in Owenton, Owen County.

New Orleans despatches say it is generally understood that the leaders of the riots will be indicted. Kellogg telegraphed to the Attorney General that if the troops were withdrawn there might be rioting at any moment, and not end till Kellogg and his people were either killed or driven from the State. The White League is said to be spreading through other States.

Three men were suffocated by foul air in a cistern at Vicksburg, Missouri, on Wednesday.

A railroad collision occurred in New Jersey on Tuesday, by which one person was killed, and ten injured seriously.

By a collision of trains Wednesday night, on the Placersburg branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 10 persons were injured, a mail agent burned to death in a postal car, the contents of which together with a baggage car were destroyed, and the trains nearly demolished.

A south-bound train of 6 cars, on the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad went through a bridge, falling 60 feet. The engineer, fireman and several others were killed; nearly all the passengers wounded, many dangerously. Among the killed is Wm. Boyd, ex-Judge of the State Supreme Court of Alabama.

Five persons were killed and several wounded by a boiler explosion in Franklin, Wright Co., Minn., on Thursday.

The banking firm of Townsend & Co., New Haven, failed on the 25th with liabilities of nearly \$3,000,000. The cause is depreciation of Southern bonds. Depositors will realize about 40 per cent.

The Brooklyn grand jury have found a criminal indictment against Moulton in the case of Miss E. D. Proctor. Moulton gave bail in \$20,000 for trial.

New York, Sept. 28, p.m.—Gold 9 1/2. Sterling exchange 4 84 1/2 to 4.87.

Cuba.—Ninety Chinamen, employed in the gas works at Havana, mutinied on Friday; nine were wounded, one seriously, before the revolt was suppressed.

Three shots were fired at Captain General Concha of Cuba last week, but he was unharmed.

Mexico.—Revolts of federal soldiery in the state of Guerrero (Mexico) have occurred lately, involving considerable loss of life.

SOUTH AMERICA.—On the 15th inst., at Panama the Guatemalan Government saluted the English flag with due solemnity, and a full indemnity was paid Mr. Magee.

It is reported that 100,000 have perished from the effects of drought in two districts alone of the Argentine Republic, San Pedro and Barbecked.

Serious disorder prevails in the Argentine Republic, and the city of Buenos Ayres is beleaguered.

A fight occurred between soldiers and laborers at Aspinwall, on the 13th inst., resulting in the mortal injury of one man, and wounding of another. The soldiers fired a volley endangering the lives of a multitude on the Pacific Mail steamship wharf.

Advices from Brazil say the house of Maner, the fanatical priest, was attacked by 800 national troops. His followers made a stubborn resistance. Among the killed were 9 men, 4 women, and 2 children. Six soldiers were killed and 30 wounded. The Brazilian forces at Ascension are to be withdrawn at once.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—The Prince of Wales has accepted the Grand Mastership of the Free Masons.

Work has been resumed in the mills at Bolton, pending the results of arbitration settlement.

At a meeting of the Co-operative Board at Manchester, it was resolved to invite Wendell Phillips to the Co-operative Congress in London.

The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce has adopted resolutions condemning the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty as prejudicial to British interests.

The Empress of Russia is expected to arrive in England October 14, on a visit to her daughter the Duchess of Edinburgh.

It is reported that Disraeli, on the occasion of the approaching Royal visit to Ireland, will recommend that a general amnesty be granted to political prisoners.

The *Times* announces that Disraeli's visit to Ireland is postponed on account of a severe attack of bronchitis.

FRANCE.—Thiers, in a speech on Friday last expressed his conviction that the Republic would ultimately be founded.

Elections to fill vacancies in the National Assembly will take place October 18th. French newspapers publish St. Petersburg advices, confirming the report of Bismark's overture to the King of Denmark, looking to incorporation of that country, and say that Russia is greatly irritated at the attempt, and will never permit Germany to hold the key of the Baltic Sea, and that the opposition of Russia to the German policy in Spain is due to this course.

AUSTRIA.—The members of the Austrian Arctic Expedition arrived at Vienna on Friday. They were escorted through the city in triumph.

Members of the Austrian Polar expedition declare explorations in the direction of the North Pole hopeless of satisfactory results, and that the reports of the existence of an open Polar Sea are untrue.

SPAIN.—The existence of a cordial and sympathetic letter from the *Emperador* to Don Carlos, which has hitherto been denied at Berlin and elsewhere, is now acknowledged.

Carlist despatches report that Brigadier General Peru has carried the village of Ricourum by storm, totally defeating the battalion under General Morines with heavy loss to the latter.

The Carlists have suffered a serious defeat in the Province of Biscay.

River Segre, overflowed, causing great damage to property and serious loss of life in the town of Tarrey, 25 miles northeast of the city of Lerida. Two hundred and fifty houses were swept away and many persons drowned.

GERMANY.—The Empress Augusta of Germany has called a meeting of delegates from all the Women's Associations of Germany to be held in Berlin during October.

RUSSIA.—The Russian Government, on account of the extensive emigration of the Mennonites, has undertaken to exempt members of that sect from actual military service, but still holds them liable to duty as hospital attendants. Mennonites of the Volga district will probably consent to remain on these conditions.

DENMARK.—The Copenhagen "Post" positively denies that the Danes have been ejected from Schlesweg Holstein.

ITALY.—Mount *Ætna* is still in a state of agitation, and on Saturday an earthquake shook the mountain to its base and destroyed several houses in Randazzo.

INDIA.—Heavy rains prevail in India, and prospects for crops continue most satisfactory.

CHINA.—A frightful typhoon passed over Hong Kong on Sunday last. Steamers "Lenore," "Albatross," and eight other vessels were wrecked or foundered, and many are missing. A great number of houses were destroyed, and it is reported that a thousand people were killed. The damage to property in the city, harbor and surrounding country is immense.

NEW ZEALAND.—Two thousand five hundred emigrants arrived within the last three months in the Province of Canterbury in New Zealand.

News of the Week.

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS will take place to-morrow. Some changes have taken place in the names of the Candidates for Aldermanic honors. The names are—

For Mayor—John A. Sinclair and Wm. Aekhurst.  
For Aldermen—  
Ward 1—John R. Murray and W. F. McCoy.  
Ward 2—Ald. Smith and Wm. Murray.  
Ward 3—L. G. Power and Geo. Nicholas.  
Ward 4—H. H. Fuller and Alison Smith.  
Ward 5—Ald. Thompson.  
Ward 6—Ald. Sullivan and Wm. Nisbet.

THE CITY GARDENS (late Horticultural Society's) were opened to the public on Saturday last. On Sunday they were resorted to by thousands of our citizens. Great vigilance will be required to preserve them from depredation and injury.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION will commence for the reception of articles and arrangement of them on Monday next at 7 o'clock, A. M. On Tuesday live animals, cut-flowers, and perishable articles generally, will be received from sunrise to 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Exhibition will be opened to the public on that day at 2 o'clock P.M., on payment of 50 cents. At 3 o'clock the opening address and ceremonies will take place.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday it will be open to the public. Admission 25 cents, children 10 cents.

The closing address will be given on Friday, at 12 o'clock noon. After 3 o'clock the live stock may be removed.

On Saturday all articles not previously taken away will be removed from the grounds.

SUICIDE.—Richard Long a Color-serjeant in the 87th Regt., committed suicide on Sunday night, by shooting himself, in his room in the Citadel, where he was confined for disobedience to orders.

OUR MANUFACTURES.—The largest and heaviest hawser ever manufactured in Canada was completed last week at the Dartmouth Rope Works. It is 150 fathoms in length, 14 inches in circumference, and weighs 5166 lbs. It is to be used in pulling off a vessel that is ashore at Yarmouth.

THE ROWING MATCH between George Brown of Halifax and Evan Morris of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania came off on Saturday afternoon on the Kennebecasis, near St. John. It had been postponed two or three times on account of fog, which was the occasion of much gambling, drinking and grumbling. Thousands of people were there to witness the trial of strength and skill. Brown won by a length and a half. The rowing is supposed to have been the fastest ever made.

LUENBURG Co.—Crops all through this County are unusually good. In some places the Potatoes are suffering from rot, from the wet muggy weather of the past week. The season for the most part has proved favourable for gathering in hay and grain in good condition. The farmers are in good spirits, and even such of them who are engaged in lumbering, and suffered loss by last year depression in prices, seem greatly encouraged by the large yield of their farms, and are hopeful.

The Fishermen of LaHave and Dublin have returned, with good fares in most cases, and it is matter of thankfulness with no loss of men so far as is known. Never in the history of Luenburg was there known to be such an awakening of religious interest as was experienced up and down our river last winter. Years ago an effort was made by temperance men to suppress the use of liquor on board these fishermen—by forming "Temperance Unions." This noble effort was not in vain. Now the people's attention has been directed, a step in advance, to a nobler object by active personal piety. So that prayer meetings are held where rum was freely vended, and some found to engage in prayer who used to vend the poison.

BRIDGEWATER never presented a more active appearance. A large number of fine buildings are being pushed to completion, and the foundation laying for others. The new warehouse and dwelling erected by Gates and Corning on their pocket wharf, with other new buildings add to the beauty of the town. The Presbyterians are about finishing one of the prettiest edifices to be found in any part of the County. Two fine vessels are being completed, owned by resident merchants. A Young Men's Christian Association has been organized, and sustains service on Sabbath afternoons, and on Tuesday evenings of each week. Bridgewater has been laid off into a town plot, and duly sanctioned.

AYLESFORD.—About a thousand men of the N. S. Militia, cavalry and infantry, were in camp on the line of railway at Aylesford last week. The opinion is pretty freely expressed that these gatherings are undesirable on account of their expense, and in many other respects.

THE ELECTION TRIALS.—The Cumberland court is postponed for some weeks. Mr. Hibberd has asked leave to withdraw his petition. The Inverness case is closed. Arguments will be allowed before the full court at Halifax and a decision subsequently given.

The Picton trial has been the occasion of some excitement, the language and conduct in court sometimes reaching to black-guardism. It is still going on.

PICTOU.—On Thursday, 17th inst., at Hopewell, Mr. David Fraser had a finger completely smashed by being caught in the machinery of the planer about which he was working.

On Friday evening Mr. Alex. Cameron while in the act of getting out of his wagon the horse made a sudden start, throwing Mr. C. to the ground, causing dislocation of the left shoulder, the wheel at the same time striking his side, fractured a rib.

Jas. W. Carmichael & Co., are preparing to lay the keel of a ship of 1100 tons to be launched next spring.

BURGLARY.—On Tuesday afternoon a sailor named McCabe broke into a house in Pictou occupied by Thos. Roach—there being no person in the house at the time—and stole a quantity of clothing.—Traces of the thief were discovered and policeman Baxter succeeded in arresting him at Loch Broom. He was brought back to Pictou.

GIANT NOVA SCOTIA TREE.—A gentleman who lately visited Cape Breton went to see a tree at Margaree which has attained some notoriety on account of its great size, and is probably the largest known specimen in the Province. Its circumference, six feet from the ground, is 24 ft. 4 ins. At a height of about 20 feet it has three branches of six to nine feet circumference each. The branches overhang an area of about 60 feet diameter. This denizen is of yellow birch species, and situated in an alder swamp on the farm of Mr. Lauchlin McDonald.—*Amerst Gazette*.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A daughter of Mr. Albert Gates, Nictaux, last week, was killed instantly by a cart body falling upon her. It was raised on end against a building or fence, and the child, with a little brother, were amusing themselves by climbing upon it when the accident occurred.

We learn from the Bridgetown *Monitor* that Mr. Samuel Bentley of Lawrence town, was seriously injured in the bowels by a chain hook in raising a beef last week.

The Nova Scotia Farmer says that on Tuesday the first sod was turned at Digby for the purpose of making the connection with the railway now being constructed from Yarmouth.

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