

ment, to be given on Christmas Eve. Their efforts resulted in a grand success; and, consequently, the school and a large company of parents and other friends collected last evening at the appointed hour in the hall,—dressed in green for the occasion—and were treated to a sight of one of the prettiest Christmas trees to be seen anywhere. I cannot describe it for I should only spoil the tree in the attempt—at least in the estimation of all who saw the original.

But a greater treat still was the sight and presence of so many little happy faces, adorned and made more beautiful far than the pretty dolls and pin cushions and other fancy articles that graced the "Tree," by the bright eyes and sweet smiles of the dear children.

After an hour or more had been spent in singing and recitations of an appropriate character for Sabbath School children on Christmas Eve, a moment's pause was given for a remark or two in reference to the "Tree," etc., when the door opened, and SANTA CLAUS walked up the aisle, and was seated amid hearty applause from the surprised but delighted children. He is an aged, but good-natured and comical man, and, I should judge, rather liberal, especially when called upon to distribute other people's donations, as was the case with him last evening.

After Santa Claus had taken his seat in a place conspicuous to all, and easily accessible to every child, the ticketed presents, numbering, probably, about 200, were taken from the tree and passed to him, and by him to the favoured owners.

There were presents for scholars; presents for teachers; presents for superintendents; presents for the pastor, and presents for Santa Claus himself. It was, indeed, a merry hour, and, yet the merriment was not of an objectionable nature. The aim was to teach all present, that the service of God need not detract from lawful enjoyments; and, I believe, the aim was accomplished.

Only that my letter is already too long I should speak of the great kindness of the dear friends in Sussex, who have frequently gladdened the hearts and home of my family and myself, by their words of cheer, and by their no less acceptable and more substantial donations. A hearty "Thank you," would but very imperfectly express the feelings of our hearts, in view of their many acts of kindness to us. It has always been our favored lot to live among kind and thoughtful people; but never more than now.

Yours in Christ,
J. F. KEMPTON.
Sussex, N. B., Dec. 23, 1875.

In Memoriam.

MRS. HENRIETTA THORNE, widow of the late Edward F. Thorne, was baptized by Rev. W. C. Rideout above thirty years ago. She was a prudent and excellent wife, an affectionate and careful mother, a kind and obliging neighbor, and an exemplary Christian.

Our justly esteemed sister was in a feeble state of health for some years before her decease. She was, however, enabled to assist kindly in waiting on her beloved husband during his protracted illness, which terminated January 29th, 1875. Through the favor of Providence toward her family, she was spared to bring up her children, for whose temporal and everlasting welfare she tenderly cared; and was permitted to see five of the six survivors become members of a Baptist church.

In August last she made a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Brown, at Windsor. On receiving intelligence that her venerated father, Mr. Henry Clarke, nearly ninety-nine years of age, was attacked with paralysis, and seemed likely to die soon, she presently returned home. When, however, he became better, she went back to Windsor. Her last sickness commenced shortly after her arrival there. Her sufferings were endured with extraordinary patience. Much of the time it was difficult for her to speak; but she expressed an unwavering hope in her adored Redeemer. At the age of 63 years, on the 18th day of December, 1875, sister Thorne quietly fell asleep in Jesus. Her remains having been conveyed back to the place of her former residence, prior to her interment an appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev. W. G. Parker, from the consoling words of Christ, (John xiv. 18.) "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come come to you."—Com. by Rev. C. Tupper.

A Tribu'e

To the memory of my father:—

My father, HENRY HALL, was born at Annapolis Royal, April 13, 1796. Much of his early childhood was spent at Round Hill. His father, John Hall, came from Somersetshire, England, and married Nancy Munro, of Annapolis. They had 7 children, who grew up to manhood and womanhood. Both his brothers with their wives and his sisters with their husbands had all preceded my father to the grave. When about 15½ years of age he had his skull fractured by being thrown from a horse. Before medical aid could be obtained to repair the fracture, he was near death. The weak state of health which followed induced him to seek an education. Though the schools of those days were of an inferior type, yet, they served to awaken in him a thirst for knowledge, and by hard application, he obtained a fair English education. When quite young he entered upon the honorable, though, then, unprofitable work of school teaching, and he followed the avocation for years. While thus employed, he not only obtained a large amount of general information, and a knowledge of human nature, but it also led him to cultivate self-control. Often have I heard him say, "No man is fit to govern others till he can govern himself." How well he carried out the theory, can be judged by this: As his children all stood around his dying bed, one of them remarked, "I never saw my father in a passion," and each child responded, "Neither did I." He had human nature as other men, but in 'ruling his spirit he was better than he that taketh a city.' Prov. xvi. 32. On the 2nd of May, 1822, he was united in marriage to Seraphina Brown. At that time he was without a hope in Christ. Five years after, his father's triumphant death made a deep impression on his mind, and about that time, a sermon preached by Gideon VanEmburch—a blind man—from the words, "O Israel thou hast destroyed thyself, but in me is thy help," was fastened by the Spirit on his heart. That was a night of awful agony, but "joy came in the morning." Probably as the result of early training, and also from a regard to the one who was the instrument of his conversion, he united with the Methodists, and for some time occupied the position of class leader in their Society. A change in his religious views was afterward effected by reading Mr. Wesley's Notes on the New Testament. In a note on Matt. iii. 6, Mr. Wesley objects to immersion on the ground of impossibility, but says the Baptist having his converts in ranks on the rivers bank and passing before them, he could sprinkle thousands in a short time. This, my father could receive as correct till he came to Rom. vi. 4, which Mr. Wesley says is "alluding to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion." When Mr. Wesley on Matthew was placed side by side with Mr. Wesley on Romans, the inconsistency was too great not to awaken a thinking mind. Thought was aroused, investigation was commenced and doubts generated. "Have I obeyed Christ," was the anxious inquiry. During this state of solicitude he called to see old Parson Gilpin, now at rest, to ask his opinion on the question. And when told by the aged parson, "I have no doubt but immersion was the apostolic mode," my father's mind was now quieted. Again were the Scriptures searched in order to a correct opinion of their teachings. Finally the question was settled, the sacrifice of feeling in going from a people he loved was made, and, on his 49th birthday, he offered himself to the 2nd Cornwallis Baptist Church. The next day, April 14, 1845, he was, at the hands of Elder Wm. Chipman, "buried with Christ by baptism" "in the apostolic manner."

After the 4th Cornwallis Church was formed, he was chosen a Deacon, in which office he "purchased to himself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith." He had always been in the habit of improving his moments, viewing life as made up of them. Early life had been a life long custom, and the last time I met him in conference, I remember his saying, "If I have ever made any attainments in the divine life, I think one means has been rising early and spending the first of the day with God." His spare moments were invariably spent with a book. In astronomy he delighted. The works of Dr. Tho. Dick, he studied, and considering his advan-

tages, I have often listened with astonishment to hear him name, give the distances, motions and magnitudes of the heavenly bodies, and to see how clearly to him the "Heavens declared the glory of God, &c." But above all the Bible, was the Book, and especially of late. On several occasions, when engaged in its study, and told that dinner was ready, he has replied, "I had rather read the Word of God than eat," literally esteeming it "more than his necessary food." In God's mercy he was deprived of reading it only one day. His sickness—heart disease—confined him but one day. At the house of my brother, in Aylesford, on Sabbath the 5th ult., he quietly closed his eyes to the earthly to awake in the image of the heavenly. He left to his posterity the legacy of a spotless reputation and the example of a pious life. His funeral was attended by Revs. Dr. Tupper and I. Wallace. Dr. Tupper preached an able and comforting sermon from 2 Tim. i. 10. My dear aged mother, after a companionship of over 53 years, has now been called to part with a kind husband. May God's grace sustain her and "cause the heart of the widow to sing for joy" is the earnest prayer of his son,
WILLIAM.

Black Point, Dec. 23, 1875.
(Annapolis Farmer please copy.)

"A Nova Scotian abroad," is a not infrequent caption when some provincialist has distinguished himself in intellectual acquirements, or been successful in any laudable pursuit. And rightly so, for we should feel an interest in those who have left us, and be glad to know they have been prospered. Not less so, surely, when we learn that any who have left us, have been made partakers of the "unsearchable riches," and have borne a faithful testimony to the Redeemer's name, and in full assurance of faith in him, have passed into the prepared mansions above. Such may be said of the late

THOMAS W. STEVENS,
formerly of Onslow, who at Port Huron, Mich., on the 16th ult., peacefully and calmly entered into his rest, aged 44 years, being the eldest son of the late J. C. Stevens, of the former place. The subject of this notice, having experienced a hope in Christ, was on Nov. 2nd, 1873, baptized by Rev. T. H. Porter, then on a visit to Port Huron. Brother Stevens's religious character was of a clear and decided type. In his life was fulfilled the prayer of the Psalmist, "Let integrity and uprightness preserve me"; and numerous is the testimony borne to his integrity, and the uprightness of his character in his business relations, by those who best knew him. And in the sermon occasioned by his death, preached by the Rev. A. McFarlane, a very appropriate and just tribute was paid to his sterling worth, and unquestioned loyalty to his Christian principles. But all his hope of salvation was found, ed on Christ's atoning merits—to his cause he was earnestly devoted—nor was his devotion ephemeral, but arose from the principles implanted and confirmed by Bible teachings. The disease of which he died—pulmonary abscess—did not confine him to his house until about the 5th of the month in which he died. His chief desire to live, was for his family, who like grapes to their vines clung to his heart—nevertheless calm submission to the will of God was most manifest. "He knows best," was his frequent remark. "I await his time"—and He in his time did release his servant, who with unbroken serenity, passed without groan or struggle into the arms of his redeeming Lord. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Sustaining a good reputation in life, a large concourse of people followed his remains to their resting place, while the public press bears the same testimony of approval, and sympathizingly notices his lamented death. Being of the Masonic order, that body was largely and properly represented to show their respect to his memory.—Com. by G. W. McElhinney, Port Huron, Mich.

MR. JOSEPH BOHAKER.
was born in Lower Granville in the year 1810. Having received a common school education, he commenced going to sea at the age of 16 years. By diligence and perseverance he soon became a sea captain. After occupying this position a few years, he was united in

marriage with Mary A. Shafner, a daughter of the late highly esteemed Deacon Caleb Shafner. He then quitted a seafaring life, and engaged in mercantile business for a short period. Agriculture, however, seemed more congenial to his taste; and, purchasing a farm in Upper Wilmot, he subsequently followed this useful and quiet occupation with assiduity and success.

Mr. Bohaker was a kind husband, an indulgent parent, and a friendly neighbor, and a man punctual to his engagements. He took the *Christian Messenger*, if the writer is not mistaken, constantly from the first, and paid for it punctually, the last payment reaching to July 1st, 1876.

Having been much exercised respecting his spiritual welfare, and entertaining a feeble hope, he was very kind and hospitable to the ministers of Christ, and the pious in general. In a season of gracious revival, when some children were baptized by the writer, he was strongly impressed with a sense of his duty to go forward with them; but through diffidence he deferred it. In his last sickness he very deeply regretted that he did not then yield to his convictions of duty, take a decided stand, and devote his life much less to the world, and much more to the Saviour. It is consoling, however, to learn, that after a season of pungent distress, he was enabled, as affectionately urged by the writer, like the stung Israelites, to look directly to Him who is mighty to save. Trusting implicitly and firmly in the adorable Redeemer, he joyfully departed on the 4th day of December, 1875, at the age of 63 years, leaving a widow, 10 children, and many other friends, to mourn his departure, but not to sorrow as those who have no hope. At his interment an appropriate discourse was delivered by Rev. W. J. Bleakney, assisted by Rev. W. G. Parker.—Com. by Rev. C. Tupper.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.
New Glasgow.

The first anniversary of the Baptist Sabbath School.

Dear Brethren,—The friends of our infant cause, will be pleased to know that having founded a little church here we are trying to establish a Sabbath School. The members and friends of the school met by invitation at the house of the Superintendent, Bro. W. P. Linton, on the evening of Friday Dec. 31st. Recitations and beautiful singing by the children occupied from 6 to half past 7. A bountiful repast was then enjoyed by about forty persons. After tea Brother James Ross informally occupied the chair, called on Brethren Forbes, Freeman, Deacon Olding, Linton and Fullerton. The first an aged Presbyterian brother who kindly met with us, greatly interested us by speaking of the advantages enjoyed by children now as compared with the times when he was a boy. After the speaking was over, a vote of thanks was very cordially given to Mr. and Mrs. Linton for the entertainment of the evening. This vote of thanks was well merited, for in the circumstances it must have been a sacrifice for them to have established it so nobly. But they did it for the Saviour, and He will reward all we do for Him; we hope the friends of our Zion will pray for us that our school may prosper, that all the church may co-operate with our superintendent in his work, and that the Holy Spirit Himself may come and be with us and help us. I would again remind our friends abroad that we have no place of worship, and that without one we cannot humanly speaking, expect prosperity. The room where we worship the only suitable place in the town, the Temperance hall, is occupied by the Societies a part of the time, so that we cannot have even a week of protracted meetings, which would be especially servicable to us, and we are liable to other interruptions on account of other gatherings in the vicinity. I feel that if our friends knew all our present circumstances, and future prospects in this this great central point, they would make up their minds to help us, when they are called upon for aid, as I expect they will be before long. So that we may have at least a vestry room of our own for the worship of God, and for our Sabbath School. The Lord I think re-

quires of us as a people to provide thus far for His infant cause here. If any of our Sabbath schools also could send us second hand books for the Baptist Sabbath School here they will be thankfully received.

Yours in the work,
D. FREEMAN.
New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 4. 1876

CHESTER.—"I had the joyous privilege, on the first Lord's day morning of the New Year, of baptizing two persons on profession of their faith in Christ, and welcoming them to the fellowship of the Baptist church in Chester. May this be the first instalment of a large ingathering during the year.

Yours very truly,
I. J. SKINNER.
Jan'y 10th, 1875.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The following is a statement of the imports and exports of the Dominion and of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, separately, for the year ended 30th of June, 1875:—

Table with 3 columns: Category, Value, and another Value. Rows include Whole Dominion, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

The British Columbia Legislature have met. News of the defeat of the Government is expected.

A new public Stock Exchange Board has been formed at Montreal.

The directors of the Montreal Telegraph Company filed five exceptions to the form of writ and petition against them, their reasons of exception being variance between writ issued and order of Judge upon petition, insufficiency of stamps on same, insufficiency of time between serving and return of writ, and that the allegations of the person are mal libelles.

370 alarms of fire have been reported in Montreal for the last year.

A party of engineers and assistants are now engaged taking soundings of the river bed between St. Julien's Island and Molson's wharf, Montreal, in connection with the erection of the Royal Albert bridge. Some forty laborers are at work levelling the ice in the way of the engineers.

Mr. Martin, editor of a French paper, at Montreal was arrested for committing rape on a girl nine years old, the daughter of Mr. Wm. Mills, proprietor of the Clarendon Hotel, where he was stopping. Martin was committed for trial at the Assizes for criminal assault.

Melvin Mills, son of one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of Hamilton, was murderously assaulted at the door of his own house on Tuesday last by a man named Michael McConnell. He followed and stabbed Mills three times in the head. Mills then proceeded a short distance and fell when McConnell followed him up, inflicting stabs in the sides, the abdomen and the back. McConnell was subsequently arrested in his own house while he was in the act of washing his face and bloody hands. Three persons saw the deed performed.

Angus McIver, convicted of the murder of George Atkinson and attempted murder of Baptiste Charette, was hanged at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Saturday morning. He made no confession, and maintained to the last that the night of the murder was a blank to him.

The messenger of Molson's Bank, Montreal, named Jackson, pretended to have lost on the 4th inst., \$926, which he had collected. The loss was advertised in various papers, his tale being believed. On Saturday he was arrested and the money found secreted on his person.

The Bishop's college at Lennoxville, Quebec, was burned on Thursday night. The grammar school, dining room, chapel, and Principal's house were saved; one half of the library was saved.

Great suffering is reported at Montreal among the laboring classes.

"Boss" Tweed, it is said, was seen in Joe Beef's canteen on Saturday last, and it seems in several places as well, so there seems to be little doubt but what he is in or near Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—SHIPPING.—The following is a summary of the Shipping registered in this Province:—

Table with 3 columns: Ship Name, Tons, and another Column. Rows include 103 Ships, 147 Barques, 14 Barquentines, 11 Brigs, 72 Brigantines, 539 Schooners, 149 Woodboats, 6 Sloops, and 63 Steamers.

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On Thursday last while Capt. Joseph and Wm. Newcomb were engaged in discharging the *Parrsboro* schr. Twilight at South Market Wharf, St. John, a young thief entered the cabin and stole their watches and a pair of boots.

Wm. Hanlon came to his death suddenly on Sunday last, by drinking.

E. L. WETMORE, was re-elected Mayor of Fredericton on Monday.

AT SHEDDIAK.—Carpenter's stables, a large house owned by George Pelletier, and occupied by five families, a house owned by Neil McDougall, and two barns and outbuildings owned by F. L. Theal, were burned on the 1st inst.

JANU... UNITED STATES Albany called a Wednesday and a boiler in the 5th Inst. constantly killing wounding two The trouble and Delaware Companies, ne assumed a seri were called out seen hundred The trouble is consisting of the corner. At Hopewell taken possession of the two Oriskany W Oneida county was burned on \$45,000 or 50. Eighty hands went. ENGLAND.—S been appointe Newfoundland. On Tuesday bers of the Com Home Rule pa agree upon the he coming sess decided to ask making better education in Home Rule with ions at the cl when the atten called to the et: The ques trade, and the ounced. A colossal br unveiled with on College g Parliament Ho were made by Butt and other participated in and citizens go ceremonies of Foresters decl session as a de demonstration and, in reality The Hawke at Atherton, L \$175,000.—F thrown out of An explosion at Folke, Staf Five persons v A fire in Lon the book-bin Ludgate Hill dollars. Thre thrown out of A terrible la Reunion on 1 persons were and many buil destroyed. The Cologne cepted the Aus for a week to expires on the The London comments on permitting the vessels cruisin ires the Spar fleet at the fient strength her rebellious he should be ll deprecation igrants. Money is be did the perse FRANCE.—T Garobert pe accept the se The new Fr promulgated, nent Paris jo rressed or for streets have russia.—Gr he grain trad collapse in a threatened attributed By a railwa Saturday, 68 r rounded, a n book fire afte SPAIN.—T Spain is repor ne measles. The cannon centria and ackening. Several Ca ave been sh against Don C The Carlista Hernani. The Carlist declare allegi retain his r GERMANY.— one to Rome ng re-assem The report n American not Cuban affa AUSTRIA.—P Negotiatio Hungary and gation, had named in Vie Austria also any emerg the men in case of war, a