

aware of what had occurred, continued playing on the stage, as if nothing had happened, and our informant says it was not until Capt. Douglas ordered them to cease playing, that they stopped the performance.

THE NATURAL SCENERY AND PRODUCTIVENESS.

In concluding, Mr. Editor, I wish to give you a bird's-eye view of a model nursery, containing over a half a million of trees, orange, &c. A ride to the outskirts of the city of Los Angeles in any direction reveals the most charming scenery. Very little of the sublime works of nature's God would possibly be seen except one turned to the direction of the foot hills, mountains, canons, (pronounced canyons) in plain view, but beyond the limits of the city, the chief attractions lie in the orange groves, labyrinths of flower and vine, more particularly does this apply to the southern and western portions of our city, in which latter direction it was our privilege to enjoy a drive in company with our excellent brother the Rev. Isaac Newton Cooper, a Baptist minister who emigrated to this city some years ago in search of health, and who purchased a plot of ground and has stocked it with trees. Now his place is worth a thousand dollars per acre, it being covered with orange, lemon, lime, apple, peach, pear trees &c., &c. This good brother though not able to preach has been our right hand man since I came to this city.

But to return, we started in his buggy, and to visit another Baptist minister, who also lives in the suburbs on a magnificent farm and orchard which he recently purchased. Rev. William Curtis, whose health is also much impaired and will not in all probability ever preach again. Having had a stroke of paralysis which not only disqualifies him for preaching but from labour also, these are only a sample of the many ministers who reside here, both of our own and of other denominations who have settled here in search of health. We started with the intention of visiting our good brother the Rev. Mr. Fisk formerly from Nova Scotia, and saw more of the out skirts of the city and valley than we had before, it being so extensive as not to be exhausted in a short time—the great valley of Southern California. Turning down San Pedro Street below Washington Street, we frequently had occasion to pause and admire the tropical verdure through which we were passing. When we arrived at the nursery which was pointed out by brother Cooper as belonging to Messrs. Fisher, Richardson & Co., and one of our young Baptist brothers Mr. Shaw from Nova Scotia as the chief nursery man. Here may be seen apricot trees, budded last April that have since grown to a height of six feet, apple trees grafted at the same time over eight feet high; budded orange trees, and lemons grafted upon orange stock from four to six feet high, nor is it in height alone that these trees show remarkable advancement, but the trunks have increased in size equally astonishing. Among the two year olds are orange, lemon, apple, pear, and other trees that equal in size ordinary four year old trees, one apple taken from a two year old tree measured over eleven inches in circumference. They have about 300,000 orange trees, consisting of choice varieties. Some of which we imported from Australia, viz: the naval or seedless orange, and which bring a higher price than any other variety. Here also is the Mediterranean Sweet, Queen, Rio, Maltese Blood, and others, with a variety of lemon. One from Italy, a thin skinned high flavored variety. There are apples of many varieties: 50,000 of one year old, and 50,000 of two years old, pears 10,000, peaches 5,000, and large numbers of apricots, almonds, plums, prunes, white ash, &c.

Freely yours, &c. W. HONDS.

P. S. I am in the frequent receipt of letters of enquiry from many parts of the Colonies asking advice about removing to California, and I wish to say to all such, that my advice is, Do not come here, unless you have means; it is not a poor man's country, the climate is second to none in the world and the soil is good, very good, this applies only to Southern California. The climate of San Francisco we do not like, nor any part of the State north of that. We do not like the great Sacramento Valley, or any other in California, except the great valley of Los Angeles, which is the valley of California. It is true that

many men do come here without much means and do well, but they have a hard row, and few succeed. It may be, however, for the want of pluck. It is not a country for a man devoid of means, as land is high in price, and going up still. W. H.

For the Christian Messenger.

Dear Editor,— Your correspondent "J. M." has certainly a perfect right to put any interpretation he may see fit upon his own words, no matter how covert or absurd that interpretation may be. But when he puts words into the mouth of one of our Home Mission officials and then undertakes to explain what that official meant he is engaging in a little performance which out-rials the jugglery of the most ingenious "Chinaman." Our friend has blundered culpably in his pretended quotation from our Home Mission correspondence, owing, doubtless, to his unwise practice of giving away his copy of the Messenger. He still thinks it was Dr. Day who wrote the communication originally referred to; but in this he is as much mistaken as he is in the assumption that Dr. Day has been at the Centennial. It was my own letter to the Messenger that was garbled, and hence my subsequent remarks were not meddlesome "strictures" but a personal defence against manifest injustice. That "J. M." finds it convenient to quote in this manner seems very evident from the self-complacent manner in which he reviews his own achievement in doing so much "better without the paper at hand" than others who have it in their possession.

It would not seem to one worth while to notice these things were it not for the fact that liberties and misstatements of this kind are at present doing much harm to the interests of our Home Missions in many places. "J. M." uses his influence against bringing Home Missions into our Convention, and, for an argument, quotes words from the official correspondence of our Board—words which never emanated from the Board. He would then seem to make an effort to awaken dissatisfaction with the present management of Home Mission matters by saying that "if Cape Breton were in the Bay of Bengal perhaps it would be better supplied." This remark may have been aimed at our denomination, but nine-tenths of our readers will regard it as reflecting upon the Home Mission Board. There is a marked contrast between this sort of writing and the generous and kindly editorial which appears in this week's Messenger. Home Mission work needs more kind words and fewer carpings, more help and fewer hindrances.

I submit to you, Mr. Editor, whether as a matter of justice, it is proper for a correspondent under a mask to be permitted to assail another correspondent whose name is given. It may in fairness be expected that if "J. M." has anything further to communicate in reference to this matter he will do so over his full signature.

W. H. WARREN. Yarmouth, Nov. 17, 1876.

In Memoriam.

MRS. MARY E. CHESLEY.

Mary E. wife of Israel Chesley, of New Germany, and third daughter of Robert and Amoret Wilson, died of dropsy, Oct. 7th, 1876, in the 44th year of her age. In her early life she professed faith in Christ and was baptized, and was received into the West Sherbrooke Baptist Church by the Rev. B. S. Morton. At the time of her marriage she removed her membership to the New Germany Baptist Church, when she remained a worthy member until called to join the church above. She possessed a strong mind, and made the Bible a book of study, and consequently was well versed in its truths, and ever ready to defend them when circumstances required it. Her last sickness was lingering, and her sufferings great, but she bore them with christian fortitude and patience, and would converse upon her approaching dissolution with great composure, ever manifesting a firm reliance in Christ her Saviour. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn their loss. May they be divinely sustained, and prepared to follow their dear departed, gone to the heavenly land. There being no Baptist minister

residing at New Germany at the time of her death, Rev. Mr. Hookin (Wesleyan) performed the funeral services, and preached a very able and touching discourse from Rev. xxii. and part of the 5th verse, "And there shall be no night there." T. A. W.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO, NOV. 14, 1876.— A few items from the First Church, Brantford. A week ago, Sabbath, Bro. Timpany addressed a full house on the Mission among the Telogoos. After which four, who had been recently baptized, received the band of fellowship, and together with Brother Timpany, who is a member of this church, joined with us in partaking of the Lord's Supper.

On Thursday afternoon following the sisters met in goodly numbers, and after an address by Bro. T. organized a Women's Missionary Aid Society. A very excellent young sister, whom I baptized from the Congregationalists, has made known her intention of offering herself as a Foreign Missionary.

Last Saturday, on leaving home for Toronto, I met a young man of the Congregation, who had long been the slave of intemperance, but who has lately been the subject of deep religious impressions, coming to tell me the good news of a new found hope in Jesus.

On Sabbath last, Bro. Munro, of Toronto, and I, exchanged pulpits, and I understand that several rose for prayer in the meeting after the evening service. A good attendance, and a warm feeling, especially in the after meeting, gave evidence of an interesting and encouraging state of religion at Alexander Street.

In our large and interesting Bible class—numbering over 150, and taught by one of our deacons—the religious element is encouraging, and there are several anxious enquirers.

Yours as ever, W. H. PORTER.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Hon. John Hillyard Cameron died at Toronto on Tuesday the 14th.

Lord Carnarvon has acknowledged the receipt of the petition to the Queen from the Canadian Congregational Union on the subject of the Oka Indians, but cannot comply with it, the Seminary's ownership of the land having been confirmed by the courts.

A woman was found lying on Fulford Street, Montreal, on Thursday with both feet frozen.

The owner of the steamer Rothesay has signified his intention to run a line between Quebec and Montreal next season.

The Montreal Star says that John R. Middlemiss, who was connected with the Tanneries Land swap, is one of the heirs to an estate in England worth about seven millions to each heir. The estate has been accumulating for a hundred years.

An agitation is being got up for the repeal of the Insolvent Act.

Mr. J. D. Lewin was gazetted a Senator on Saturday.

The amount of goods exported from the Dominion, during September, was \$10,013,960. Imports—\$8,479,189.

Charles F. Conant, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, telegraphs that Canadian exhibits may be expressed to any country by the exhibitor or commissioners without payment of duties for delivery to purchaser.

A cattle dealer was murderously assaulted and robbed of five thousand dollars at Lennoxville, Quebec.

A new railway will be laid to Lachute, on the Ottawa river.

An insane woman was killed on Friday on the Grand Trunk Railway.

LOST BANK NOTES.—The Consolidated Bank of Canada has not yet begun to issue any new notes. The only notes in circulation at present are the notes of the City Bank and Royal Canadian Bank. The lost parcel of forms of new ten dollar bills contained the following numbers, viz: A 12001 to 13000, B 12001 to 13000, C 12001 to 13000, and D 12001 to 13000. They are dated Montreal, 1st July, 1876, but are not countersigned. A reward has been offered for the return of the forms, which are of no value to the public, which should be on its guard against receiving them.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Mr. Robert Marshall was elected to represent the city of St. John in the Local Legislature in place of the late Mr. Keans. Mr. M's majority is given 188, Mr. M. W. Maher, the Roman Catholic candidate, retired from the contest leaving it between Messrs. Marshall and Everett.

A heavy freshet continues in the St. John river.

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LOCAL NEWS.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—The Tea-Meeting in the new building on Spring Garden Road on Thursday evening was largely attended. The arrangement of the rooms was found exceedingly convenient. The tea was served on twelve large tables up stairs in the five rooms thrown into one for the occasion. The provision on the tables was in great abundance, and the adornments highly pleasing and in excellent taste, showing what busy hands can accomplish when directed by warm hearts. These tables were repeatedly filled with guests, who after partaking retired to the large lecture room below, and spent the time in social conversation till 8 o'clock, when the several parts of the following programme were presented in due course:

Opening Address—By the Chairman, Mr. H. N. Paint.

Music—"God of the fatherless" (Quartet), by George Burgoyne, Joseph J. Joplin, R. M. King, and John Burgoyne.

Address—By Rev. J. W. Manning.

Music—"Guide me O thou Great Jehovah," (solo) by Mrs. Crane and Chorus, in which the whole choir joined.

Reading—By F. M. Passow, Esq., (Mary Queen of Scots).

Address—By Rev. A. S. Hunt.

Music—"It is Thy Will my Father" (Solo) by George Burgoyne.

Reading—By F. M. Passow, Esq., (The Frenchman, &c.).

Music—"God in Mercy hear our prayer!" (Solo) by Mrs. Dr. Delaney, Quartette by Mrs. Delaney, J. J. Joplin, George Burgoyne, and E. D. King.

Address—By Rev. D. M. Saunders, pastor of the church.

Music—"God Save the Queen."

Each part was given with all due propriety and received with hearty applause. The Frenchman's difficulties with the English language, by F. M. Passow, Esq., afforded unbounded amusement. The music was a most pleasing feature of the evening, except that every piece was too short, by half. Rev. Mr. Manning showed that we need the social element more fully developed, and thought such meetings finally adapted to accomplish that object. Rev. Mr. Hunt gave an excellent loyal and historical address founded on the flags by which the room was draped; and Rev. E. M. Saunders made the history