

with our body. He at that time was very useful in his neighborhood, and in various other places, in visiting the sick and burying the dead. He soon received a letter of license to preach, from our body, and in Sept, 1873, was ordained to the ministry, which capacity he filled faithfully until God called him home from labour to rest. He died on the 18th of November. He attended our Association last September, and labored faithfully at the Association, also at Halifax and Beech Hill, and on his way home to Digby apparently in his usual good health. Many of our brethren from the several branches of God's Zion will long remember his faithful preaching while with us. He had but a few weeks' sickness, disease in the throat reaching to the lungs was the instrument God employed to separate the soul from the tenement of clay. From his conversation with Bro. Aymar, a little before his departure, we learn that he knew it was far better to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Much more could be said of this good brother, but we will decline occupying too much of your valuable space. He leaves a widow and four or five children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and affectionate father.

REV. JAMES THOMAS.

For the Christian Messenger, Acknowledgement.

Mr. Editor, I feel it a pleasure to communicate to your valuable paper, the praiseworthy efforts put forth by the ladies and friends of Chebogue in raising funds for the support of their pastor. This fall, through the medium of a tea-meeting and donation, they succeeded in raising over \$82, for which the pastor feels himself under increased obligations to bend his energies to supply them with material for their spiritual advancement.

J. ROWE.

GRATEFUL MENTION, by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burges of a generous donation recently given by the church and congregation of North River P. E. I., and vicinity. The barn, cellar and store room were remembered. A sleigh robe from the young men, a hooked carpet and ulster from the ladies, were among the gifts. We prize them all; but more, the friendship and prayers of those who bestowed them.

Dec. 6th, 1877.

For the Christian Messenger, American and Foreign Bible Society.

Dear Brother,

Please publish the following report of moneys collected in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in 1877:—

- Digby Baptist Church \$2. Bro. Caswell, \$2.50. Sandy Cove, Rev. J. C. Morse, \$5. Bear River, \$7.27. Freeport, \$4.60. Westport, \$16.77. Beaver River, \$5.20. Yarmouth, 1st, \$22.50. Temple, \$16.76. Milton, Mrs. E. P. Shaw, \$100; others \$8.51. Chebogue, \$5.00. Hebron, \$4.77. Lockeport, \$18.50. Liverpool, \$11.50. Annapolis, \$5.90. Granville, \$9.10. Bridgetown, \$1.75. Lawrencetown, \$7.47. Pine Grove, \$4.77. Nictaux, \$2.30. Canard, \$1.75. Hantsport—Deacon Wm. Davison, \$1.00. Kentville, \$4.50. Wolfville, \$11.50. Canning, \$3.50. Windsor, \$12.50. Falmouth, \$7.75. Dartmouth, \$1.00. Halifax—Granville St., \$29.00; Gerrish St., \$1.00. Truro, \$11. Amherst, \$22.00. Total, \$386.27.

Please also publish the following from P. E. Island: Tryon, \$11.97. Bedeque—Mrs. S. B. Lydston, \$18.00; others, \$3.20. North River—Rev. C. C. Burges, \$1.00. Charlottetown, \$15.00.—Grand River—J. Frost, \$2.00. Souris—Mrs. Knight, \$5.00; others, \$1.50. East Point, \$28.16. Cavendish, \$19.55. Summerside, \$7.09. Total, \$112.47.

Will the Church Clerks see that these sums are reported in their next Associational Letters.

S. BOOTHBY, Agent.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

COLCHESTER Co.—I had the privilege of baptizing five converts yesterday at DeBert River, the fruits of special services held recently at Masstown. Three others were baptized a few sabbaths previously, making eight in all. The cause in Londonderry is, upon the whole in a hopeful condition. The Upper Londonderry Church is doing well, and proposes to build a house for the worship of God. Bro. Miles baptized recently at the Acadia Mines, and several on Westchester Mountain in the vi-

city of the mines. The brethren there have, with but little ministerial aid, been holding special services from house to house, and the Lord has blessed the effort, souls have been hopefully converted. Others will follow their Saviour in baptism, on the return of Bro. M., who visits that region once a month. Under his faithful ministrations we hope for good to come to the cause of truth at the Acadia Mines. Bro. Ingram has also been permitted to welcome a goodly number into the church at Five Islands.

M. P. F.

Great Village, Dec. 3rd 1877.

Rev. G. Whitley writes from Baddeck C. B. "The blue ribbon movement is spreading around us, as elsewhere, I trust it will be the means of rolling away many stones, and thus preparing the way for richer blessings."

CAVENDISH, P. E. I.—Mr. Editor, Perhaps some of your readers would be pleased with a few notes from Cavendish, P. E. I. It is ground with which a number of our ministering brethren are well acquainted, and is looked upon as an important point by the denomination on this Island. The Baptist Church at Cavendish is comparatively isolated from the communion of the sister churches on the Island, being twenty miles from the nearest Baptist interest; yet have they from their organization, remained steadfast in the faith, and in the absence of a pastor sustained their Sabbath School, prayer and other meetings, with commendable regularity. The brethren are few in number, but living, working christians, labouring in the vineyard and praying with strong faith for the refreshing shower. The church sustained a severe loss, during the past summer, by the death of the late Hon. Jeremiah Simpson, who for many years had been a pillar in the church. The remembrance of his kindly acts and christian zeal will long be cherished in the hearts of his brethren. On the 15th ult., just as we were getting settled in our new home; we were greatly surprised and our hearts cheered by the altogether unexpected visit of nearly all the resident members of the church, a large number of the congregation and some brethren and sisters from other churches, who for the time being took possession of our home, and, after spending an evening, of not only pleasant social intercourse, but of true spiritual helpfulness, in the anxiety manifested to cheer the heart and strengthen the hands of the minister, they departed, leaving with us a valuable donation from the granary, the larder, and the cellar, comprising a selection of all the articles necessary to institute house keeping, and valued in dollars and cents at about \$45.00; but in the affection and good will of the donors, at an almost inestimable price, which can only be measured by the results of a cheerful spirit and a heart grateful to God for this new manifestation of kindness. May He that "loveth the cheerful giver," abundantly bestow upon the donors rich spiritual blessings. My Post Office address is now, Bay View, Queens Co., P. E. I.

J. B. WOODLAND.

Dec. 3, 1877.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The London Times refers to Judge Kellogg's dissent from the award of the Commissioners at Halifax, and says: If it be argued that dissent of one arbitrator nullified the award, disputants did not really bind themselves to anything, since each was enabled to make reference to arbitration illusory. We are quite satisfied that the United States Government will not contest the award on either of these grounds. All must regret that the award only amounts to a temporary settlement of the question.

At Montreal on Monday of last week, a man named J. B. DesLongchamps, employed in the Gazette building, fell down from the loft, a distance of sixty feet, and was killed.

A lady, who once held a prominent social position, has been arrested for pilfering while soliciting charity, necessitated by her drinking habits.

Mr. Doure, Q. C., says if the Canadians were better acquainted, with the inexhaustible wealth of which they are possessors in the fisheries the United States would not get much room for exploring in our waters. He intends to obtain a complete copy of the proceedings of the Fishery Commissioners and send it to Laval University for public reference.

Volunteers have at last been paid for services on the 12th and 16th July.

Not a single vessel remains in Montreal harbor. Hundreds are consequently in want of work.

Railway communication between Quebec and Three Rivers is now completed. Trains will run daily after 15th inst.

Five hundred dollars in counterfeit tens, on the Ontario Bank have been lately discovered at Montreal.

A hundred and fourteen ballots at the last Quebec election were declared null.

Trouble has broken out in the Beauce gold mines between the employees of two different companies, who claim that the tunnelling of one interferes with that of the other.

Mr. Holmes, late M. P. for Carleton, by the death of his brother in New Zealand succeeds to a fortune of a million dollars.

Young men are being arrested at Montreal and punished daily for carrying revolvers.

The Post Office Department at Ottawa and United States have agreed to return letters between the two countries bearing the request to do so within a given time, to places they were mailed from, without, as formerly, holding them for return through dead letter office.

Rev. G. M. Grant was installed with great ceremony as Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, on the 6th inst.

It is rumored that the Duke of Manchester is likely to succeed the Governor General next fall.

The first sleighing of the season at Ottawa on Friday last.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Arrangements are being made for rebuilding the Victoria hotel, St. John, on the old site. It is said a large amount of capital has been subscribed in Boston and New York for that purpose.

At St. John on Wednesday last Mr. Jas. Hannay was seriously injured by being struck on the head with a falling brick at St. Andrew's Church.

Some of the unfinished brick walls of buildings on Prince William Street, St. John, fell down on Thursday last. Fortunately the workmen were all in the rear at the time, with the exception of one or two who were carried down by the falling walls and escaped injury.

A little boy named George Miller was taken out from beneath the debris. He appeared to have had a miraculous escape, the only injury he sustained being several severe cuts on the head and injured limbs.

The architect attributes the fall to two hundred tons of wet sand on the ground floor breaking into the cellar, the breaking beams pushing out the side walls. Other builders impute the catastrophe to the crowning floors, which shed the recent heavy rains (there being no roof on) down the sides and softened the mortar. Messrs. J. & A. McMillan suffer from what they could in no way control. The whole front of their building will have to come down, and the damage will amount to about \$3,000.

On Monday evening D. Banks McKenzie commenced operations in Fredricton to an audience of 1,000, in the City Hall.

UNITED STATES.—A despatch from Chili says the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamship Atacama has been lost. The crew numbered 40, the passengers about 50. Only 18 were saved.

On Monday morning the bodies of Antonia Nierosi and Miss Aurelia Sharp, were found in the cemetery at Montgomery, Ala, with a pistol ball in each head. It is supposed that Nierosi shot her and then put the pistol to his left ear and fired into his own head.

SOUTH AFRICA.—The American Consul at Cape Town, 16th Oct., states that there is a Kaffir war in Kaffraria, Eastern frontier of Cape Town. All available troops and volunteers have been sent forward. The Government has sent a messenger to the refractory Chief, Krell, and is giving attention to matters in connection with the war.

ENGLAND.—The Northumberland colliery proprietors last week issued a fortnight's notice to the miners of 12 1/2 per cent reduction in wages.

The Marquis of Bute has contributed £170,000 sterling for the endowment of Memorial Hall, Glasgow University.

The steamer Mizpah from Seville for Leith, collided on Friday with an unknown vessel off Beachy Head. Both vessels sunk. So far only one man is known to have been saved.

A Berlin Ministerial journal says the English Government propose to purchase the Turkish fleet.

FRANCE.—A meeting in Paris of 1500 merchants and manufacturers, on Monday of last week, drew up an address appealing to the patriotism of President MacMahon to yield to the wishes of the majority, in view of the threatened ruin to trade and in the interest of the international exhibition.

At a meeting of 120 members of the Republican Left it was decided to refuse to vote any part of the budget until the Government have returned to parliamentary courses.

At a meeting of the Left Centre it appeared, in view of the prolongation of the crisis, unanimously to be the opinion at present to refuse to vote the budget.

A deputation of merchants who waited upon President MacMahon were directed to address the Minister of Commerce the Marshal being unable to see them.

This refusal has occasioned great irritation.

The French Ministry tendered their resignation and President MacMahon accepted them. The following are the conditions on which Dufaure agreed to attempt to form a Cabinet: That

the Ministry shall have entire liberty as to all official appointments; that the Marshal shall agree to bills restricting the power to declare a state of siege and modifying press restrictions, and shall send a message to the Chamber and guaranteeing it against a capricious dissolution. The Marshal accepted these conditions with much difficulty, at first declaring he would resign. He still desires to have the choice of the Ministers of Marine, War and Foreign Affairs. Dufaure made no engagement on this point, and it is considered unacceptable.

On the following day however, McMahon after discussing this question with Dufaure concluded with these words:—"After all, you are responsible, consequently I leave you free in the choice of your colleagues." Dufaure was afterwards much surprised to find the Marshal had changed his determination.

ITALY.—There is no hope of the Pope's recovery. He is unable to sit up.

It is reported that the Pope has written an autograph letter to Queen Victoria, thanking her for permitting the re-establishment of the Scotch hierarchy. This is not generally believed.

Portugal claims right of voting in the next Papal election.

SPAIN.—The Council of Ministers have approved of the intended marriage of the King with Princess Mercedes. The King will accordingly send an autograph letter to the Duke and Duchess of Montpensier, making a formal proposal for the hand of the Princess. When the answer is received the foreign courts will be notified, and a Papal dispensation necessary to authorize a marriage between relations will be solicited.

The difficulties of the Spanish Government with the Basque Municipalities continue. The municipality of San Sebastian has resigned, and it is believed that all municipalities of chief towns will follow their example, when ordered by the Government to prepare lists of those liable to conscription and taxation.

Senor Straba, the captured president of Cuba, has arrived at Cadiz, and been conducted as a prisoner to the fortress at Barcelona.

TURKEY.—A despatch from Erzeroum on Saturday says, "The position of the Russians at Erzeroum is very critical. Kurds threaten their communication. The Government have impressed street car horses for the army."

The Government has issued a national defence loan of 5,000,000 sterling, with interest at 5 per cent. The price is fixed at 52.

Mukhtar Pasha's army numbers 25,000 men. This is considered insufficient to hold Erzeroum. Reinforcements will be sent to him.

Muckhtar Pasha telegraphs that the snow around Erzeroum is three feet deep.

The Russians have posted a corps of observation on Deve Boyun and quartered the remainder of their troops in adjacent villages.

A letter from a person holding a position of trust connected with one of the highest personages of the Ottoman Empire declares the Turks hopeless of success, and as soon as Erzeroum is taken and the Adrianople road threatened, will treat separately with Russia and cede the free passage of the Bosphorus to Russia rather than permit them to advance on Constantinople.

Osman Pasha claims nine successful sorties during November. He has abundance of provisions and ammunition.

It is reported at Constantinople that the Council of State has determined that Christians shall hereafter be eligible to governorships and other administrative functions of the Turkish provinces.

RUSSIA.—It is officially announced that the Russians lost between Nov. 10 and Nov. 17 was 3,153 men. Total loss since commencement of war is 74,848 men.

A Russian official despatch, dated Bogot, says the battle of Marjau and Elena on the 4th inst. was more unfortunate for the Russians than first reported. 50 officers and 1800 men were killed and wounded, and 11 guns were captured. The operations on the 6th were confined to driving Turkish right, numbering 10,000, men from Slataritza to Bebrova. The Turkish left confronting Jakowitz numbers 30,000 men.

A Russian statement is published at Bucharest which says it is better to continue the war than conclude a patched up peace which will sooner or later make another war necessary. Russia must obtain autonomy for the christian population, independence for Roumania and Servia, increase of territory for Montenegro, and for Russia, possession of Batoum and Karz and the free navigation of the Dardanelles.

The rumor of the ill health of the Czar is contradicted. His return to St. Petersburg in January is probable, as it is assumed that Plevna will have fallen by that time.

On the 6th sixteen pontoons of the Nikopolis bridge were sunk by the storm and more are expected to sink.

It is stated the Turks are withdrawing from the western Balkan Pass upon Sofia.

All Servian militia have already gone to the frontier. Prince Milan and the war Minister leave for head quarters on the 9th.

At Belgrade declaration of independence will be made on the 11th or 12th. Active steps will be taken. Most of the inhabitants of Negotin have moved to Moidenpel.

A Russian official despatch admits the capture of Elena, and says that Prince Mirsky, being attacked by 20,000 to 30,000 Turks, was compelled, after a stubborn resistance and heavy loss, to fall back first from Mahren to Elena, and then from Elena to a fortified position at Lackowitz, at the head of the mountain gorge. The Turks renewed the attack on Wednesday morning, but according to latest advices, which are up to 5.30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, the attack had ceased and Russian reinforcements were arriving.

Local News.

APPOINTMENTS, 12th Nov., 1877.—To be one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law—Thomas W. Chesley, Esq., of Bridgetown.

Halifax Co.—To be a Coroner—Thos. E. Chase, Esq., M. D., of St. Margaret's Bay.

26th Nov., 1877.—Pictou Co.—To be Issuer of Marriage Licenses at Durham—Alexander Cameron, Esq., vice John McCoul, Esq., deceased.

Kings Co.—To be a Commissioner of Schools—J. Stanley Eaton, Esq., vice J. T. Newcomb, Esq., deceased.

Hon. Dr. Tupper was in the city on Saturday. He left on Monday on a visit to his father, Rev. Dr. Tupper.

A slight fall of snow on 'Sunday' night gave us quite an appearance of winter, although the weather has been very mild for the season.

St. Luke's Church Association commenced its winter course of entertainments by "A Fortnight's Flirtation," and vocal and instrumental music.

Dr. Burns, on Friday evening, gave the Fort Massey Association "An evening with the American (U. S.) Poets."

A new Association was formed last week in Halifax for the improvement of poultry and flowers. The following officers were appointed:—Mr. Andrew Downs, President of the Association; Mr. H. Harris, Vice-President; Mr. R. J. Wilson, Secretary; Mr. T. Goudge, Assistant Secretary; Mr. A. MacKinlay, Treasurer.

The fines and fees in the City Clerk's Office for November amounted to \$760.20.

At the City Council meeting, on Thursday last, Mr. Fishwick was released from his lease of the City Wharf, and \$350 remitted.

An ordinance for the better regulation of hackmen at the railway depot was handed in and read the first time.

A petition from the Club House Committee of the Reform Club, asking to be allowed the use of the north end of the market building, and have a stove put up for the use of the Club in the day time, as well as at night, was read, and referred to the Board of Works.

The night trains between St. John and Halifax discontinued on Monday.

A girl who was to be married to a soldier on Saturday last stole a watch on Thursday and gave it a present to her affianced. A detective being employed called upon the soldier and learned what had been done with the watch. Result: the girl is sent to prison for 90 days, and the soldier who appears to have been quite innocent in the matter, refuses to marry her!

Two Treasure seekers were found at night digging in a field in Brunswick Street. Although disturbed the first night they went at it again the following evening.

The Dartmouth Police Court taught a young Italian a good lesson the other day. He was remonstrated with for smoking in the Ferry waiting room and struck the man, who spoke to him, on the head with a stick, for which amusement he was fined \$20 or 60 days imprisonment. Five other young men charged with riotous and disorderly conduct, threatening and assaulting the chief of police on Wednesday night, 21st Nov., were convicted and fined \$6 each with costs. A man charged with removing stones off the Dartmouth common contrary to law was convicted and fined \$2.

Mayor Richey was to lecture last evening in the basement of the Dartmouth Methodist Church. Subject, "Then and Now."

Amherst was visited with a serious fire on Thursday night. It was first discovered in the Mason Hall about 11 o'clock at night which it soon destroyed. It then spread to the dwelling house of D. R. McElmon, where it was checked with difficulty. A high wind was blowing all night. The loss will be about \$10,000. There was \$3000 insurance on Mason Hall in the Halifax Insurance Co.; nothing on McElmon's house. It was thought at one time that all the business part of the town would be burned and a great amount of goods were removed from the stores. Three men were badly but not dangerously burned. The origin of the fire is unknown.

From Yarmouth we learn that on Saturday last there was a big bonfire there. Five hundred dollars worth of liquor was burned in the midst of a large concourse of people. Mr. T. M. Lewis addressed the concourse of people present.