

P. S.—I am glad to add another school to my list of "Little Helpers." Received from Mr. J. R. Sutherland \$5.00, for the children at Goshen.

Last Sunday the boys and girls of our own school brought in \$41.85, making a total during the fortnight of \$75.59. We sincerely hope that every reader of the Messenger will send something, apples and produce of any kind will be most acceptable for the Exhibition, we can turn it into cash. The Lord is reviving His work in our midst, and we do so much want to get into our own place, the better to carry on real church service, not in form but in word and in power. Don't forget THE EXHIBITION, OCT. 23rd, and following days.

J. F. A.

For the Christian Messenger. From Rev. Aaron Cogswell.

TUSKET LAKES, Oct. 11th, 1877.

Dear Bro Selden,—

I have been called to drink of the cup of affliction in the loss of my daughter, Samantha, wife of Geo. Tedford, of Clements. For four months she was confined to her bed with a lingering sickness which she bore with Christian fortitude. She fell asleep in Jesus Sept. 1st, leaving a husband and three children to mourn their loss. I had the privilege of watching by her bedside some portion of the time, speaking words of comfort to her in her hours of suffering. I asked her if she was happy, she replied, "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things that God hath laid up for me. I am going to be with Jesus. I have given up husband and children to his care." I found comfort in calling to mind her Christian experience. She was led to view herself as a sinner before God. She conversed with me, asked me to pray for her, and told me of her new-found hope. I buried her in baptism with Christ, and welcomed her to the church militant when she was eighteen years of age. She was twenty-seven years of age when she died.

We followed her remains to the beautiful graveyard in Clements vale, and buried her with her brother and other friends of precious memory.

Brother J. M. Parker preached a cheering and appropriate sermon from Rev. xiv. 13, to a large and sympathizing congregation. And may God bless the labors of Bro. Parker among the people of my former charge.

A. COGSWELL.

For the Christian Messenger.

In Memoriam.

CASSIE MESSENGER.

"The lovely hath gone Home!" After four weeks illness, at the residence of Mr. J. L. Bishop, of Canaan, King's Co., where she had gone for a short visit, our dear Cassie went to God, Oct. 5th, in the twenty-eighth year of her age. She was the youngest daughter of M. & G. E. Messenger, of Green Vale, Falmouth, who with a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances deeply mourn her early departure. Seven years since, she gave her heart to Jesus and was baptized by the late Rev. J. E. Balcom, then pastor of that church. From the time of her union with God's people the question with her was, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" and it may be said of her, whatever her hand found to do she did it with her might. Hence it was her joy, in every department of the Christian's work, to be found doing something for the Master. Naturally of a cheerful, happy, buoyant disposition, with affections sanctified by the grace of God, she was a companion to be desired. As she found the last enemy slowly but surely approaching, she gathered up the little strength remaining that she might leave her dying testimony. Thanking her Heavenly Father for ever calling her from darkness to light she committed her soul to Him; after which she took farewell of the sorrowing friends around her, sending messages to the loved absent ones. Then repeating various beautifully appropriate passages, she sang two verses of "I'll soon be at rest, over there," when she sweetly sank to rest, saying, "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Rev. A. Cogswell writes writes, Oct. 11, 1877.—"I have visited the baptismal waters twice within the last two months."

NEW GLASGOW.—Dear Bro. Selden,—As Bro. C. H. Martell who supplied the New Glasgow station with much acceptance during the summer has returned to Newton to prosecute his studies, it devolves on me to return at least for a time. Our building enterprise there is nearly completed. When we have settled with the workmen, we shall need at least \$100 additional to seat the Vestry. Further donations for this object are solicited. At our earliest convenience we will make a special report of funds procured this autumn. We shall need the payment of all pledges. My address will be New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. We ask the prayers of all the friends.

During the summer the people of my former charge, especially in Scot's Bay, have been afflicted with diphtheria. This disease is still prevalent there. Francis and Sarah Anthony lost two children with this fatal malady. Joseph Everett, aged 6 years, died June 29th, and on July 2nd, Lydia Annie, aged 9 years, exchanged her sweet songs on earth, we trust, for the heavenly choir. Other families have been afflicted in like manner. May the presence of the Saviour come in and fill the vacancies thus created.

Yours faithfully,

D. FREEMAN.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The water of the River St. Lawrence is said to have been lower of late than it has for the past 19 years.

Accident in the Montreal Channel are becoming so frequent, and serious that the Harbour Commissioners have resolved to inquire into every casualty, since insurance between Quebec and Montreal has become almost as high as the ocean risk.

On Thursday there was a terrible shooting affray on the steamship Manitoban, fireman Derry being shot by fireman Seymour. Both parties recently joined the ship at Halifax.

It is said that a despatch from General Crook to Chicago states that there is trouble between Sitting Bull and the Canadian Mounted Police.

The steamer Selkirk arrived at Winnipeg on Thursday last with the first locomotive for the Canadian Pacific Railway; also, six platform cars. They received an enthusiastic reception. A large concourse of people witnessed the arrival. The force of men employed on the Pacific Railway mail line will be increased to 900 during the winter.

The original commission signed by Frontenac, appointing a Governor of the Island of Montreal in 1649, is on exhibition in that city.

The bodies of two men, killed by fighting in the recent storms, have been found near Shawenegan Falls, district St. Maurice.

Very Rev. Arch-Deacon Lindsay, of Waterloo, has been severely bitten by a mad dog.

Two barges sunk in the St. Lawrence on Sunday, for Quebec from Montreal, with fifteen thousand bushels corn and one thousand barrels flour.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The imperial government have made St. John a donation of £84,310 the value of the blankets &c., sent there at the time of the fire. Also the camp equipage tents &c., &c., to the Province of New Brunswick to the value of £1346.

St. John is enjoying brisk times. There is work and wages for every body. Typhoid is prevalent in the city. It was reported that there were 500 cases, but this is perhaps an exaggeration.

The Telegraph says: Three years ago only a small quantity of tobacco was grown in the country, the present year there has been enough tobacco raised to supply the local demand for at least ten months to come, which (taking into consideration the fact that nearly every man in the county makes use of the weed) is considerable. [What a pity the land should not be put to a better purpose!]

In the case of the shooting of Shovlin, an escaping prisoner, by Keeper Keefe of the St. John Penitentiary, the coroner's jury brought in the verdict:—

"That Thomas Shovlin came to his death from the shot fired by Chief Keeper Keefe while in the discharge of his duty?"

UNITED STATES.—The coal miners of the Susquehanna Coal Company, Natooke, resume work at ten per cent. advance.

The special session of Congress met on Monday. Only three senators were absent.

The only business transacted in the Senate was the swearing in of new members and appointing a committee to wait on the President.

The house of Representatives was called to order by the clerk and organized by re-electing Rondall, Democrat, speaker. Garfield was the Republican candidate. The roll call indicated twenty majority for the Democrats.

The president in his message to extra session of Congress will merely call attention to the deficiencies in various

appropriations, and ask that legislation be effected to remedy inconveniences that exist on that account.

About 50 excursionists from Fredericton arrived at Bangor on Friday last. Among the number were Mayor Fenerty and the city government, who were at Mayor Hamlin's with the Bangor Water Board and alderman.

ENGLAND.—The London Times says that since the beginning of the present year England had imported £23,000,000 worth of wheat against £18,000,000 worth last year. America sent nearly four million cwt. less this year than last. The chief sources of extra supply have been British India, Russia, Germany, France and Egypt.

At the board of Trade inquiry on the 9th, into the cause of the collision between the ships Avalanche and Forest, in the English Channel, September 12th, a charge was preferred against Captain Lockhart, of the ship Forest, of bad seamanship and neglect of precautions. The court decided that the Avalanche was primarily responsible, as according to the rules of the road she should have given way to the Forest. The court decided not to cancel or suspend his certificate.

The Times' financial article says everything points to a dearth of money. Stanley says he has opened to commerce an area of over 600,000 square miles, containing nearly 2,000 miles of uninterrupted course of water communication, divided among the upper Congo and its magnificent affluents.

The Queenstown steamer, Cossett, from Antwerp for New York, arrived on Thursday with bows stove and forward compartments filled with water, the result of a collision with the ship Jessor, from Liverpool with passengers for Melbourne on Wednesday morning, one hundred miles East of the Fastnet. The Jessor sank. The Cossett rescued all hands.

The Austrian barque Giovanni D, from Montreal, arrived at Queenstown on Tuesday last, and landed the master, his wife and the crew of the British barque St. Croix, Captain Laidlaw, from Cardiff for St. John, N.B., abandoned dismasted and sinking on the 19th of September.

An explosion took place on Thursday in a colliery at Pemberton, near Wigan, Lancashire. Of over 40 miners in the pit only five have so far been rescued. Three of those rescued were suffocated.

The American barque Wm. Van Nyme, from New York via Queenstown, for Leith, struck on the rocks off Land's End and sank. The crew were saved.

FRANCE.—Gambetta's great Republican meeting in Paris on Tuesday last passed off without disturbance. He said the existence of universal suffrage was at stake, and pointed out the danger that the institutions would incur if after having at last election pronounced in favour of the Republic, it should now give itself the lie in consequence of governmental pressure. The public peace would be compromised, for universal suffrage was possibly its own defence. Its fall would involve the decadence and death of the country. He disclaimed any desire for power for himself, and concluded his speech with a violent attack on clericals.

Relative to Republican prospects, he said, "After sifting information which reaches me from all quarters I assure you the 363 will return to Versailles reinforced to 400."

President MacMahon has issued a manifesto to the people in which he says: "The constitutional government of France is not in danger, neither is the government under clerical influence. The struggle is between order and disorder. I have been placed by the constitution in a situation which duty forbids me to abandon. I shall maintain order and peace."

The bureau of the Senatorial Left have issued a counter manifesto to MacMahon.

The ministerial papers announce that it is almost certain that while in forty more cases the aspects are favorable, so that the Government will have a majority of, at least, twenty left, they still reckon confidently on four hundred seats.

The Duke de Broglie, President of Council and Minister of Justice, addressed a circular to the ganeaux, instructing them to prosecute disseminators of false reports relative to negotiations, and alliances between foreign powers in lieu of possible consequence of coming election.

Gambetta will be prosecuted for placarding his manifesto to the electors in the streets, not for its publication.

The printer of the manifesto is summoned before the correctional tribunal. The elections took place on Sunday. Louis Blanc, Gambetta and Grevy are elected. It is generally believed that the Republicans have carried the elections in opposition to MacMahon.

TURKEY.—A battle was fought near Aladja Daugh lasting from mid-day until six o'clock in the evening. The losses were heavy on both sides. A movement was discernable next morning in the Russian camp, which seemed to indicate a renewal of the fighting. Mukhtar Pasha's official despatch explains that the battle was caused by an attempt by the Russians to surprise the corps of observation he had posted at Kozzakan to cover the concentration of his forces at Aladja Dagh. Mukhtar Pasha claims that he

repulsed the Russians with a loss of 1200 men.

Several pontoons of Nicopolis bridge were carried away by the storm.

It is reported that the Porte has demanded an explanation respecting Serbia's purpose in arming and negotiating with Russia and Roumania. The Porte declares it will be obliged to send a special commissioner to Belgrade to inquire whether its suzerain rights are not being tampered with.

Money and a hundred boxes of shoes have arrived at Bucharest from Russia. The negotiations with Russia have come to a satisfactory close. The cabinet council resolved upon warlike measures the middle of November.

RUSSIA.—The insurrection which broke out about the 12th September in the central district of Doghestan, and gradually extended through the whole of Central and Southern Doghestan, does not appear to be quelled. Russian official despatch from Karajah says a band of 4000 insurgents were defeated on the 30th September and 3rd of October, with loss of 850 killed, wounded and prisoners.

The London Times financial correspondent at St. Petersburg says the rate of exchange, 23 pence, is the lowest since the Crimean war. These seems to have been a kind of panic at St. Petersburg due to the great depression of paper currency, which threatens temporarily to engulf the nation in universal bankruptcy.

A despatch states that Serbia agreed to co-operate with Russia and will furnish 40,000 men.

The Russian police have discovered a fresh Nihilist plot. Numerous arrests have been made in Moscow and Kiev.

Heavy masses of troops being sent to Bulgaria certainly indicate their purpose to prosecute active operations during the autumn.

Russia has undertaken to pay Serbia a million roubles monthly from the time the Serbian army was sent to the frontier.

Cold rain and lack of winter clothing is causing great mortality in the Russo-Roumanian army. The number of deaths during the last 20 days are: of army before Plevna, five thousand; Czarowitch's army, four thousand seven hundred; in Dobrudscha, three thousand; at Tirnova and Shipka, two thousand.

A Russian official despatch says that the Turks destroyed their bridge at Silistria. The same despatch claims that on the 9th inst. a Turkish three-masted monitor struck a torpedo near Sulina and was blown up.

It is stated that Czarowitch has declared it impossible to winter his army in Bulgaria unless Rustchuk or some other fortress is previously surrendered.

A despatch from the Czarowitch's headquarters on Wednesday said: The severe storm of cold wind and rain which began a week ago continues. The camps are literally lakes of water. All water. All the roads are impracticable except the highway between Biela and Rhustchuk. The sufferings of the soldiers are indescribable.

A St. Petersburg official despatch says on the 9th a naval engagement took place in Sulina, at the mouth of the Danube, during which a Turkish steamer crossed the river. A torpedo explosion ensued and the steamer sank. It is supposed all on board the steamer perished.

To the end of September the total Russian dead is said to have reached at least 47,000 men, which is as many as Germany lost in the Franco-Prussian war. The sick, wounded and dead since the passage of the Danube number not less than 75,000.

SPAIN.—A Madrid special says Spain has paid the United States Minister Lowell \$570,000 for claims of losses by Americans in Cuba.

Private information states that a difficulty has hitherto prevented the marriage of the Duke Montpensier's daughter Mercedes to King Alphonzo of Spain, namely, the unpopularity of the bride's father. It will be arranged by the Duke's undertaking to quit Spain immediately after the marriage.

AUSTRIA.—A fire broke out in the houses of parliament at Pesth during the sitting on Friday last, but was soon extinguished.

GREECE.—Norddeutch Allgemeine Zeitung's Athens correspondent states that Tricoupis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has informed the British Minister that Greece is obliged to regard the threatening language of the Porte as a motive for completing her military preparations as rapidly as possible.

INDIA.—On Tuesday last the Lord Mayor read a telegram from Madras, stating that the prospects in the presidency were improving. If the North monsoon proves good the famine will end in four months, but until the end of that period relief will be needed. The prospect in the North West is so much improved that the system of railways and other works for relief are abandoned. The subscriptions at the Mansion House for the sufferers amount to £1,700,000.

A rain fall ranging from two to ten inches is reported from Gtndwaad and the western frontier of Bengal, in the south to the neighbourhood of Punjab; in the northern province of Oude; and in the east to the Gulf of Cutch. The rain has not yet ceased in Oude. Lahore,

Gujerat, Bevar, Rajpootra and the north-west provinces and central provinces of Punjab, all share in its benefit. The autumn crops in Northern India, wherever surviving, will be benefited greatly. Pasturage will soon be abundant and spring crop sowings be safe. Emigrants from the threatened tracts are already returning home, and agriculture is active everywhere. All immediate apprehension of famine in Northern India for next year has passed away.

Local News.

The pair of handsome Black Swans which have been so long admired in our Public Gardens took wing on Thursday last. It was hoped they would soon return, but on Saturday one of them was brought to market. It had been shot on the shores of the Eastern Passage by a Mr. Himmelman supposed by him to be a brant. The other swan has returned to the pond in the gardens. They cost about 20 guineas, and were presented to the gardens by Robert Miller, Esq., of London.

A. G. Jones & Co. are lengthening the Long Wharf to give accommodation to the Dominion Line of steamships.

A heavy rainstorm visited the city on Thursday night. Many of the cellars in Water Street were flooded.

The Roman Catholics of Halifax are holding a Retreat or protracted revival meeting. A distinguished Jesuit Rev. Father Glackmeyer from the United States is delivering lectures every evening.

The Board of Works are suing Mr. Naylor for \$25 for sending men to turn off and on the water for watering Hollis Street. Mr. N. thinks that the City being relieved from taking care of Hollis Street should exempt him from this charge.

At the Dartmouth Rope Walk a sad accident occurred on Friday which resulted in the death of Moses Ring. He was feeding the steam arrangement for picking oakum. By some means his arm was caught by the iron hooks and fearfully mangled. He died a few hours after the accident. The coroner's inquest returned a verdict of accidental death. The young man was about 21 years of age and was much esteemed in the community. His funeral on Sunday afternoon was attended by the largest number of persons ever seen on such an occasion in Dartmouth.

KENTVILLE has during last week had some excitement over the trial, Woodworth vs Annand, for libel. The difficulty of proving publication of the Morning Chronicle, occupied a good deal of time on Friday and following days.

Another case has arisen in the same court, of alleged improper practices in relation to the monies granted to Indians. Some receipts are said to have been forged.

YARMOUTH had an Exhibition and Agricultural Fair on Friday last. The exhibits shewed marked improvement. The show was largely attended and proved quite a success.

On Thursday night Mr. Dutcher addressed the largest assemblage ever convened in any building in Yarmouth. Notwithstanding the roll numbers about four thousand, nearly three hundred additional names were obtained. Kit Carson was present and pronounced a temperance oration of about ten minutes length.

EATONVILLE has had another launch. The ship D. R. Eaton, 1553 tons register and 1607 tons carpenter's measurement. Her dimensions are:—202 feet keel, 40 feet beam and 24 feet hold. She classes 8 years at Bureau Veritas. She is copper-fastened to 24 feet.

This is the fourth vessel built here since the spring of 1874. She is fully fitted out with extra sails, anchors, spare spars, &c., also with four boats. Immediately after launching she left for Baltimore, not even having come to anchor. She is owned by the builders, Messrs. D. R. & C. F. Eaton, Mr. J. W. Bars, of Wolfville; Messrs. Black Bros. & Co., Halifax; Messrs. Scammell Bros. of St. John and New York, and others.

The Messrs. Eaton have a frame nearly moulded of a ship to be about 1200 tons register, which will, in a few days, take the D. R. Eaton's place on the blocks just vacated.

Mr. D. Banks McKenzie was at North Sydney last week. About 200 persons signed the pledge.

The Berwick Star reports that the residence of Mr. Manning Chute, South Berwick, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. Loss \$800; insurance \$400 on house and \$200 on furniture.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., at Acadia Mines, the only little daughter of Chas. W. Totten, aged two and a half years, was playing on the floor and fell backwards into a pail of hot water, scalding her from her knees to her waist. She only lived seven hours after the accident occurred.

The Antigonish Casket reports that on Saturday night last the Roman Catholic Chapel at St. Andrew's was entered and two silver candlesticks and one of the sacred vessels of the altar carried away. Draws in the vestry and the charity boxes were forced open by the robber.