

sin and woe, "For as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." For says Jesus, "Where I am, there shall my disciples be." Yes, weeping, praying, benevolent shield of God, your reward is sure, and it is a blessed reward, durable riches and eternal life and bliss. All sorrow turned into everlasting joy. O happy thought! O wondrous love! that has provided such a glorious home for the believer in Jesus. But, what of those who hate and despise this precious Saviour? Oh, reader! if you are one of those who do not love and serve God, you are assuredly loving and serving sin and the devil, and your reward too, is sure. Oh awful thought! "The wicked shall be turned into hell." "The smoke of their torment shall ascend up forever. They shall have weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." Dear reader, think to what a world you are bound. Think in time, think seriously, soon it will be too late. "Behold, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." Improve it, or God will surely punish your neglect, and on whom will be the blame.

R. S. MORTON.

P. S. Dear Brother Selden.—I thank you sincerely for sending me the Christian Messenger, I should be very lonesome without it, it comes as a welcome friend, each week bringing words of comfort and instruction. I love it, for its defence of the truth, and its courteous manner of refuting error. I think that article on Job's wife by Dr. Tupper the best I have yet seen.

R. S. M.

For the Christian Messenger.

Sabbath School Festival in New Glasgow.

The yearly festival of the Baptist Sabbath School in New Glasgow, took place on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at the house of the superintendent, Mr. W. F. Linton. A bountiful repast was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Linton, which was much enjoyed by all present, numbering about fifty persons, children and adults. After tea, some time was agreeably spent in music and speeches. Short addresses were made by Messrs. Freeman (pastor) Wood, Roy, Linton, Ross, Fullerton, Thomson, Nichols, and Olding, interspersed with singing by the children. One piece was sung with touching effect, "We are coming in our youth," &c.

An address was read by Mr. Ross, in behalf of the School to the pastor, thanking him for his interest in them, and for his efforts towards procuring a suitable vestry for them to meet in, and presenting him a small donation of money. A reply was made by the pastor. The exercises were closed by all joining hands, and singing

"Blest be tie that binds," &c.

The impromptu manner in which the closing exercises were introduced, and the energy with which the closing hymn was sung, added much to the effect.

Signed,

ONE PRESENT. New Glasgow, N. S., Dec. 20th, 1876.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

HANTSPORT, Dec. 28th, 1876.—Dear Messenger.—The work of grace continues with increasing power. Wanderers are returning and sinners are being saved. I baptized two from Brooklyn, last Sabbath, and expect to baptize again next Sabbath.

We propose holding a day of thanksgiving and prayer on New Year's day. We prefer working under the direction of the Church of Christ, to that of the "Evangelical (so called) Alliance." We shall continue the special services which commenced on New Year's day so long as it may appear to be the will of God. They continued last year for 14 weeks, during which time God added to the church about 139 believers, "both men and women." Our Christmas tree on the 21st was a success. God bless you and your readers, is the prayer of

Yours, &c., J. C. BLEAKNEY.

TATMAGOUCHE BAY.—Dear Messenger, —As the result of a few meetings held at the Head of Tatmagouche Bay two have been baptized and others seem anxious to find Christ.

A number of friends met at the house of E. Slaid, Esq., on Wednesday evening, and after spending a pleasant evening, presented me with money and

goods to the amount of eighty-two dollars. This, considering the circumstances of the people, was a very large sum. May the Lord reward them. I expect to see many more in that place rejoicing in Christ.

Yours, &c.,

D. W. CRANDAL. Pugwash, Dec. 29th, 1876.

MELVERN SQUARE, ATLESFORD.—Rev. W. E. Hall writes, Dec. 25th:—"We are having good meetings at Margaretville. Bro. I. Wallace was with us a few days and did good work. I baptized eleven yesterday, making twenty since the first of November. Pray for us that the good work may go on."

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The small-pox in Manitoba is making sad havoc in the population.

The Convent of the Sisters of Providence, at Elizabeth, near Joliette, Province of Quebec, was burned on Christmas night. Nine bodies have been recovered and four pupils are still missing. Small-pox is increasing in Montreal; during the week there were 48 deaths; 44 Catholics and 4 Protestants.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The demand for fish sent from the Maritime Provinces via the Intercolonial Railway is largely increasing. Business prospects much more hopeful. That Montreal trade must soon participate in revival of business.

Charles and Joseph Brown and Francis Hammond have telegraphed to accompany Mr. Sewell to Charlottetown for the purpose of releasing the Northern Light and running her, asking no wages should success not attend their efforts to release and run the vessel, the Government paying expenses there and return.

On Saturday night amid the greatest snow storm in many years, with four feet of snow on the ground, and a hurricane of wind, the general strike of the Grand Trunk Railway engineers, long expected, took place. There were about 600 of them. In many places the drivers abandoned engines on the track as the hour of 9 p. m. arrived, totally regardless of the position of trains. An excursion train from Toronto containing a number of Orangemen and their female friends, going to Weston to attend a ball, were left on the line four miles out, and the occupants of the cars had to walk back to town through the deep snow.

The men who have deserted their engines at Brantford, Brockville, Belleville and Toronto, have been arrested, and the severest measures will be adopted against them.

The Chief Engineer of the works, at Belleville, Ont., started out an engine with one of the men named Dory, but had not proceeded 100 yards before the engine was stoned, knocking in the whole side of the cabin. The engineer jumped off and ran for his life. Pistol shots were fired at Davis.

Extra men were brought but have since been spirited into the country by engine drivers. The whole police force has been sent to the works.

Judgment was given at Toronto on Thursday in the case of George Brown, editor of the Globe. Chief Justice Harrison's was adverse to Mr. Brown and regarded his repetition of the offence in open court instead of making an apology as an aggravation.

Judge Morrison dissented. Judge Harrison decided that the rule nisi be dropped.

UNITED STATES.—President Grant, in reply to a press interviewer, said he was not afraid of an armed collision in connection with the new Presidency.

A committee of New York merchants and bankers have prepared a memorial to Congress relative to the Presidential dispute, commending its action in appointing a committee of conference, and expressing the hope that pure, unselfish patriotism will prevail.

The Congressional Committee reports Hayes and Wheeler electors legally chosen in South Carolina; State officers Democratic. Florida has chosen Hayes and Wheeler electors; also Republican State officers. Louisiana undecided.

Gov. Hayes denies the rumor of his intention to resign the Governorship of Ohio.

To prevent the surrender of telegrams on the demand of either political party, the directors of the Western Union Company have authorized the destruction of all messages after serving the purpose for which they were sent.

E. W. Barnes, telegraph manager at New Orleans, is under arrest to appear at the Bar of the House at Washington on a charge of contempt for refusing the demand for despatches.

A cargo of munitions of war, valued at over a million of dollars, left New Haven on Thursday for Turkey.

The ship Harey Mills was burned at Port Royal with six thousand bales of cotton.

It is reported that Otis D. Swan, residing near New York, has absconded with upwards of \$150,000 trust funds belong to the families of his brothers and sisters. It is believed that he has gone to Europe by way of some Eastern port.

A broken rail near Bellefontaine, threw a passenger train from the track on Wednesday last, wounding thirty persons, some fatally.

Oil tanks burst at Oil City, Pa., on Wednesday, \$200,000 worth of property was destroyed.

A shocking railway disaster occurred on Friday night, near Ashtabula, Ohio, Lake Shore Road. A heavy passenger train, drawn by two engines, broke through a bridge, precipitating the cars to the creek below, seventy-five feet. The cars were set on fire. It is estimated that one-third of the passengers, or about sixty in all, were either drowned, frozen, or burned to death, and fifty-two were wounded. The bridge was iron, 150 feet span. The train carried 165 passengers, of which less than eighty survivors are accounted for, more or less of them injured. The dead are mostly unrecognizable, and probably number about eighty. The accident is attributed to the effect of the frost in the iron.

Seven young men broke through the ice at Augusta, Kentucky, on Thursday, and were all drowned.

ENGLAND.—Sad accounts of disasters to shipping during the recent storms continue. Many additional wrecks are reported on the Scotch coast. In several cases all hands were lost. Two unknown vessels, one of 1000 tons, disappeared off Arbroath, supposed to have foundered. It is believed that there have been several wrecks of which no news will ever be received.

It is estimated that 250 men and 130 vessels were lost in the recent storm on the English and Scotch coast.

FRANCE.—The Chamber of Deputies passed the entire Budget on Thursday night, which terminates the contest between the Senate and House.

TURKEY.—Russian steamers have ceased running on the Black Sea. Rumor reports that the new Turkish ministry refuses the acceptance of the Conference programme.

The Daily Telegraph special from the Pera says: "The new Sultan in answer to Lord Salisbury's friendly representation, declared his personal safety compromised if he consented to all the Powers demanded.

Although the Turkish war party is strong, a peaceful solution is considered possible. Midhat Pasha and Sarfet Pasha seem personally to favor the maintenance of peace.

The interview between the Marquis of Salisbury and the Sultan on Tuesday appears to have produced a favorable result.

The Moscow Gazette declares that the only way of improving the condition of the Christians in Turkey is efficacious occupation, and granting to the Christians the right to carry arms, or depriving Mussulmans of that right.

The British Admiral at Besika Bay has received orders to move his fleet to the Piroos. The Porte does not appear to have decided formally to reject proposals of the European powers. Midhat Pasha has visited the Ambassadors and Plenipotentiaries. During a conversation he is said to have foreshadowed that Turkey would raise objections, especially in relation to guarantees and foreign gendarmes, but did not speak of absolute refusal.

The Marquis of Salisbury will demand the Sultan's acceptance of the proposals agreed upon by the Powers. Should the Sultan refuse Lord Salisbury is instructed to leave Constantinople, and order the British fleet to quit Turkish waters.

A report via Paris says the Sultan has already refused, and in the event of war will arm his Armenian, Greek, Bulgarian and Christian subjects.

The special correspondent of the Times reports that in Thursday's sitting of the Conference at Constantinople it was agreed that the armistice should be prolonged until the 1st of March.

AUSTRIA.—The cabinet has decided that a special armament should not be undertaken even in the event of localized war between Russia and Turkey.

The forces which Austria has prepared for mobilization in Croatia, Transylvania and Dalmatia number 90,000.

RUSSIA.—The Globe asserts that Russia has ordered the whole fleet to rendezvous at Otschakoff, as apprehensions are entertained of active measures by the Turkish fleet.

The Russian army is reported in a very bad condition, decimated by marsh fever and typhus.

The cold has reached 30 degrees in Southern Russia, and it is almost impossible to move troops in such a temperature.

CHINA AND JAPAN.—The city of Tokio, Japan, was visited by a great conflagration. Loss \$1,000,000. Sixty-five streets and five thousand houses were burned, and fifty lives lost.

Twelve leaders in the recent insurrection in Japan were beheaded.

The Chinese Government apologizes for the destruction of an American chapel and has paid damages.

NETAUX.—A very interesting mass temperance meeting took place at Torbrook, on the evening of the 26th ult., under the auspices of the Templar County Lodge. The Baptist Meeting House was filled with an appreciative audience. Several addresses were delivered, among the speakers were Baptist and Methodist ministers, Mr. Page and others.

Local News.

The weather on New Year's Day was splendid, sufficiently cold to be dry, with snow and ice enough to make capital sleighing. The pond in the public gardens was crowded with skaters—ladies and gentlemen.

Prevention is better than cure. On Tuesday night last two policemen discovered a fire in a cooper's shop in Bell's Lane. They broke open the door and put out the fire with snow.

The Nova Printing Company has been awarded the contract for printing the Journals of the House Assembly and Legislative Council for the coming session.

On Thursday evening last the Y. M. C. A. first literary Ohio was attended by a large and respectable audience in the Association Hall. The programme consisted of a lecture by Prof. J. Gordon McGregor, M. A., D. Sc., on "Development," an address "Jottings" by Mr. George Johnson, and a reading by Mr. James Stuart Carruthers, interspersed with instrumental music by Messrs. Ackhurst, Jun., Sterling and Cornelius. A pleasing variety.

UNIVERSITY OF HALIFAX.—The Convocation held its first session on Wednesday last in the Legislative Council Chamber. Hon. S. L. Shannon, D. C. L. being appointed to preside at the first meeting, took the chair. Mr. Sumichrast, the Registrar, filled the duties of Clerk for the first sitting.

In the election of Clerk there were three candidates, Rev. A. Brown, J. T. Mellish and B. H. Eaton. On the first ballot the votes stood, Eaton, 17; Mellish, 12; Brown, 10. On the second ballot the vote was, Eaton, 25; Mellish, 13. Mr. Eaton was declared duly elected Clerk and assumed the duties of his office.

In the election of a Chairman, Mr. M. B. Daly, Dr. D. Honeyman and Mr. W. Taylor were nominated. On a first ballot the vote stood:—Daly, 15; Honeyman, 15; Taylor, 7. On a second ballot:—Daly, 25; Honeyman, 13.

A committee, consisting of Dr. B. Curren, Convener—D. C. Fraser, W. Taylor, E. D. King and J. Y. Payzant, was appointed to draft regulations and bye-laws.

Several other matters were brought before the Convocation.

Mr. B. H. Eaton moved that a committee of five on law amendments be appointed, this committee to take into consideration alterations required in the Act.

After discussion in which Hon. P. C. Hill, Dr. J. G. McGregor, Messrs. Russell, L. G. Power, Eaton, Walsh, C. DeW. MacDonald, J. F. L. Parsons, G. H. H. Burbridge and others took part, Mr. Sedgewick moved That Convocation call attention to the necessity of making some provision for such persons as shall have passed examinations in any of the existing colleges, yet shall not have graduated before the Senate of the University begins to examine, and that it is the opinion of Convocation that these persons should be allowed to register after graduating in their own colleges, or that the examinations passed by them be considered equivalent to those of the University.

Mr. Eaton's motion was put and carried, and the following gentlemen appointed to form the Committee on Law Amendments:—L. G. Power, Convener; B. H. Eaton, B. Russell, R. Sedgewick, J. G. McGregor.

After several motions on minor matters had been made and adopted the Convocation adjourned to meet on Wednesday, January 17th. Over forty members were present.

THE SENATE met in the Legislative Council Chamber on Thursday morning President Dart, presented the report of the Committee on Curriculum. The object of the Committee had been to give, by means of a uniform system, due consideration to the wants of students educated in colleges, as well as to provide for the case of those pursuing their studies without the advantage of collegiate training.

The subjects for Matriculation Examination were fixed, Classics—Latin and Greek—Mathematics and English being compulsory, and either Natural Philosophy, French or German as an equivalent, in matriculating for degrees other than in Arts, for Greek.

The Subjects for the First B. A. Examination were defined to be Latin and Greek, Mathematics, Chemistry and Logic.

For the Final B. A. Examination Mathematics and Physics and Classics were made compulsory, and also two of the following subjects—French or German or Hebrew, Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Constituting History and Political Economy.

Several gentlemen expressed the opinion that some charges would be desirable.

The following Fellows were appointed a Committee to consider the propriety of granting degrees in Science, and, if thought desirable, to prepare and report to the Senate a scheme of Examinations:—Prof. Lawson, Convener, Prof. Higgins, Prof. Inch, Dr. A. P. Reid and Rev. J. Ambrose.

The Medicine Curriculum came up for consideration, when Dr. A. P. Reid suggested that as several legal members

were present, the Law Curriculum should be taken up first.

The Law Curriculum was consequently taken, considered and adopted.

The Senate met again on Friday morning, when the Curriculum in Medicine being the first subject on the order of the day, was taken up, discussed and adopted. The examinations for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine, and Doctor of Medicine are to begin on the first Tuesday in May in each year.

It was resolved to hold the matriculation examination on the first Tuesday in September in each year.

The Chancellor reported on the proposed design of seal and form of certificate, submitting two designs for the seal. The forms of certificate and diploma were also adopted.

On motion of Hon. P. C. Hill, seconded by Vice-Chancellor Stairs, the Senate appropriated \$200 for prizes to be offered to candidates at the First B. A. Examination, the amount to be divided into four prizes of \$75, \$50, \$40 and \$35 respectively.

Hon. P. C. Hill announced that the Vice-Chancellor and himself had decided to offer the sum of \$100 to the Senate for prizes to candidates passing the Matriculation.

The offer was accepted and a vote of thanks to the donors passed.

Professor Lawson moved that for the present the Matriculation Examination be dispensed with in the case of students who shall have passed, in any of the Colleges mentioned in the Act, a Matriculation Examination equivalent to that of this University, and that two years' notice be given of any change in this regulation.

Rev. A. S. Hunt moved to amend Prof. Lawson's resolution by substituting the words "for six years" for the words "for the present," but after a lively discussion the amendment, on being put, was lost and the original motion carried.

The subjects for the Matriculation Examination to be held next September were chosen. They are: Latin—Virgil, Eneid, Book VI.; Cæsar, Gallicar. Book IV. Greek—Xenophon, Anabasis, Book V. French—Telemachus, Books I. and II.

A vote of thanks to the Chancellor terminated the proceedings.

The following is a notice of motion given by Prof. Lawson:

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 32 of the University Act, the Senate resolve to report to His Honor the Governor in Council that they recommend the following institutions to be recognized as those from which certificates of attendance on Lectures and other courses of instruction qualifying for the Medical Examinations shall be received, viz:—King's, Acadia, Dalhousie, St. Mary's, St. Francis Xavier's, Mount Allison and Halifax Medical Colleges.

THE NORTHERN LIGHT does not appear to answer the expectations of the crew in charge.

The Sackville Post publishes the following bearing date, Charlottetown, Dec. 28:—"The Northern Light returned on Saturday. On Sunday damages were repaired. On Monday evening she again started with a second captain, new mate, and a crew of ice cutters. Was in sight all day yesterday (Wednesday) and is still in sight this morning cutting her way out. Considerable ice in gulf."

The Chronicle refers to a Senator in financial difficulties who has placed his affairs in the hands of an assignee. He thereby forfeits his seat in the Dominion Senate.

The Musical Union has concluded arrangements for the opening concert. The Boston Philharmonic Club and the Rudolphsen Vocal Quartette, also of Boston, have been engaged, and they will be supported by the Union's chorus, 150 strong.

On Wednesday last a serious accident occurred at the hardware establishment of Messrs. Chipman Brothers. A young man named Harris was in the upper story of the back store very near to an open hatchway. He took a step backwards and fell through the hatchway, a distance of about 15 feet. He struck on his head and back, injuring his spine it is feared fatally.

Griffin's Pond in the Public Gardens—the free Rink—was cleared of snow for skating last week by men from the Poors' Asylum.

On Christmas night, a man named McNamara, who belonged to Pictou, was found lying dead on the railway track, about three miles south of Athol Station. It is believed that he was killed by the mail train.

On Friday last, a number of Indians were in the city under the influence of drink. One of them was so noisy that the police arrested him. When taken to the station, a bottle, full of rum was found in his pocket. Who sold the rum to them?

Robert Rhodes, the man who was tried at the last term of the Supreme Court, on a charge of attempting to wreck trains on the W. & A. R. R., and acquitted, was at the time of his acquittal under sentence of 12 months' imprisonment in Rockhead for vagrancy. He then disappeared and remained at large until captured at Hantsport, on Thursday by Detective Hutt, who had been sent to hunt him up the day before.