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## THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

VANCOUVER ISLAND.-Rev. Thomas Gowen, now in England, appeals on behalf of the first and only Baptist Church in the Province of British Columbia. He writes : "The Church was organised in the month of May, 1876, and at the time consisted of sixteen members; the present number is thirty-two, of whom sixteen are negroes, and all are working. men, and poor. After the organisation of the church it was resolved to build a meeting house, which the people did, and heavily burdened themselves; there is now a debt of rather above £800, £600 of that being on a morgage, and bearing interest at the rate of 12 per cent. The congregation is, on an average about 100; there is a Sunday School with thirtyone scholars; also a class of Chinamen which varies in number. There is a population of whites, of probably 20,000, and 4000 Chinamen, also 45,000 Indians in the province. The city of Victoria has a population of 6000. Every exertion has been made by the church to reduce the indebtedness; it has cost some of the members, for the past year, 10s. per week, which is a heavier burden than they can continually bear.

A PROPOSED LIBERIAN RAILWAY .--- The United States Congress has been asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 to make a preliminary survey from Liberia one or two thousand miles into Central Africa and to report upon the country, its population, production, and the practicability of the road. Should the report of the survey be favorable, a company is to be formed to build the road, who are to commence by putting on a line of twenty steamers from Philadelphia or New York to Liberia, which are to carry out railroad material, goods suited to the American trade, and to call at Norfolk and Charleston for colored railroad laborers and colonists, and bring return cargoes of palm oil, coffee, sugar, ivory, old, and other African products, the

At Murray Harbor Road, P. E. I., Dec. 24th, 1877, Anne McRae, aged 77-years. The deceased was a native of Scotland, and for over fifty years a consistent member of the Uigg and Belfast Church. During the last fifteen years of her life she was totally blind, but was borne up till the last by an unwavering trust in her Saviour.

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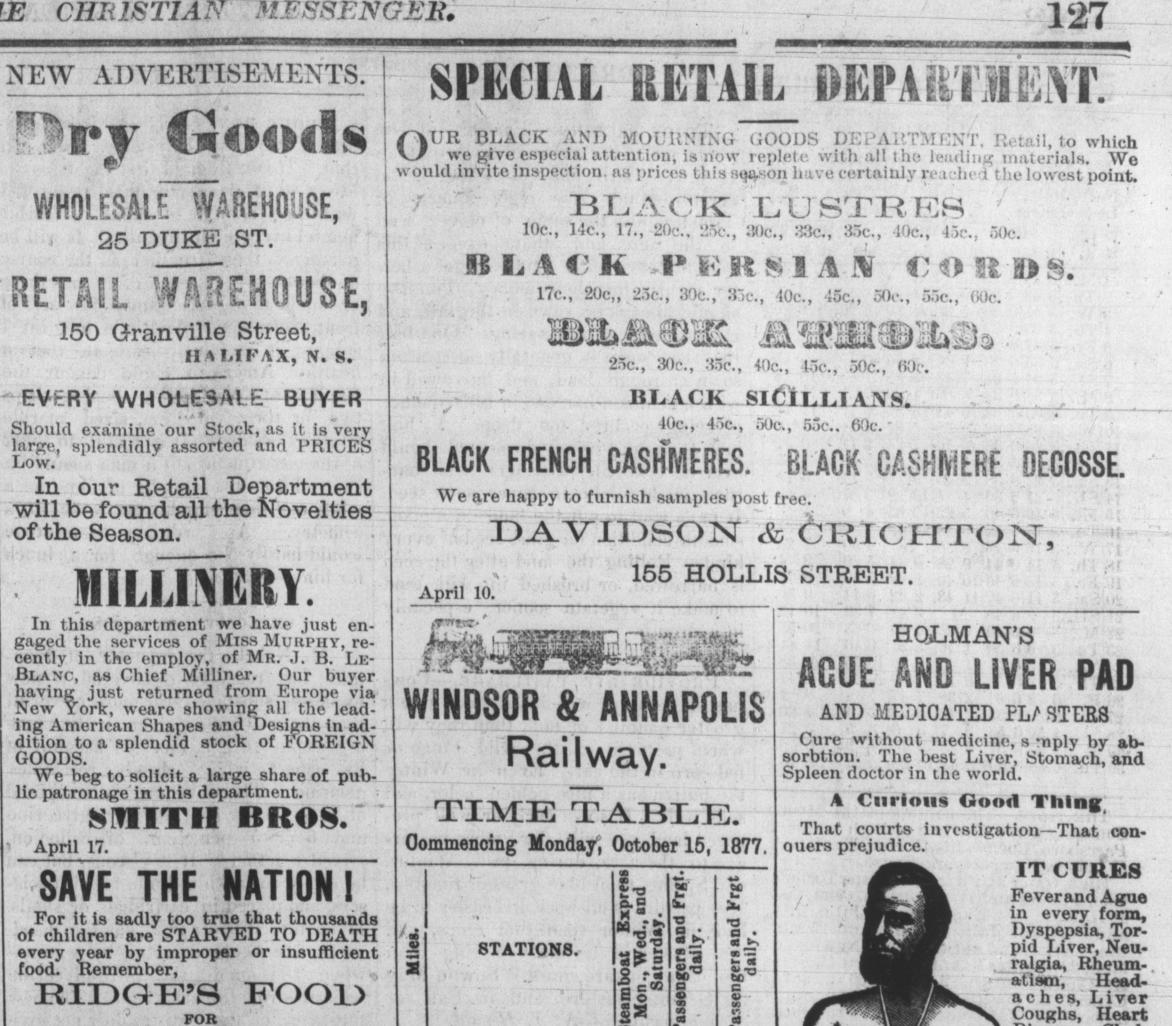
At. Uigg, P. E. I., Jan. 7th, 1876, Mrs. Henry Ferish, aged 55 years. The deceased was a native of Nain, on the coast of Labrador, and was a trophy of the blessing of God on modern Missions. She first learned the story of the Cross from the Moravian missionaries who penetrated the frozen North and gave the gospel to the neglected Esquimaux. After removing to P. E. Island with her husband (an Englishman), she came under Baptist preaching, and along with her husband was baptized by the Rev. F. Kidson. She loved to talk of Jesus and to read the scriptures in her native tongue. During her painful illness she was anxious to depart and be with Christ.

At Brooklyn, Cornwallis, on the 14th ult., Mary C., beloved wife of Judson Wood, aged 43 years.

At River Herbert, on the 22nd March, Margaret, the beloved wife of Mr. Melvill Glennie, aged 33 years.

At River Hebert, on the 6th inst., Sarah A., daughter of Mr. Nelson Shipley, in the 18th year of her age.

Mrs. Nelson Bears, died March 13th, 1878. She was daughter of Isaiah and Hannah Horton, of Cook's Cove, Guys-borough Co., N. S. Our sister experienced religion in a revival at Canso when only eleven years of age; and was baptized upon a profession of that change by Rev. John Widden, at Guysboro, when seventeen. She subsequently married Nelson Bears, and afterward moved to Murray River, Prince Edward Island, where she became a member of the church, from although formed so early, was never broken. May those who are left to mourn her loss both in the family and the church walk in her foot-steps.



trade in which, it is believed, will be vastly increased as it reaches the interior.--Scientific American.

REVEREND.- Singularly enough, the word "reverend" occurs but once in the Bible, and even then is a mistranslation of the word "nouro" fearful or terrible. The passage, "Holy and reverend is His name," Psalms 111: 9, is in the Vulgate translation "Sanctum et terrible nomen ejus." By many the word is considered one of God's own special titles. A moment's thought will prove how erroneous this is. The same word is applied to "the wilderness," Deut. 1: 19 and 8: 15; to the "land of Persia," Isa. 18: 2 and in other places to many other persons and things beside God. Taking the principle simply, an pithet applicable in its highest degree to God only, may be lawfully applied in a lower sense to man. For instance, in Matt. 19: 17, our Lord says, "There is none good but one-God ;" yet He calls His servents "Good" in Matt. 25: 21 and 23 Joseph. of Arimathea and Barnabas are other in-stances of men being called good. So missed. He was a member of the Masonalso with the words "holy," great," ic fraternity, who paid their last tribute "Lord," etc.—Cor. (London) Christian World.

Mild winters are usually followed by cold summers. There was a remarkable instance of this in the early part of the current century. In the year 1816which is remembered in New England as "the year without summer"-it is stated that the frost, ice and snow were common in June; and in August ice half an inch thick was formed. According to all precedent, our unseasonable winter will be followed by an equally unseasonable summer.

A Jewish missionary who has been laboring among his people in London, in his annual report, says: "It has been my privilege to watch closely and prayerfully the progress of the work among the Jews, and I state unhesitatingly that a general awakening of the Jews to a sense of the spiritual deficencies of Judaism and the forcible claims of the Gospel is visible on every side "

The Bible at the Paris Exhibition. Ground has been secured opposite the main entrance at the Trocadero for the erection of a kiosk for the sale of Bibles. From the experience of 1867 a large demand is anticipated. It is proposed to supply all foreign visitors with copies of the gospels and epistles in their own language.

On the 11th inst., Catherine, the beloved wife of Philip Gough. aged 67 years.

On Friday, in the 43rd year of her age, Isabella, eldest daughter of Mr. Alex. McDonald.

Suddenly, on the 11th inst., at the resi-dence of Lucius Dickson, Esq., Truro, Sarah, wife of the late Rev. John Snowball, Wesleyan Minister.

At Antigonish, on the 4th inst., in her 26th year, Annie, beloved wife of Hon. D. Macdonald.

On Monday, in the 90th year of her age, Eliza Ann, widow of the late George Francis Clark.

At Dartmouth, Sunday evening, at 6 o'clock, Livingston M., youngest son of James H. Thorne, in the 20th year of his age.

At Port George, on the 22nd ult., after a lingering illness of consumption, borne with patience and resignation, Mr. David Gibson, aged 28 years, leaving a sorrowing wife and large circle of friends to nourn their sad bereavement. Our demed friend was in all respects an exof respect at his burial. An impressive sermon was preached on the occasion by Rev. Joseph Gaetz, from 1st Cor. 15th chap. and 57th verse, "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

At Wolfville Seminary, on the 7th inst., of heart disease, the daughter of Capt. W. J. McNeily, of Margaretville.



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At River Hebert, on the 3rd inst., by Rev. H. Bool, Mr. Samuel McClary to. Miss Elizabeth Lowther.

On the 6th inst., at Advocate Harbor, by the Rev. J. F. Kempton, Albert Atkinson, of Salisbury, N. B., and Eleanor Dewis, of Advocate Harbor.

Thomas, Mr. Silas Riley, of South Caro-lina, to Mrs. Isabella Munroe, of Halifax.

At Shubenacadie, April 8th, by the Rev. M. G. Henry, Mr. Daniel Kenty to Miss Emeline Carroll.

At Meagher's Grant, Musquodoboit, on Tuesday, April 9, by the Rev. Duncan McKinnon, Mr. Charles Annand, of Halifax, and Miss Louise, daughter of Mr. Andrew Secton, of Meagher's Grant.

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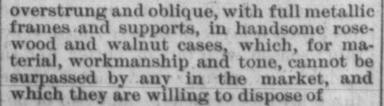
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