

For the Christian Messenger
Donation visit to Rev. S. Thompson.

Mr. Editor,—

A few days ago I received a note from "a Baptist friend" in River Philip, informing me that on the 9th inst., the friends of the Rev. Samuel Thompson intended making him a donation visit, with an invitation for me to be present. I at once decided to go, and on Wednesday morning set out on the journey. Our line of travel lay through some ten miles of almost unbroken forest, over the Castlereigh Mountain. The beautiful Autumnal leaves which at first appeared so lovely, after hours of travel with but little else to look at, became quite monotonous, especially when they became loaded with water from the heavy mist and fog, and kept an unnecessary sprinkling as we journeyed along. In due time we arrived, bearing with us one partridge as the result of the sporting portion of our mission. Shortly after, the people began to assemble with heavy baskets containing goods things of this life. It was evident, judging from the smiling countenances of the ladies, that they were really enjoying themselves in thus coming together to make their dear old pastor happy. In due time a most bountiful tea was prepared and very creditably discussed by a large number of visitors. Afterwards a meeting was organized by calling Mr. Richard Colburn to the chair. The donation, amounting in cash and useful articles to \$36.50, was then presented to the pastor, by Bro. W. Johnston, who made a very suitable and appropriate reply, after which good addresses were given by Rev. Geo. Tuttle, (Methodist) and Rev. Geo. F. Miles, followed by remarks from the writer. At a late hour the meeting came to a close with prayer by Rev. Mr. Tuttle, and the people dispersed, pleased with the results. The aged Pastor's heart overflowed with joy and gratitude to his people, and thanks to our Heavenly Father. Spending the following day among friends at River Philip I was much pleased to find such marks of fruitful industry amongst them. Mr. Colburn has raised this year one thousand bushels of grain, part of which is one hundred and fifty bushels of wheat. Many others have raised similar abundant crops. The people appear to be alive to their own interests, and give no indications of sitting with folded hands crying Hard Times. We returned home the day following, blessed with a pleasant day, more game, a happier drive, and well pleased with our visit.

Yours, &c.,
R. THOMPSON.

Bass River, Oct. 14th, 1879.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Princess Louise left Ottawa on Friday afternoon for Quebec. She was escorted by the Ottawa Dragoons. The Gov. General's Foot Guards supplied the guard of honor.

Members of the Government and personal acquaintances bade her good-bye at the station. She shook hands with several. Three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen, were rendered with a will. As the train started the band played the national anthem and the crowd enthusiastically cheered, a compliment which the Princess, standing on the platform of the car graciously acknowledged. The baggage placed on board the Vice-Regal car included a birch bark canoe, snow shoes, Lacrosses and deer horns, addressed to H. R. H. Princess Louise, Kensington Palace, London.

The Princess Louise left Quebec on the yacht Dolphin on Saturday morning shortly after seven o'clock for the Sarnatian, anchored in the stream. At eleven o'clock the steamer sailed, and H. M. S. Tourmaline accompanied her a short distance out to sea.

The Governor General returned by special train to Ottawa. It is said he will go to England about Christmas.

Parliament is further prorogued till 28th November.

The 6th November is appointed a Day of Thanksgiving throughout the Dominion.

The trial of Sir Francis Hincks was continued at Montreal on Friday and Saturday. The witnesses were A. Campbell, W. J. P. Lawson, bank clerks, A. J. Hughes, bank clerk; Jno. A. Reddy, receiving teller; W. C. Pridham, acting inspector.

On Monday the Judge with much emotion charged strongly against Sir Francis, and the Jury, contrary to general expectation, pronounced him guilty. It appears that the penalty is imprisonment for not more than two years. Some points have, however, been reserved for the full bench.

Sir Francis was allowed to go on the old bail, and will be summoned by the Court for sentence.

Sir Francis gazed steadily at the jury after their entrance to the box and after the verdict was returned.

The Grand Jury returned a true bill against Alexander Molson, for fraudulent appropriations as a trustee, in the amount of \$400, the lawful property of Florence Ida Ann Molson, wife of Henry Sandfield Macdonald, on the 10th of September, 1879.

Rev. John McDougall, missionary to the Indians of the Northwest, has been,

by permission of the Board, granted leave to spend five or six weeks in the circuits of the Maritime Provinces. Twenty-five miles of burning bush are reported on the line of the St. L. & O. Railway.

During the past season 1,139,000 saw logs have passed through the Government slides on the Ottawa and its tributaries. The Montreal sugar market, appears still advancing. One of the city refineries has so many orders for granulated that sales were stopped for a couple of days. The other has put the price up to 9 1/2 cents to the wholesale trade. A considerable quantity of raw sugar, over 600 hhd., probably, has been just sold at full figures.

The Manitoba exhibits of soil, grains, etc., have been presented to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, who has decided to present them to the English agricultural commissioners who are now engaged in making a tour of Canada. They will take them to England, where intending emigrants will be able to judge of the fertility of the soil of the great North West.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Theophilus Marshall, a moulder in Harris' Foundry, Paradise Row, St. John, was with others, taking car wheels from the moulds, when one of the wheels, flaming hot, fell on his leg, severely burning the flesh and breaking the bone just above the ankle. Marshall is a married man and his wife and children reside on Fort Howe.

The "deck hands" on the steamer *Fawn* captured a live Caribou whilst it was swimming across Young's Cove, on the Grand Lake on Wednesday. It was brought to Indiantown where it was admired by a great number.

A terrible death was met by Mr. John Bates at Quebec, on Saturday. He fell on a drum in the spool and bobbin factory, which crushed his head, killing him instantly. He was forty-five years of age, and unmarried.

Edward H. Conroy, book-keeper for Messrs. Wm. Mackay & Co., of Fredericton, has absconded with nearly \$800 of his employer's money.

T. Wilson Bell, proprietor of the Park Hotel, at Dorchester, was found drowned in a well in his cellar, about half-past two on Monday afternoon, where he had gone to draw a pail of water. Life was extinct.

UNITED STATES.—United States bonds amounting to \$28,100 were stolen on Thursday last from the office of Merritt Trimble, iron merchant, N. York by three strangers who came apparently on business.

On Monday of last week two men Joseph R. McClintock and Edward Swain were killed by an explosion of torpedoes with which they were experimenting in Boston harbor.

Chicago reports much excitement on change in the sale of wheat. It having reached a higher price on Thursday than ever since November last \$1.23 and suddenly declined to \$1.18 1/2. Other provisions have been fluctuating greatly making some excitement on the markets.

At Wilksbarre, Pa., the Mollie Maguires Pittoresque and Scranton lately burned several buildings. On Thursday night twenty attacked a passenger train, firing a volley of shots at the engineer because he disobeyed their signal to stop, one ball grazing his head.

On Monday night last week an engine tender and car, on the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul road, in a fog ran into the river at Burnham Bridge. No notice was given that it was turned for a passing vessel. The engineer and firemen jumped, the former was fatally injured, and the latter severely bruised. Harry Hill, telegraph operator, was killed.

On the same day by a misunderstanding of signals two men were killed in a railway collision at Maywood.

San Francisco is excited over the six days match between men and horses, which began on Wednesday last. Seven men and twelve horses started. The first mile was made by Mr. Brodie in 8 1/2 minutes, with the horse Nellie close behind.

A resident of Nova Scotia James Gillis a sailor was drowned on Friday at Boston by falling over board from the sch. W. C. Mclean.

There were great demands for shipping at San Francisco last week there being less tonnage in port than for years.

A new bridge over Big Walnut Creek Ohio, for Sandy Creek Valley Railroad, ten miles off fell on Friday night forty feet into the water. Eight workmen were on the bridge; only five were slightly injured. Defective trestle work was the cause.

Forty disguised men called at the house of a colored woman named Esther, near Dallas, Tex., demanded her son. Resistance was made, and after the wounding of several people on both sides Esther and her son were shot and killed.

ENGLAND.—The *News* says if gold continues to leave England as largely as hitherto it will become necessary to devise some means of checking it—perhaps by raising the premium.

The *News* announces prominently that Lord Derby invited the Marquis of Hartington to stay at Knowsley on his visit to Lancashire to attend a Liberal meeting at Manchester.

A conference of delegates representing 140,000 miners was held at day at Leeds. A resolution was passed in favor of a national emigration scheme to lessen the competition among miners.

British Ambassador Layard reports trouble in Asia Minor from bad administration of justice and disagreements between European inspectors and Turkish officials.

It is stated that at a recent interview Schouvaloff's proposals regarding the English and Russian occupation of Afghanistan were declined by Salisbury in harsh terms, saying that England will not allow Russia to meddle in the matter.

A fire at Samarcaud, in Independent Turkistan, on the 10th Sept., destroyed the great Bazaar, seven caravanseries and seventy shops.

FRANCE.—The term of conscripts will be reduced from five to three years. The Government of Algeria proposes civil instead of military administration, except on the frontier.

It is believed that immediately on the reassembling of the Chambers a proposal for a plenary amnesty will be presented. The proposition probably has not the least chance of passing.

A committee of the volunteer fleet have ordered five cruisers, constructed at Marseilles, at a cost of half a million dollars.

There was a frost in Gironde on Friday endangering the vintage, and snow at Marseilles.

An article in the Berlin *Tagblatt* stating that the accession of France radicals to power certainly did not mean peace has had a serious effect on the Bourse.

SPAIN.—Further inundations have occurred in the provinces of Almeria, Malaga and Alicante. Several persons have been killed and much damage has been done to property. In Malaga and Alicante districts 2,000 houses were destroyed, and it is believed 590 persons perished by floods. The damage to property is estimated at 30,000,000 francs.

A later telegram from Murcia states that 570 bodies have already been found. It is believed over 1,000 people perished.

The Spanish Government has decided to accept the offer of certain French houses of a loan of 125,000,000 pesetas, and will therewith free Cuban customs from the guarantee now absorbing them and floating debt created by the civil war.

The sudden determination of King Alfonso to visit the Mediterranean ports and fleets encourages a belief that the rumors of revolutionary intrigues in the fleet and army are well founded.

The Duke De Bailen, Spanish envoy, arrived and demanded the Archduchess Marie Christine in marriage with the King of Spain. She leaves Vienna November 20th. The wedding will be solemnized on the 27th or 28th of Nov., the King's birthday occurring on the 28th.

ITALY.—The Pope on Friday underwent a slight surgical operation, but is not confined to his bed.

GERMANY.—The Belgian Bishops have given instructions to the clergy not only to refuse absolution to teachers in communal schools but to publicly refuse them the sacraments. Children receiving religious instruction from them will be excluded from their first communion.

AUSTRIA.—Four roving bands of armed Nihilists, aggregating eighty persons, were captured near Kieff after sharp resistance.

On Friday last snow extended throughout Galicia, Russia and the Alpine regions.

Both the Austrian and Hungarian Governments have accepted the war estimates for the maintenance of the Imperial army at an effective force of 800,000 men for the next ten years. The Hungarian Government submitted with this estimate a statement showing that when the military system now in progress is completed Italy will have over 2,000,000 soldiers; that France has 1,815,000 soldiers, and in 1892 will have 2,723,000, and Russia already disposes of 2,389,000 soldiers, while Austro-Hungary has 1,194,000.

EGYPT.—Intelligence received from Massowhar that the mission of Gordon Pasha to the King of Abyssinia has been successful. The king renounces his claims to Massowhar, but he will be allowed to choose a more Southerly point of communication with the sea.

INDIA.—A despatch dated Simla, Oct. 14, says that the camp at Ali Kheyl was attacked by a large number of the neighboring tribes. The attack was repulsed. Twenty-three Afghan corpses were found, and it is believed many more were carried off. The British casualties were only five wounded.

Major Cavagnari's visiting diary was found at the Ameer's palace.

In consequence of the threatening attitude of the tribes in Kurnum Valley reinforcements were sent to Shutar-gardan garrison. Gen. Gough reached Futteth Abad.

The Ameer Yakoub Khan has announced his determination to abdicate, and states he intended to abdicate earlier, but was dissuaded.

Gen. Roberts has advised the Ameer to reconsider the matter, but the Ameer firmly adheres to his resolution. Gen. Roberts is in consequence making arrangements for maintaining order in Afghanistan, and carrying on the administration.

A St. Petersburg correspondent says he learns from a trustworthy source that England has informed Russia that British influence must dominate in Afghanistan's foreign relations.

APPOINTMENTS.—*Hantz Co.*—To be a Justice of the Peace,—Leander Fulton, Shubenacadie.

Cape Breton Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace,—Donald Morrison, Catalone.

Cumberland Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace,—George A. Morris, Advocate Harbor.

Queens Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace,—Robie S. Sterns, Liverpool.

To be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits &c.,—John George Pyke, Liverpool.

Halifax Co.—To be a Commissioner for taking affidavits &c.,—Harris H. Bligh, Esquire, Halifax.

Lunenburg Co.—To be Registrar of Deeds for the District of Chester,—Geo. E. DeWitt, M. D., Chester.

Inverness Co.—To be a Commissioner for taking affidavits &c.,—D. F. McLean, Port Hastings.

Pictou Co.—To be Registrar of Probate,—John H. Lane Esquire, Pictou.

Annapolis Co.—To be Commissioners of Sewers for the District of Lower Granville,—William Crosscup and Isaiah S. Delap both of Lower Granville.

Kings Co.—To be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits &c.,—Edward J. Ross, Kentville.

To be Governors of Dalhousie College,—The Reverend John Forrest, Halifax; The Reverend John McMillan, Truro; John S. McLean, Esq., Halifax; Peter Jack, Esq., Halifax; John Doull, Esq., Halifax.

Use Auraine for deafness.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A NOVA SCOTIAN.—Last Sunday morning, May 31, while Mr. Lawson Webster was handling a stable horse he became vicious, wheeled, and kicked, striking Mr. Webster in the side, just below the ribs, from the effects of which he died on Monday morning, June 2nd, about six o'clock. From the time he received the injury until he died his sufferings were intense. Mr. Webster was one of the heavy cattle dealers of this county, and had accumulated quite a large fortune. He was the third son of Daniel and Sarah Webster, and was born in Cornwallis, N. S.—*Grant Co., News, Oregon.*

The Exhibition accounts show the total receipts to have been about \$10,150 of which \$5,741 were for sales of tickets. The expenses of the exhibition will be about \$10,538 exclusive of secretaries salaries.

Auraine is a great healer.

It is understood that the Directors of the Halifax Sugar Refinery have resolved to locate the refinery on Mr. Kaye's property at Richmond. The price to be paid is \$18,000.

One of the morning papers in noticing a new issue of Bank bills, says: "We would like to see a large number of the dirty, torn and tattered notes in circulation by our local Banks re-placed by such new and attractive money."

If any of our subscribers who are in arrears have any of "the dirty, torn and tattered notes," we shall be glad to see them, and put them where they will not trouble any body.

Use Auraine for earache.

Hospital Sunday was rather unfavorable. We fear the Dispensary will find the collections in the city churches are much smaller than in former years. The following are given as the amounts from some of the churches:

Chalmers Church.....	\$ 25 00
St. Paul's.....	130 00
St. George's.....	35 70
Bishop's Chapel.....	28 16
Tabernacle.....	5 00
Granville Street Church.....	16 63
St. Luke's.....	52 95
Garrison Chapel.....	73 00
St. Mark's.....	13 16
Charles Street.....	11 43
Fort Massey.....	65 00
St. Mathew's.....	81 50

Some of these may be supplemented, we hope they will, by donations from those who were unable to be present.

The Dispensary is a most deserving institution. Its report shows that during the past year, 2803 patients have applied for medical attendance, who have been attended by the four medical men of the attending staff, who are at their posts every day between 12 and 1 o'clock. 967 names have been entered upon the visiting book, and 4,824 visits have been made to the homes of those unable to come to the Dispensary by the three visiting physicians who also attended daily. 12,548 prescriptions have been dispensed, besides 1083 for other charitable institutions, as the Dispensary furnishes medicine to all other charities free 679 teeth have been extracted. This is an increase of nearly 25 per cent. over last year.

The following sums were collected on Sunday for the Roman Catholic Orphan ages:—

St. Patrick's.....	\$333 00
St. Mary's.....	577 00
St. Joseph's.....	122 00

There were two cases of accidental drowning, the past week. One that of a man named Killam in a dock at Dartmouth, found on Saturday, and the other that of the carpenter's mate on board H. M. S. *Tamar*, who fell overboard in a fit and was drowned.

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SCHOOL MAPS.

Size 5 feet 8 inches by 4 feet 6 inches. MOUNTED on Rollers, Colored and Varnished. Just received—A large supply of the above Maps.

For sale low by
A. & W. MACKINLAY.
Sept. 17.

VEGETINE

Gives a Good, Clear Complexion.

PHILA., PA., July 8, 1877.

H. R. STEVENS, BOSTON: Dear Sir—The great benefit I have received from the use of Vegetine induces me to give my testimony in its favor. For several years my face has been covered with pimples, which caused me much annoyance, and, knowing it to be a blood disease, I consulted a number of doctors, and also tried many preparations without obtaining any benefit, until I commenced taking Vegetine, and before I had used the first bottle I saw I had the right medicine. I have used three bottles and find health much improved, my humor entirely cured. Yours respectfully,
MRS. N. KEEFE,
1130 Carpenter street.

Vegetine.

Reports from Ottawa.

OTTAWA, CANADA, Dec. 31, 1878.

MR. H. R. STEVENS, BOSTON, MASS.: Sir—I have used your Vegetine in my family for several years, and consider it an invaluable medicine. I most cheerfully recommend its use to those desiring a safe and effectual remedy for diseases of the stomach and impurities of the blood. I may add that I have advocated its use to several of my friends and acquaintances with the most gratifying and satisfactory results.

Very respectfully yours,
MRS. W. G. PERLEY.

No one can doubt the truthfulness of the above certificate, coming from so responsible and influential parties. Mr. Perley is the senior member of the firm of Perley & Pattee, one of the largest and most extensive lumber firms in America.

Vegetine

Cured Scrofula.

PHILA., PA., July 18, 1878

H. R. STEVENS: Dear Sir—I can cheerfully recommend your Vegetine as the "Great Blood Purifier." I have been ailing from Scrofula for years, and was cured by your Vegetine. I keep it constantly on hand to keep my bowels regular, and am constantly recommending it to all whom I hear needing a remedy like yours.

Truly yours,
JOHN MCGETTIGAN.

Being personally acquainted with Mr. McGettigan, I can vouch for him as being reliable in his statement, as I have sold him Vegetine.

DR. J. W. ABEL,
Druggist, 1924 Beach Street.

Vegetine

Gives Life and Vigor.

HASTINGS, MINN., Dec. 16, 1878.

H. R. STEVENS, BOSTON: Dear Sir—I will do all I can in regard to the Vegetine, which has been the savior of my life, and I believe thousands of others. It is good for General Debility and all Female Weakness and will give life, vigor and strength to both sexes.

Yours, with respect,
MRS. SUMNER WALTON.

Vegetine.

Druggist's Report.

PHILA., July 6, 1877.

H. R. STEVENS, BOSTON, MASS.: We have sold your Vegetine for some years past, and our customers recommend it as being the best and safest "Blood Purifier" in use. We have sold many articles of the same description, but Vegetine gives the most universal satisfaction. We always recommend it with confidence.

HANSELL BROS.,
Druggists, 1626 Market Street.

Vegetine

PREPARED BY
H. B. STEVENS, Boston, Mass.

Vegetine is sold by all Druggists, BROWN & WEBB, Halifax, Wholesale Agents for the Maritime Provinces, Sept. 24.