For the Christian Messenger. W. M. A. Meeting at Freeport.

Mr. Editor,-

A few months ago we attempted to resuscitate the "W. M. A. Society," which had been organized about five years ago, but long since had gone down.

With a little trouble we reorganized on June 3rd, 1879, with six members -only sufficient to fill the offices. Time and again we met, with no addition to our number except one, and but little encouragement otherwise. We determined, however, to hold a public meeting on Sabbath, 28th inst. The Church kindly gave up the preaching service in the evening for the purpose. We did not enter the meeting without misgivings in regard to the results. But God was with us, and there is reason to believe that the capital readings, and recitations, given by members of the Society, and a stirring speech by the Pastor found a lodgment in many hearts. The immediate results were a collection of \$2.73, and the addition of six members to the list of the Society. We bid adieu to 1879, and enter upon the duties of 1880 with the determination to aid our sisters in foreign lands better in the future then in the past-These jottings are given with the hope that other small Societies, plodding in the path of right may be encouraged.

M. BESSIE WEEKS. Freeport, Jan. 1st, 1880.

Yours, &c.,

Whoever pays a visit that is not desired, or talks longer than the hearer is willing to attend, is guilty of an injury which he cannot repair, and takes away parts of the city, the attendance being that which he cannot give."-Johnson.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

MARGRREE, C. B.—Rev. P. R. Foster writes: The work still moves on with us. I have baptized seven since I returned making sixty-five in all baptized at Margaree.

WINDSOR. - The services of the Week of Prayer were well attended. The Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian congregations united as in previous years. The interest in the meetings was sustained throughout the week, the programme of the Alliance being closely followed. The Presbyterians have recently lost their minister, Rev. Mr. Mowatt. He has removed to Fredericton N. B., to take charge of St. Paul's Church of that city. Rev. Mr. Boothby, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, was present at some of services and took an effective part.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS

DOMINION OF CANADA.-Mr. W. A. Himsworth, Clerk of the Privy Council at Ottawa, died on Wednesday last, in his 60th year.

Latremoulle, arrested at Ottawa for having an illicit still on his premises, is a member of the Board of License Commissioners. Modified weights and measures regu-

lations are published.

The Princess Louise has donated chime of bells to St. Bartholomew church, New Edinburgh. They are now at Rideau Hall.

on Anglesea Square, Ottawa, it has been deemed advisable to remove the Primary School to a vacant building on Rideau Street.

the Occidental Railway with the South House. Eastern.

The Canadian Emancipation is published at Montreal. Its title page says it is "a monthly review, devoted to union with the United States."

dumb beggar woman was run over and killed at Tanneries Junction, Montreal. No blame is attached to the driver.

citizens of Toronto on the grant of \$10,-000 for the relief of the Irish sufferers resulted in its defeat. The vote stood: For the grant, 2,302; against, 4,279.

The Ontario Legislature met at Toronto from Winthrop. on Thursday last, and elected Mr. Clarke to be Speaker. The speech read by fit on Wednesday night, brought on by has just returned from a visit to the Lieutenant Governor Macdonald pro- over work. Physicians were with him largest towns of Russian Poland, says poses to erect new Parliament and Departmental buildings on the Queen's Park and dispose of the present valuable daughter Annie, aged 19, her son Eddie the breech loaders probably refers to site for other purposes. A measure will aged 4, and a baby girl, were all burned the new expedition to Merv. be submitted proposing certain changes to death in their dwelling on the 6th, in the Ontario Agricultural College, in the house catching fire from some un- Bosnia. Eight thousand people are re- from Waterford for New York, in ballast, accordance with suggestions made by known cause and burning to the ground ported to be on the verge of starvation. is a total wreck at Clifden, Ireland. Two the Grangers at their last annual meet- before assistance could be rendered.

consider the situation. Hull rose to be a city in five years but is now only a village in population.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The express train from St. John to Halifax, on Thursday last ran off the track at Moosehorn, between Bloomfield and Norton Stations. The tender, baggage and postal cars were thrown from the track, caused by a broken rail.

The up train to Edmundston on Monday night last, ran off the track at Quisibis, 18 miles above Grand Falls. The engineer, George Gables, was injured, and the fireman, James Hunter, slightly

NEWFOUNDLAND .- At Open Hall, Bonavista, a dwelling house was destroyed by fire., and two brothers, John Farrel, aged 43, and Joshua Warren, aged 23, barely escaped with their lives.

perished in the flames. Two young girls A fisherman named House was drowned at Green Bay during the gale.

to pieces and three men drowned. Two boys fell through the ice at Burin and were drowned.

UNITED STATES .- On Wednesday last two trains on the elevated railroad at New York came into collision and both engines were demolished. The engineers jumped to the street below, and both were injured, the iron girders and cars being precipitated to the street. No passengers were injured.

Ex-President Prado, of Peru, arrived at New York on Tuesday last week, en route to Europe to make financial ar rangements for more efficient prosecution of the war with Chili, knew nothing. of the reported revolution in Peru and dictatorship of Pierola until he read it in New York newspapers.

The prisoners confined in the Franklin county jail attempted to escape just after the new sherrif had assumed charge, and nine succeeded.

The Butchers' Union at Chicago held a meeting at Dexter Park on Thursday last which was attended by all the strikers and by the workingmen from all about 10,000.

About 300 miners in the Chateaugay ore bed, Whitehall Mountain, quited work on Wednesday afternoon and attempted to stop others. The sherrif and 60 special special constables from Plattsburg went to the Mines and arrested the ringleaders.

The coal miners of Belleville Ill., district, have resolved to dig no more coal until they are paid four cents per bushel; also, to work but eight hours per day, so that all the pitmen in the district may have an opportunity to labor. Under this action about 1,700 miners are

At a Conference of the Mormon Saints, at the Tabernacle, President and Hotel des Invalides. Taylor denounced and defied the Government, and the whole congregation upheld him. Jos. T. Smith followed in the same strain.

the twelve Utes and the escort, on their way east, have arrived. They are objects of much curiosity, especially Ouray and Jay. All preserve a dogged silence and receive the homage of public curiosity with a stolid indifference.

The twelve Ute Indians arrived at Pueblo, Colorado, on Wednesday last and were hooted and pelted with coal by the crowd. The savages were greatly alarmed and could not muster an appetite to eat the dinner prepared for them.

[The parties who pelted and hooted seem the greater "savages."-ED. C.M.] The Ute delegation, twelve in number, arrived at Washington on Sunday. Collisions have taken place on several of the Railways in the United States. during the past week, some with loss of

Both Houses of the Maine Legislature were convened on the 7th Inst. There was great excitement. The Republican members withdrew because a motion of Hale to admit members claim-Owing to the existence of small pox ing seats, but counted out, was ruled out of order by the Clerk, who presided. The Fusionists then organized, with seventy six present. The Governor ap- ernor General of European Russia has A railway track is to be laid across the Supreme Court decision, and the pe- discuss the question of the reorganizaice bridge on the river at Montreal, to titions of members elect, asking for their tion of the police system. The Czar is connect Hochelaga with Longueuil and seats, to the careful consideration of the profoundly dissatisfied.

should receive that office.

The Republicans propose to test are merely being repaired. Canadian emancipation and commercial the legality of the 'organization of the House and bring the matter in some cially denies the reports of the move-On Wednesday afternoon a deaf and way before the Supreme Court, one way ments of the Russian army towards the mentioned being by an injunction to Austrian frontier. prevent the Treasurer of State from paying mileage and salaries of members. The vote on Tuesday last by the Startling developments are expected Petersburg and various parts of the when the bribery committee gets to provinces. work. The name of the person who paid money to Swan and Harriman will fessions of Russia, she has ordered the be given. He is said to be a lawyer War Office to prepare for the use of the

five hours.

Luduc has called a public meeting to Dublin for the relief of the sufferers.

England.-The Lord Mayor of London's fund for the relief of the distress in Ireland last week amounted to £5,000 The Dublin Relief Fund of the Duchess

of Marlborough now amounts to £14,300. The Times says: "We are informed that the Bishop of London has signed letters of request to the Dean of Arches' Court, Province of Canterbury, in a fresh suit against Rev. Alex. Mackonochi. The new proceedings will be for the deprivation of Mr Mackonochie's rights of priesthood.

A conference of farmers' clubs was held at Mallow, County Cork, to consider the land question. Several members of Parliament were present. Mr Shaw Home Rule member for Cork, said the question involved was whether a million people, who might live comfortably in Ireland, were to be driven to the poor house or swept away to America.

Further accounts of the fight in Galway, Ireland, state that it occurred between the peasantry and the constabul-At Boole Bay a small boat was dashed ary protecting men serving ejectment processes. The fight commenced by the peasants throwing stones at the police. The officer commanding ordered his men to fire on the crowd. The peasants were not cowed, but pushed on the police, who used their bayonets vigorously. The crowd disarmed the ed on both sides, one woman mortally.

Large reinforcements of constabulary are being sent to Galway, as several rent | vaal, has been arrested on a charge of disturbances are anticipated.

held on the 5th at Riverton, on the bor- tion with Herr Bex to Gen. Wolseley ders of Sligo, Ireland, 10,000 peasantry forwarding the resolutions passed at being present.

ant change in their policy in respect to the condition of Ireland. They have resolved to grant loans for the construction of drainage works in distressed districts. These loans are to be repayable in 35 years, or perhaps longer. The number of years before the repayment shall begin is to be extended, and the Government are to bear the preliminary expenses of such work themselves. I these measures be found inadequate, the Government will apply to Parliament to sanction the appropriation of two and a half million pounds for prosecution of relief works.

resistance to process of servers in the county of Mayo, Galway, and Sligo, but no severe conflicts have occurred, owing servers have in most cases been compelled to abandon their duty.

FRANCE.—The subscription for the memorial to the late Prince Imperial amounts to 200,600 francs. The committee propose to erect a chapel on an elevated point between Arc de Triomphe

disturbances have occurred.

General Farren, new Minister of War, Despatches from Del Norte state that has replaced all heads of departments

who held office previous to his accession. GERMANY. - Grave fears are entertained that Bismark's illness will terminate

Spain.—It is stated in medical circles that the health of the Queen received a severe shock owing to the attempted assasination of the King. She has been attacked with epipleptic fits, to which she had not previously been subject.

Austria. - The waters of the river Vistula have risen so high that 20 villages in Beacon district have been inun-

ITALY.—The Court of Appeals has annulled the marriage of General Garibaldi with the Countess Raimondi.

TURKEY.—The News correspondent at Cettinje reports that the fighting near Gusinje is said to have resulted in victory for the Montenegrins, who, al though only 3,000 strong, defeated 12,-000 Turks.

Russia.—The entire staff of the Govpeared, and said, he would refer the been summoned to St. Petersburg to

A correspondent asserts that the re-Garcelon is talked of for Governor, ports of the heavy concentration of though Smith's friends insist that he Russian troops in Poland are unfounded, and that the fortresses on the frontier

The Pesther Correspondenz semi-offi-

Further arrests of officers charged with Nihilism have been made in St.

Notwithstanding the peaceful proarmy as many breech loaders as possi-It is said that Mr. Blaine had a violent | ble. A trustworthy correspondent who these towns are full of troops of all At San Francisco, Mrs. Hoskins, her arms. The order for the prepartion of

A famine prevails in some districts of

Private advices from Cannes report the Czarina's condition as almost hope-

INDIA. - The wife and mother of Yakoob Khan are on their way to India as prisoners.

A flying column of 1000 men has been formed for service in Khyber Pass.

A Calcutta despatch of the 7th inst., says:-"The Indian Government has decided to allow the rules respecting newspaper correspondents with troops on active service to remain in abeyance, leaving to the discretion of the commanders the question of imposing restrictions upon them. No correspondent will be permitted to proceed to the front without a license."

The Mollahs are unceasing in their attempts to incite the Mohmunds to rise. Daoud Shah, the Commander-in-Chief of the army of the ex-Ameer, has been sent as a prisoner to India.

From Cabul we learn that nearly all of the Kohistani, Lughmani and Logar chiefs are surrendering.

"Owing to cold weather and exposure there is much sickness among the British troops. There are 180 cases of pneumonia.

South Africa. -- Herr Bok, Secretary of the Boer committee, has been arrested commanding officer. Many were wound- on a charge of high treason, but liberat-

Her Pretorius, ex-President of Transhigh treason, the specifications being A great land agitation meeting was that he addressed a letter in conjuncthe late meeting, thus giving proof of The Government has made an import- connection with treasonable project. Bail for Pretorius was refused.

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The Lecture which was to have been given before the Young Men's Christian Association by the Rev. A. J. Townend on the 13th inst., is postponed until Tuesday evening 20th inst.

A few days ago it was reported to the city authorities that a woman living in Maitland Street, who was rearing a number of orphans, was not treating them There are some further reports of dis- properly. A policeman was sent to turbances by the riotous assemblages in | make enquiries, and reports the woman's quarters the most filthy he ever saw in this city. That the children are left to look out for themselves and are fast go to forbearance of the police. Process ing to the bad. It is probable that the authorities will interfere.

On Friday evening a number of men were employed, under the supervision of Mr. James Riches, the Stevadore, in hoisting a boiler weighing 7 tons from the engine room of the steam tug Henry Hoover, at Commercial Wharf. While the heavy mass was suspended in the A serious strike is now in progress air one of the cogs in the wheel of the the miners in Basin of Loire. Some big windlass broke, and the men working at it, alarmed, let go. The handles turned round at lightning speed, and struck Mr. R. with terrible force below the left knee, smashing his leg badly.

Several bad accidents occurred in the city during the past week from the slippery state of the streets. Sleighs have been upset and much damaged.

A horse owned by Esson & Co., fell overboard from Tobin's wharf on Monday evening and was with difficulty rescued, after being in the water for about an hour.

There were forty-three alarms of Fire in Halifax last year. They are classified

Fires originated in or on buildings as follows: Barns occupied, 6; barns unoccupied, 1; church, 1; cooperage, 1; dwellings occupied, 23; dwellings unoccupied, I; foundry, 1; hotel, I; hothouse, 1; printing office, 1; shops and dwellings, 2; shoemaker's shop, 1; schooner, 1; tow-boat, 1; workshop at penitentiary, 1.

Buildings destroyed in eleven years, Buildings considerably damaged in Provincial and municipal interests justly eleven years, 70.

THE GRAND JURY .- The following tive." named gentlemen have been appointed the Grand Jury for Halifax County, for 1880:-Joshua S. Priest, Water St.

Jno. N. Grant, Queen St. Jno. Brennan, Jr., Grafton St. E. C. Fairbanks, S. Park St. R. E. Chambers, Brunswick St. Michael Houlihan, Bishop St. C. F. Mott, Argyle St. Jno. M. Martin, South St. Edwd. Murray. Water St. H. K. Brown, Morris St. Errington Gibson, Hollis St. Jno. Young, Jacob St. Wm. Lambert, Barrington St. Wm Jones, Argyle St. Thos. Robinson, Spring Garden Road. Hugh Elliott, Up. Water St. Hugh Munro, Morris St. Jno. McNab, Inglis St. W. B. Reynolds, Up. Water St. H. C. Evans, Up. Water St. Jas. F. Phelan, Pleasant St. Edwd. Gorham, Bishop St. C. J. Campbell, Water St.

The barque Verity, Corning, master,

Gavan Haliday, Granville St.

Mayor Tobin has received a cablegram from the Lord Mayor of London, as presideat of the Irish relief committee, to the following effect: "Distress in Ireland increasing; aid urgently requested." A private meeting held in the Mayor's

Office decided to call a meeting on Monday afternoon last. THE CITY PRISON has of late been with-

out regular religious services as the City Council refused to pay the Chaplains as heretofore. The Evangelical Alliance Committee

has had an interview with the City Council Committee respecting the supply of ministers for Lord's Day Services. Dartmouth has been troubled by several cases of typhoid fever in the fami-

lies of some poor colored people. Efforts were made to get them into the Provincial Hospital, but they were refused admission, as there was not sufficient accommedation. The Town Council applied to the Government, and it is expected that the small pox hospital will be used, so that they may be removed there and kept in an isolated condition to prevent the disease spreading in the community.

Auraline is a great healer.

On New Year's Eve the Dar mouth Temperance Reform Club presented Miss. Duchemin, their organist, with a very flattering address, accompanied by a purse. The club is still in a very flourishing condition.

The schools at Westville, Pictou, have been closed in consequence of diphth-

It is said that diphtheria is spreading rapidly at Port Medway.

A fire occurred at Pugwash on Saturday, resulting in the total destruction of two stores, one owned by Mr. A. A. Stevens, and the other, an adjoining one, by Dr. W. H. McDonald, of Antigonish.

Use Auraline for earache.

THE WESTERN COUNTIES RAILWAY. -A public meeting was held at Digby on Wednesday last for the purpose of considering the late action that has caused the stopping of the Railway between that town and Yarmouth. A resolution as follows, with suitable preambles, was adopted:

"That this meeting hereby expresses its anxions desire for the prompt completion of the seventeen miles remaining unfinished of the Western Counties Company line, and for the future successful operation of the whole, and a secure and permanent connection between these Counties and Halifax.

That the transfer of the possession and ownership of the Windsor Branch to the Western Counties Company as provided, enacted, and determined, by 37 Vic. Chap. 16, will, when made good to that company, practically accomplish the completion of the seventeen unfinished miles, the successful operation of the whole line, and the connection between these Counties and Halifax and other parts of the Province, without which connection Western Railway Extension or through travel cannot suc-

That the transfer of the possession and ownership of the Windsor Branch to the Western Counties Company, as solemnly enacted by 37 Vic. Chap. 16, is essential on the ground of its being a national obligation upon which the Goverament of this Province, these Counties the company and capitalists have confidently relied for security.

"That the people of this County do immediately petition the Parliament of Canada, representing the facts set forth in the foregoing preamble and resolution, and praying that effective measures be immediately taken for the early fulfilment in good faith of the engagements and guarantees of 37 Vict Chap. 16, whereby the intention of Parliament will be carried out, a valuable public work made successful, the national credit vindicated and sustained, and protected; and the said petition be forwarded through the county representa-

Use Auraline for deafness.

The Yarmouth Herald gives its annual list of the Shipping owned in that county, and other particulars concerning the shipping; added to, lost, sold and under construction. From this it appears thereare now in the fleet:

Three steamers, aggregating 902 tons; Fifty nine ships, 70,340; Eight barques, 64,373;

Thirteen brigs, 2,736; One hundred and twenty-one schooners, 6,003; Total, 276 vessels, 144,354 tons.

Of these, eleven are new vessels, namely: four new ships, 5,822 tons; two barques, 2,175; one brig, 233, and four schooners, 184 tons; total 8,417 Bought elsewhere, one steamer, and four schooners. There were sold during the past year, 8 vessels 2,167 tons. The losses have been unprecedently large, numbering thirty vessels, aggregating 15,955 tons, and attended with the loss of ninety-four lives, besides five seamen lost by falling overboard or from aloft. The statement shows a falling off in the shipping of Yarmouth of twenty-one vessels and 9,161 tons, as compared with Russia has asked Prussia to return 36 men drowned. The Verity was 1023 the statements published at the begin-The Irish Relief Committee at San deserters from the Russian army, who tons, and owned by Messrs. S. J. & A. ing of 1879. There are now building or Hull City is in a bad state. Mayor Francisco has telegraphed \$2,000 to fled into Germany, but no steps have M. Hatfield, of Yarmouth, and others, contracted for ten vessels of 1200 tons been taken to comply with the request. insured here to the extent of \$21,000. and upwards, aggregating 13,500 tons.

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