

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...

Freeport, Jan. 1st, 1880. Yours, &c., M. BESSIE WEEKS.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

MARGAREE, 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.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

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

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.

UNITED STATES.—On Wednesday last two trains on the elevated railroad at New York came into collision and both engines were demolished.

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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.

A conference of farmers' clubs was held at Mallow, County Cork, to consider the land question. Several members of Parliament were present.

The Government has made an important 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.

A great land agitation meeting was held on the 5th at Riverston, on the borders of Sligo, Ireland, 10,000 peasantry being present.

There are some further reports of disturbances by the riotous assemblages in resistance to process of servers in the county of Mayo, Galway, and Sligo.

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Private advices from Cannes report the Zarina's condition as almost hopeless.

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.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Herr Bok, Secretary of the Boer committee, has been arrested on a charge of high treason, but liberated on bail.

Her Pretorius, ex-President of Transvaal, has been arrested on a charge of high treason, the specifications being that he addressed a letter in conjunction with Herr Bex to Gen. Wolseley forwarding the resolutions passed at the late meeting, thus giving proof of connection with treasonable project. Bail for Pretorius was refused.

News.

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 Matland Street, who was rearing a number of orphans, was not treating them properly.

On Friday evening a number of men were employed, under the supervision of Mr. James Riches, the Stevedore, in hoisting a boiler weighing 7 tons from the engine room of the steam tug Henry Hoover, at Commercial Wharf.

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 as follows: Fires originated in or on buildings as follows: Barns occupied, 6; barns unoccupied, 1; church, 1; cooperage, 1; dwellings occupied, 23; dwellings unoccupied, 1; foundry, 1; hotel, 1; 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, 57. Buildings considerably damaged in eleven years, 70.

THE GRAND JURY.—The following 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. Mett, 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. Gavan Haliday, Granville St.

The barque Verity, Corning, master, from Waterford for New York, in ballast, is a total wreck at Clifden, Ireland. Two men drowned. The Verity was 1023 tons, and owned by Messrs. S. J. & A. M. Hatfield, of Yarmouth, and others, insured here to the extent of \$21,000.

Mayor Tobin has received a cablegram from the Lord Mayor of London, as president 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 without 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 families 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 accommodation. 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.

Auriline is a great healer. On New Year's Eve the Dartmouth 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 diphtheria. 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 Auriline 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 preamble, was adopted:—

"That this meeting hereby expresses its anxious 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 succeed.

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 Government 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 fulfillment in good faith of the engagements and guarantees of 37 Vic. Chap. 16, whereby the intention of Parliament work made successful, the national credit vindicated and sustained, and Provincial and municipal interests justly protected; and the said petition be forwarded through the county representative.

Use Auriline 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 there are 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 unprecedentedly 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 the statements published at the beginning of 1879. There are now building or contracted for ten vessels of 1200 tons and upwards, aggregating 13,500 tons.