

one of the Churches under his care the sum of Sixty Pounds was pledged and paid in one year, and missionaries sent out as has already been published respecting him. He was considered one of the most popular Gaelic preachers that ever crossed the Atlantic to these shores. His theological views were thoroughly Calvinistic. At the same time seldom did the writer ever listen to any preacher who appeared to feel so unfettered in dealing out the invitations of the gospel to the perishing. In truth all his sermons had the evangelistic ring—ruined by the fall—redemption by Christ and re-generation by the Holy Spirit.

Mr. Shaw's personal appearance was striking. He was tall, erect, and dignified in his manner, with an expressive face, somewhat resembling Robert Hall, in gravity. Sternness and kindness were singularly blended. He was united in marriage to a daughter of William Dockendorff, Esq., of Frankling Point, a truly pious, exemplary woman, well qualified by nature and grace, to fill the duties of her responsible station. He was not permitted to enjoy her society long; she was snatched away by the ruthless hand of death, leaving with him an infant son, whose bright career and premature death, are well known to the readers of the MESSENGER. Most deeply were those sad strokes felt by our afflicted brother, but he bore them like a Christian hero, and instead of relaxing his efforts, he laid himself out more fully to do the work so dear to his heart, namely, winning souls to Christ. His abstemious life was all one grand Temperance Lecture. Under his hospitable roof, many a weary guest was comforted and refreshed. The Bible was his standard. Human authority had not the weight of a feather, unless in harmony with the Bible. There was scarcely a failure in his mental vigour. He preached three weeks before his death. He dined with the family as usual the day he died. After dinner he was seized with violent pains, medical aid was immediately summoned, but all efforts were in vain. After suffering a few hours he became calm and tranquil and the same evening fell asleep in Jesus in the 33rd year of his age.

"As one Elijah dies,
True prophet of the Lord,
Let some Elisha rise
To blaze the gospel word;
And fast as sheep to Jesus go,
May lambs recruit his fold below."

—Communicated by Rev. M. Ross
West River, P. E. I., Dec. 16, 1876.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Wolfville Sabbath School.

This school maintains a vigorous existence throughout the entire year, teachers and scholars vying with each other in attention to their duties.

On Sabbath last, J. W. Barss, Esq., the Superintendent, presented Bibles to three scholars, for having attended every session of the School in 1879; and the members of Miss Maggie Barss' class gave her an elegant Autograph Album, as a mark of their appreciation of her efforts on their behalf.

This School, with the assistance of the Superintendent, raised during the year, for benevolent purposes, \$68.44. Of this, \$8 goes to the French Mission, \$20 to Home Missions, and \$40 to educating two heathen children, Lutchemma and Nursmooloo, under the superintendence of Mrs. Armstrong. It is gratifying to know that one of these children was converted last year.

This money was raised by cent collections, envelopes being handed to the classes by the Treasurer every Sabbath, at the beginning of the session, and taken up at the close. By this simple means, without burdening anyone, a very respectable sum has been secured for Benevolent Objects. If three hundred of the Sabbath Schools in our Convention would raise alike amount, we should have over twenty thousand dollars to add to our available means for doing good. Let all our Sabbath schools attempt this much for the Master, as a Thank-offering for the year 1880.

The Baptist Church at Central Onslow, has been revived during the past few months, and eight persons have been added to the church by baptism, and two by letter.

We have received two visits from Rev. James Meadows, who has preached with good acceptance, and is universally loved

by the people of Onslow. The members of the church and congregation met in the parsonage on the second day of the New Year and left the pastor and his wife the value of fifty dollars in cash and useful articles. Such gifts always speak for themselves, when made in addition to the annual salary. I thank the people of Onslow for this and many other expressions of kindness received from them since I became their minister in spiritual things.

C. H. MARTELL.
Central Onslow, June 4th, 1880.

A new law has been promulgated in Russia, giving to Baptists liberty of worship in houses set apart with the approval of the authorities for the purpose. And it grants a civil register of all marriages of Baptist couples after the religious ceremony of the denomination.

The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon writes from Mentone: 'I am very sorry that I am altogether overwhelmed by a similar attack to that which has laid me prostrate during former years; I earnestly ask your prayers, for I am brought very low. I cannot write more, for I am very ill.'

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—On New Year's Eve at Ottawa, the practical joke of small pox cards were placed on the entrance of several prominent citizen's houses, which scared away early callers. The Mayor's house was thus honoured.

A circular letter has been received by journalists and others in Montreal, from Mr. James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, asking about the feeling in Canada in favor of independence.

Captain W. Smith of Ottawa, has received further information from the executors of his uncle, who died in Australia, which leaves no doubt as to his having fallen heir to an estate worth \$2,000,000. One million is in cash, and the balance in real estate. The executors ask for power of attorney and letters of administration.

About two hundred ladies and gentlemen attended the skating and tobogganing party at Rideau Hall on the 29th. The rink and slides were illuminated with Chinese lanterns and torches, and a bon fire was built in the rear of the old rink. The effect was very striking, and a pleasant evening was spent.

An American Company contemplate the erection of a Woolen Factory at Woodstock.

A safe was blown open with nitro glycerine at Omemeo on Thursday night, and papers valued at \$25,000 carried off by the burglars.

No less than thirteen candidates were nominated in the Dufferin electoral division for the Ontario House—four Reformers and nine Conservatives.

The Indian Cannibal named Swift Runner was executed at Fort Saskatchewan on the 20th inst., being the first legal execution in the Northwest territory. The culprit was convicted on his own confession of having killed and eaten his mother and his wife and seven children during last winter.

A man named Noel, who keeps a saloon opposite the Grand Trunk Railway Depot, Sherbrook, Quebec, was arrested on Wednesday, on a charge of passing counterfeit coin, and his brother who follows a like occupation at Richmond, Quebec, has been also taken into custody.

It is rumored that radical changes will be made in the tariff next session.

Despatches a short time ago announced the finding of the charred remains of an Irish emigrant named Thomas Mulligan in a partially burned shanty, near Scotstown. Since then an inquest has been held. The Coroner's Jury have returned a verdict of murder, and an American settler named Grey and his wife have been arrested. The woman has since confessed all. Mulligan was cut to pieces, and logs were piled on him and set on fire.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The shipment of deals at St. John in December reached 9,754,405, against 10,928,565 feet in the corresponding month of 1878.

A telegram was received at St. John on the 2nd inst., stating that the barque St. Nicholas, 783 tons, from New York for Rotterdam, with oil, had stranded in the English Channel, and will be a total loss. She was owned by Hall & Fairweather and others. The hull was insured for \$13,000, of which \$6,500 was in St. John offices.

Twenty-nine new vessels were registered at the port of St. John the past year, viz:—2 ships, 13 barks, 8 schooners, 3 woodboats, 3 steamers, a total of 17,006 tons. In 1878 there were 27 vessels of 16,444 tons, and in 1877 there were 35 vessels of 23,682 tons.

Parties are proposing to place a chime of bells in Trinity Church, St. John, and are soliciting subscriptions for that purpose.

UNITED STATES.—Eighteen cases of small pox were reported in the city of Washington, on the 29th ult.

Two shares of Edison Electric Light Company, par value \$1,000, were sold on the 31st at \$3,500 per share. Gas stocks however, have only fallen 15 per cent. during the past month.

There was an extensive fight on Friday at New York between about fifty roughs and a squad of police. Two

roughs were nearly killed by the police and taken to the station. The fight was desperate, but the police finally conquered and drove the mob away.

Eight boys broke through the ice while skating on Wednesday last at Alliance, Ohio, and three of them were drowned.

A passenger train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway was thrown from the track near St. Paul. A sleeping car was thrown down an embankment sixty feet. Several passengers were injured but none were killed.

There was a mysterious shooting affair at Boston, on Monday night Dec. 29, by which Mrs. Helen J. Ward was shot by her daughter, aged 18, who slept with her. It is possibly a case of somnambulism. The daughter says she woke suddenly, hearing a noise in the room, and fired at a moving object, which proved to be her mother, wounding her fatally.

Parnell and Dillon upon arrival at New York, were received by a large delegation of prominent citizens of New York, and welcomed in an address, promising moral and material aid. Responding, Parnell said the destitution in Ireland had not been exaggerated, and those who had been working at the land question felt they could no longer refrain from endeavoring to enlist sympathy with their efforts. Dillon also spoke to similar effect. He said the most economical way to diffuse charity is to do it in money. That is what is needed in Ireland.

Six electric lights were put in the rotunda of a hotel in Chicago, Ill., in the place of two hundred and fifty gas burners, and they not only gave a much better light, but cost nearly three hundred dollars a month less than gas.

The first collision between the striking stock yards men belonging to the Union, and non-Union men occurred at Chicago on Friday, the assault being made by the former, who dispersed the workmen by means of missiles.

The annual report of the Bureau of Statistics states, that while the total tonnage of American shipping entered at the seaports of the United States during the last fiscal year had increased only one per cent., the increase of the foreign tonnage had been nearly twenty-six per cent.

The sale of twelve thousand separate lots of articles which have accumulated in the Dead Letter Office at Washington, took place last week. Among the articles so carelessly mailed that no clew can be discovered to the ownership, are gold watches, chains, and jewelry of all kinds; every description of wearing apparel, from men's overalls to babies' socks; books and pictures by the thousand; musical instruments, clocks, bed-quilts, and hardware of almost all descriptions.

There have been two bills introduced to the House of Representatives, with a view of amending the laws against polygamy. One provides for an amendment of the Jury Law of Utah, making the practice of polygamy, or a belief that it is morally or legally right for a man to have more than one wife at the same time, a sufficient cause for the challenge and rejection of a juror on any trial of an offence against the anti-polygamy laws. The other bill deprives all persons in the Territories, women as well as men, who may live in the polygamous relation, of the right to vote or hold office.

ENGLAND.—The gale which destroyed the Tay bridge was the most violent ever seen in Scotland since January, 1868. The streets of Dundee were covered with debris. A continuous howling and roar of the wind deadened the falling crash of the bridge. Showers of sparks, seen by those on the shore, are believed to have been caused by the collision of the carriage with the iron work.

The Queen telegraphed to the Provost of Dundee tendering her condolence with the bereaved.

Three bodies were washed ashore on Tuesday, which are thought to be those of train men, as the cars were all locked. The mails have been recovered.

After several unsuccessful attempts, a diver discovered a first class carriage, but there were no first class passengers.

A heavy gale of mingled rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning, burst over London on Tuesday. Terrific gales are reported from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, causing much damage to property.

The North British Railroad Co. have decided that at the next meeting of bond-holders, steps will be taken to rebuild the Tay bridge.

The ship Alexander McKenzie, stranded at Ostend, had 56,250 bushels of grain from New York for Antwerp. She was 1,000 tons and belonged to Lewis Bros., St. John.

A new Steamship has been launched at the yard of Messrs. John Elder & Co., in the Clyde, the construction of which marks an important era in ship-building. The new steamer is called the *Kinfauns Castle*, and is the first ocean going vessel built entirely of steel.

The Lord Mayor has opened subscription for the Irish Relief Fund, £1,500 have already been subscribed.

FRANCE.—The fund started by the *Figaro* for the relief of the poor in Paris continues. Several deaths in the street from cold and privation are reported. The Seine is passable afoot at several points within the city.

At President Grevy's reception to di-

plomatic representatives, on New Year's Day, Prince Hohalohe, German Ambassador at Paris, addressing Freycinet the new President, the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a loud tone said:—"I am charged by Prince Bismarck to tell you in the name of my Government that, notwithstanding the regret we feel at the departure of Count De St. Vallier, from Berlin, we see no reason why our relations with the present Cabinet should not bear the impress of the same sentiments of cordiality and peace we felt and manifested with regard to the preceding cabinet."

The duel between M. Meyer, editor of the *Lanterne*, and M. Humbert of the *Mot d'Ordre*, which was stopped by Humbert's sword breaking, has since been found out. Meyer was wounded in the thigh, and Humbert in the chest.

The flood in the Seine is becoming serious. Great blocks of floating ice made a breach of 200 feet in the temporary wooden bridge opposite the Invalids.

SPAIN.—The Cuban budget will show a deficit of eight million dollars, without reckoning the present rebellion expenses.

The present session of the Cortes will close when the bill for the abolition of slavery in Cuba is disposed of. A new session will be begun in March.

As the King and Queen of Spain were driving through the gate of the Royal Palace this evening, a young man dressed as a workman fired a shot from a revolver at the Royal Carriage. His aim was bad, and nobody was hurt. The ball has since been found and weighs one ounce. It passed close to the head of one of the footmen. King Alfonso was driving at the time. The would be assassin was immediately arrested and confessed the crime. His name is Gonzalez, aged 19 years. He is a waiter by occupation and a native of Galicia.

Great floods occurred in the Canary Islands on the 21st. Houses and crops were destroyed.

RUSSIA.—A correspondent hears from good authority that the Czar has agreed to hand over the government to the Czarewitch so far as the internal affairs of the Empire is concerned. The Czarewitch will not assent.

Adjutant Baronoff has been court martialled, and dismissed from the service for using insulting language in reference to the Minister of Marine.

It is proposed to enact special punishment for persons convicted of propagating the Nihilist doctrines among the troops.

Over one hundred Nihilists have been arrested in Warsaw.

TURKEY.—Minister Layard's communication to the Porte in reference to the Mohammedan priest reported under sentence of death for circulating a pamphlet subversive of Islamism, being still unanswered, Layard has suspended official relations. The British Embassy, nevertheless maintains semi-official intercourse, no actual rupture of diplomatic relations having occurred. Meanwhile, Layard awaits instructions from Lord Salisbury. Germany and Austria have urged Layard and the Porte to come to an arrangement.

INDIA.—General Roberts reports Dec. 31st that the country is quiet. Numbers of people are returning to Cabul and supplies are coming in.

The Mohammedans are abandoning Cabul, fearing that some retribution will be visited upon them for sympathizing with the enemy.

It is reported that a reign of terror existed from Dec. 15 till the abandonment of the city. Every shop and house, except those belonging to Mohammedans, was gutted. Women were stripped publicly and men shot in the streets. The total loss of the enemy in and near Cabul is placed at 2,000.

The Viceroy of India telegraphs Jan. 1, as follows:—"Gen. Roberts reports on Dec. 30th that the force under the command of Gen. Baker, which left Cabul on Dec. 27th, is returning from Kohistan, having destroyed, unopposed, the fort of the rebel chief Mirbata, which was found abandoned. Several Kohistan and Logan Chiefs have tendered their submission. The enemy's losses in killed and wounded during the last fortnight is estimated at 3,000. On the 30th December Gen. Bright made a descent upon some of the villages whose inhabitants had been prominent in harassing the British outposts and took them by surprise. The weather is fine but very cold."

The military commission at Cabul have sentenced ten prisoners to be hanged. One was proved to have killed Mr. Jenkens, secretary of Major Cavagnari's embassy.

CHINA.—The prolonged insurrectionary movements of Le Yung Choi have ended, and the leader captured.

The town of Hakodadi, was partly destroyed by fire on the 7th of November. Two thousand three hundred houses were burned.

PERSIA.—The Turkish missions aid society has written to the *Times* regarding the famine in Northern Persia, stating that they have received a telegram from Oorniah to the effect that the famine in all that region is increasing daily and unless strenuous efforts are made to send help from England and America a great number of the population must perish.

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SUDDEN DEATH.—We have to record another sudden death—that of Mr. James E. Marshall, a clerk in Mr. T. P. Connolly's Bookstore. He was suffering from what was supposed to be a stiff neck, but was found to be an abscess. On New Year's Day an operation was performed to relieve him, from the effects of which he became very weak, but was not supposed to be in a dangerous condition and expected to be up on Saturday. At an early hour that morning, however, his weakness was seen to be such that recovery was hopeless, and about three o'clock he died. The deceased was one of the best known and generally popular young men in the city. He was an active member of the Union Protection Company, and an earnest worker in St. Andrew's Sunday School. He was a P. W. P. of Chebuoto Division, S. of T., and an honorary member of Acadia Section, C. of T.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, and very largely attended by friends and members of the different Societies of which he was a member, he was drawn by members of the U. P. Co. on their wagon.

The weather of the past week has been of the most varied and changeable character, having gone from zero—and 11 below one day—to rapid thawing, several times in about 12 hours. There have been some narrow escapes from freezing to death of persons found on the streets by the police and watchmen.

The Association for Improving the condition of the poor is busily at work and doing much good. This is far better than the indiscriminate bestowment of charity, where the boldest beggars get the biggest share of the bounty. The Association needs and deserves the generous support of the benevolent.

Auraine is a great healer.

The steamer Dominion took 212 head of cattle and 550 sheep for Liverpool, G. B. She is now at the Richmond railway wharf, and will sail to-day, after coaling.

On New Year's morning Rev. Thomas Duacan, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, received a handsome gold watch and chain from the congregation, as a token of esteem. In the evening the children's anniversary was held in the basement of the church. Interesting addresses were delivered. The singing by the children, under the leadership of Mr. Weeks, was excellent.

The Senate of the University of Halifax, formally held its annual meeting on Saturday last, and adjourned immediately to meet again yesterday.

Seven seamen who had shipped on board the ship, Star of India, at this port, for London, refused to do duty. The police were applied to, the seven mutineers arrested, brought ashore and sentenced to six weeks imprisonment. The ship has a crew of 22 men, of whom all were satisfied with the vessel and treatment except the seven in question, who were the only men shipped here.

Messrs. Henderson & Potts, proprietors of the Nova Scotia Paint Works, Five Islands, are about removing to Halifax. Their machinery and plant have been already shipped.

Use Auraine for deafness.

At the Police Court on Saturday, Policeman Bennan was fined \$35, or ninety days gaol, for assaulting a prisoner.

There were five Watch Night services held in Halifax on Wednesday night.

On Monday of last week at Springville, East River, Pictou, there was quite an extensive celebration of the opening of the new bridge, built of old iron rails. The structure is spoken of as being beautiful in appearance, strong and substantial, and it is expected will last some four or five times as long as the best wooden bridge.

The steamship Northern Light left Georgetown on the 31st, about one p. m. She had clear water till she reached the east point of Pictou Island, where she met ice. She landed her mails on the ice and sent them in time for the train the next morning.

A telegram from Yarmouth on Friday says the Brig. Lena, of Liverpool, Davidson master, Jamaica for Halifax, cargo, coffee and rum, is a total wreck at Flat Mud Island. She met with her misfortune on Monday night, during a thick fog. The coffee was saved in a damaged condition. The rum will probably be saved to-morrow.

Use Auraine for earache.

The Bank of Yarmouth has declared a dividend for the past half year at the rate of 8 per cent., per annum.

In the sale of seats in the Western Presbyterian Church, Truro, about nine thousand dollars were realized. This is one of the most handsome church edifices in the Maritime Provinces, and has been erected at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars. The dedicatory services were held on Sunday the 4th instant.

The people of Yarmouth are getting up a petition for the abrogation of the County Incorporation Act.

Belcher's Almanac says there will be six eclipses this year—four of the sun and two of the moon.