

the noses of horses. Fiery-nosed men, loquacious women, and shrill-voiced youths offer their wares at your coach windows. Wonder gazes out, impudence stares in. "May we never meet again," says one gentleman, whose cab has moved twenty feet in as many minutes, to another by his side. "I applaud your words to the echo," replies the other. "Chaff" flies freely. Jokes are cracked as well as whips. Finally the jam gives way. Somebody has succeeded in getting out of Everybody's way. Lucky Somebody—he is ahead. Whips snap; drivers shout to straining horses; bystanders cheer with what little breath is not squeezed out of them in the crowd; and we are not sorry to get away, although the only glimmer of the day's splendor that we carry with us is a passing view of the Lord Mayor's show.

In the docks everything is confusion. Boxes and bales going aboard, and bales and boxes coming ashore. Baggage being claimed and disclaimed. Hurry and bustle, noise and dirt. A long string of A. B.'s dragging their soot out and their line in. Swarms of coolies jabbering wildly over a bundle which is scarcely a load for one man.

Few words for those who clasp our hands and press our lips! Such a moment is too sacred for words, idle and deceitful as they so often are. But there is One who reads the tender thoughts that cannot find utterance; and in some mysterious way—by the pressure of the hand, the throbbing of the heart, the tear-dimmed eye, perhaps—reveals them.

The gates are opened and we pass from the docks. Sunset finds us running down river with the broad, misty, cold marshes on either hand. Night comes on. The lights of Woolwich glide into those of Gravesend. Trains on elevated lines of railway shoot like meteors across the sky.

Steamers dash by; barges creep from under our bows with slow-flapping sails; furnaces throw lurid paths across the turbid river. Night passes on, and we catch our last glimpse of Old England's chalky cliffs through the hazy morning—looking for all the world like the Cobequid hills after a fall of snow.

On Monday the 14th, we sight the coast of Portugal, the Bird Rocks; these long, vine-clad hills sloping down to the blue sea, dotted with white villas, and beautiful in the warm glow of the mid-day sun. A distant view of a city by the sea, with Cape Roca looming up hazy and grand in the dim distance; showing as we approach nearer bald cliffs, with corrugated sides, lofty peaks, and, nestling in a cosy recess where the hillsides look like gold, a white convent.

Sundown, and Gibraltar still in the distance! Our hopes of seeing that grim fortress by daylight are to be disappointed. Land on each side now; on this, Algeria, on that, Gibraltar. The "pillars of Hercules" tower above us in the darkness, and ere long the twinkling lights of Gibraltar shine out like a valley full of fallen stars. On the African coast is another town; Ceuta they call it, just behind the cape of the same name, on which a light blinks sleepily; forming a striking contrast to the steady, wide-awake gaze of that on the opposite side of the strait. The mind at once associates them with African dulness and British watchfulness.

How glorious is our first sunrise on the Mediterranean! The deep blue of the sky is only equalled by the cerulean hue of the sea. The earliest rays of the sun light up the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra Nevada. How like some natures: however warm the sun may smile upon them their icy points are always in view.

The readers of these desultory scribbles will have observed that I attempt no imitation of geographers. This I do for two reasons; first, because I have every reason to believe that the readers of this paper are quite as well versed in geography as myself; and second, because I detest the repetition of lessons out of school. Moreover, I seldom see an object as others see it; which quality, it may be insinuated, is especially marked when I view myself.

Neither have I adopted the sober style of a floating D. D.; but, considering buoyancy to be admirably suited to a sea voyage, I have attempted to jot down my cogitations in the lightest manner possible. If at any time I fail in this it must be attributed to a sinking in the abdominal region; which, while it may eventually cause unusual activity in the action of particular organs, has at the best a depressing effect on the brain.

J. R. H.
Port Said, Egypt, Nov. 23, 1881.

For the Christian Messenger.
Please return the Envelope.

I hope that all our friends will consider our appeal, for many can help one, when one cannot help the many.

We ask because we do really need help to complete our vestry, and a little kindly help now will do much to cheer our hearts and strengthen us for our work; and will moreover place us in a better position to help mission and other interests, as it will tend to remove a strain and also increase our income.

Our anniversary meetings we will report more fully in a few days. Our treasurer, Mr. J. E. Irish showed by a clear statement that every half yearly report of the past as did his 7th annual report, that through the goodness of God we had always a clear sheet, and this our strong reason and ground of appeal to help us to enlargement, because God has helped us, the church has done its duty. We have a 1000 share certificates printed and will send one to every person who returns us a dollar, or a certificate in colours to any one sending \$5.00 or over. By a little united effort you can help us raise \$2000. Won't the boys and girls take up this matter, and earn the thanks of the Tabernacle Church? Moreover remember Jesus will see and take knowledge and acknowledge better than can,

Yours truly,

J. F. AVREY.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft writes, Dec. 23rd: "Last sabbath I baptized two. We have had a stirring discussion here on baptism. Am glad to see that you speak out on educational matters. You will have the hearty support of all true friends of Acadia."

News.

From the Canadian Baptist we learn that the Torrance Fund—a sum contributed for the family of the late Professor Torrance amounted to \$1169.25.

ALMOST A SERIOUS FIRE.—When the bell was ringing for service, at the Baptist Church, Upper Canard, on Sabbath morning last, fire was seen coming up through the floor, near the steps of the pulpit stand, and close to the flue. The few who were present, and the sabbath school teachers, commenced throwing water. The floor was soon out through in front, and in rear of the flue, and a part of the wall beside the chimney torn away, and the fire extinguished. The damage done to the building is not extensive. But the danger of losing the building entirely, was, for a few minutes very great, as the fire was in full progress behind the plastering. The coolness, and promptness of those present, together with the fact that the baptistry under the pulpit was full of water, saved the house.

The fire originated from the burning out of the flue, the bricks of which were laid hard against the sill. After the fire had been extinguished, the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Kempton, proceeded with the services. The sermon on Luke ii 11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour," &c., was listened to by the large congregation present as though nothing had occurred to disturb their devotions.

B. PRESBYTERIAN.—The congregation of Chalmers' Church, on Wednesday night, formerly resolved to extend a call to Rev. J. S. Whitter, of Betts' Cove Newfoundland.

The Presbyterians of Economy have enlarged the vestry of their church, for the accommodation of prayer meetings, etc.

The statement of Mr. Jack, Treasurer of the late Dominion Exhibition Committee, is an interesting one. It showed the receipts were:

From Dominion Government	\$5,000 00
" Provincial "	4,000 00
" Sale of tickets.....	6,557 37
From other sources.....	270 20
Total.....	\$15,827 57

Out of this was paid
For prizes.....\$7,675 25
General expenses \$1,137 34—\$15,812 59

Leaving the balance in hand \$14 98
There are still a few other liabilities unpaid, which, when paid, will leave a deficiency of something under \$200.

The funds of the exhibition, Mr. Jack thinks, suffered by the excessive issue of free tickets.

Joseph Spencer living in this city, formerly gate keeper at Windsor Toll Bridge, is said to have fallen heir to a large sum of money by a death of a relative in England.

Messrs. E. Davidson & Sons, of Bridge water, have, it is said, closed their operations for the year upon a total cut of fourteen million feet of lumber.

APPOINTMENT.—Picton:—To be a Justice of the Peace,—Donald Gunn, of Eight Mile Brook.

Christmas and New Year's Days falling on Sunday, the Lieutenant Governor appointed and proclaimed Monday the 26 Dec., and Monday the 2nd. January public holidays.

Monday last was kept as such by many, but as it was not the real day, and there were no church services, it was not at all generally observed. There was no skating and not enough snow for good sleighing; it was therefore something between a Sunday, a holiday and a working day.

At the annual meeting of the Society for improving the condition of Poor, last week the Directors reported that contributions had been received amounting to \$1635.72. The broken stone is taken by the city, at a loss to the Society by three quarters of a cent per bushel, which makes a large demand on the funds.

The stone shed report recorded a financial loss for the year, owing to the causes pointed out in the report of 1880, which can only be avoided by reducing the price paid the men employed for their labor, or else by persuading the civic authorities to increase the price paid for broken stone, from four to four and a half cents per bushel. The statement showed there was paid out:

For stone.....	\$ 878.74
Wages for breaking.....	2,109.48
For tools and repair to same repairs to shed, overseer and measurers of broken stone.....	319.59
Total.....	\$3,307.81

Sold to the city 70,316 bushels at 4 cents..... 2,812.64

Showing a loss of.....\$ 495 17
The following were elected officers for the new year:—

President—Mr. John Doull.
Vice-President—Mr. W. H. Neal.
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Chairman of Districts—Messrs. S. M. Brookfield (No. 1), H. Burton (No. 2), R. Theakston (No. 3), and Joseph Bell (No. 4.)

The steamer Rochdale, which went ashore at Indian Harbor on the morning of the 14th inst., while on a voyage from Charleston, S. C., for Sebastopol, with a cargo of cotton, got off on Thursday morning after having discharged about half her freight and arrived in our harbor, in the evening, under her own steam. The balance of the cargo on board will likely be discharged and an examination of the ship made.

An effort is being made to get a ship railway across the isthmus, that connects Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, instead of the Canal which has so long been projected. A meeting was recently held at Amherst at which resolutions were adopted in reference to this matter which are laid before the government. The same meeting passed a resolution urging the extension if the Railway from Amherst to Cape Tormentine so as to aid communication with Prince Edward Island.

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Jan. 19. 6m.

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Marriages.

At Windsor, on 20th inst., by the Rev. E. M. Keirstead, Mr. William Carson, of Windsor, and Miss Eliza Levy, of Waterville, Hants Co.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 24th inst., by the Rev. E. M. Keirstead, John S. Archibald, Esq., of Halifax, and Miss Rachel DeWolfe, daughter of George H. DeWolfe, Esq., of Windsor.

Dec. 26th., by Rev. S. B. Kempton, Howard Pineo, of Scott's Bay, to Mary, daughter of James Scofield, Esq., of Black River, Horton.

On the 24th inst., by Rev. A. W. Barss, Mr. Wm. Isaac Rafuse, to Miss Francis E. Boutillier, all of French Village, St. Margarets Bay.

At Harmony, Queen's Co., N. S., Dec. 8th, by Rev. S. Nason Royal, Mr. George James Ringer, and Miss Fostina Dukeshire, both of Hillsborough, Annapolis Co., N. S.

At North Sydney, Dec. 20th by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Mr. Wm. J. Wilson, and Miss Annabella Allan.

At Windsor, on 22nd inst., by the Rev. E. M. Keirstead, Mr. William Jenkins, of Windsor Plains, and Miss Elizabeth Cochran, of Wentworth.

At Mahone Bay, on the 22nd Dec., by the Rev. L. B. Gates, Mr. Maynard DeMale, to Miss Mary Alice Croft, of Chester.

By the same, on the same date and place, Mr. Reubin Eisenhour, to Lavenia Hatt, all of Chester.

At the Parsonage, Beaver River, on the 17th Dec., by Rev. G. B. Titus, Mr. Frank Sollows, and Miss Almira J. Landers, daughter of Mr. Wm. Landers, of Maitland, Yarmouth Co.

At Harborville, Cornwallis, Dec. 21st, by the Rev. J. L. Read, Christopher Hammond, Esq., of Boston, Mass., to Miss Eulalia Beardsly, youngest daughter of Gideon Beardsly, Esq.

Deaths.

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