

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger. AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, Nov. 19th, 1883.

Dear Bro Selden,— As the subject of the accompanying notice had a very large circle of friends in Nova Scotia, most of whom read the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, will you please give it insertion. Though we enjoy a semi-tropical climate, especially here in the North Island, where we have almost perpetual summer, the stern messenger Death visits us, and often selects for his prey, those whom we feel least inclined to spare. Mrs. ANNIE BIGLOW, the beloved wife of Mr. J. H. Bigelow, shipbuilder, of Auckland, passed over to the great majority on the 31st of October last, aged 60 years. She died as she lived, simply trusting in the merits of her precious Saviour. She suffered much for a number of years, but did not give up her life of active usefulness until some twelve months ago, since which she declined rapidly. She was so patient and uncomplaining, that her friends could not always realize how greatly she suffered. During the last month her disease (paralysis of the spine) gained rapidly, and took her away much sooner than her friends expected. Our dear sister was baptized many years ago in Pugwash, by the late Dr. Hobbs, with whom she and her family came out to these colonies in the ship Geo. Henderson. She ever honored her profession, was much beloved by all around for the sympathy and help she was ever ready to give to the sick and afflicted, which was unmistakably evinced at her funeral by the great numbers who brought beautiful floral wreaths and bouquets to place upon her coffin. A husband, two sons, and three daughters are left to mourn their irreparable loss, but not one of them would call her back. They know she is at rest. When the Ponsonby Baptist Church was formed, some three years ago, she, with her family, was dismissed from the Wesley Street Church, and joined it. She took a great interest in the new cause, and she was permitted to see it enlarge to considerable proportions, before she was called to join the church above. A. F. P.

EDUCATIONAL.

Twenty women have taken the B. A. degree in the University of London this year, nineteen of them in the first division. Four have taken the B. Sc degree, making eight women in possession of that honour.

The Presbyterian students of Trinity College, Dublin, though comparatively few, have of late years stood well in the list of college distinctions. They at present number about fifty. Yet out of a college of twelve hundred men these have obtained ten gold medals. Of the six large golds, four were obtained by them. The only studentship awarded this year, and worth £700, was got by one of them. They have now Presbyterian professors in the college, and expect soon to have Fellows.

SINGING COMPETITION.—A Sunday School singing competition has been held at Lewisham High-road Church, organized by the South-East Sunday School Union. Five choirs competed, and the first prize was obtained by the Lewisham High-road choir; the second prize by the High-street, Deptford, choir; and third prize by Creek-street Mission choir. The judge was Mr. J. S. Curwen, who said that, other things being equal, he gave the highest marks for expression, which was the elocution of singing, the carrying home to the hearers' hearts the thought and emotion of the words.

ITCHING PILLS.—SYMPTOMS AND CURE.—The symptoms are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, increased by scratching, very distressing, particularly at night, seems as if pin-worms were crawling in and about the rectum; the private parts are sometimes affected. If allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Tetter, Itch, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Barber's Itch, Blotches, all scaly, crusty Skin Diseases. Sent by mail for .50 cents; 3 boxes, \$1.25, (in stamps). Address, DR. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists. June 20, 1879.

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Home News.

Nova Scotia.

A large number of young spruce trees were brought from Preston by the busy Africans of that settlement on Friday and Saturday last and planted in the snow in our market square, from which plantation the gay and festive folk might choose a Christmas tree of almost any dimensions. The lively green and pure white formed a beautiful contrast, and made quite a picturesque ornament to the streets in that locality.

A sad accident occurred at the Spring Hill Mines on Wednesday last. A young man named Wm. Fletcher was holding a brake handle on a "balance way" in the mine. The pin which supported the handle broke, when it flew up, striking him under the chin, inflicting an ugly wound and putting his head against the roof with such force as to fracture the skull. He was sinking rapidly.

We have been hearing of good sleighing east and west of Halifax for two or three weeks past but we now have the real thing in the city; a fine fall of snow came on Thursday and Friday nights and made things lively. Our streets are just the thing, and everything in the shape of a horse and sleigh is out more or less either for work or pleasure.

There is no remedy top of the earth that possesses so much real absolute merit as Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. It is both for internal and external use and is worth more in a family than a seventh son.

His Worship the Mayor has received an appeal from the Mayor of Rat Portage Manitoba, for help, as the larger portion of the buildings in that town have been destroyed by fire. They are sending to the principal cities of the Dominion for aid for those who have been burnt out and have lost their all. The Council refer the matter to the favourable consideration of the citizens.

The Dalhousie students turned out in force on Thursday evening, and had a grand march through the town preparatory to breaking up for Christmas vacation. They made the frosty air resound with some of their college songs.

Mrs. Catherine Russell, who died in this city two weeks ago, was aged 102 years and 7 months.

A box of matches was found in the pig-hole of an open desk in the burnt Queen building last week. They had not suffered from either fire or water.

The untidy, dirty appearance of a grizzly beard should never be allowed. Buckingham's Dye for the whiskers will readily change their color to a brown or black, at discretion, and thus keep up your reputation for neatness and good looks.

A warning which others besides dairymen might take: A Daudee dairyman was recently convicted of selling milk which had stood in the room in which a child was ill with scarlet fever. The milk absorbed the poison, and seventeen persons were infected with the disease, four of whom died.

The Salvation Army had a charge of disorderly conduct preferred against them because of their singing on the steps of the State House—nine men and three women. The judge asked them to give him a specimen of their singing which they did in court and he pronounced that "their singing was not a disturbing noise."

After the 1st day of January no vessel registered in Canada over 100 tons register tonnage shall be allowed to clear at the Custom House for any port in Canada, Newfoundland, or United States, unless the master of such vessel shall have a valid certificate of competency or service, and in the case of vessels of over 200 tons register, clearing as above, the mate is also requested to have a certificate of either description. Such certificates must be produced at the Custom House when the vessel clears.

The Ladies' Committee of the Infants' Home are glad to announce that their bazaar last week cleared \$716. They desire to express very grateful thanks to the local press and to all who contributed to this satisfactory result.

On Tuesday, the Presbytery of Halifax met at Canard Church, Cornwallis, for the ordination and induction of Mr. William Dawson, B. D. The attendance was small, there being only three ministers and two elders present. The congregation was well represented, and the services, which lasted two hours and a half, were appropriate and impressive. Mr. Dawson was cordially welcomed by the people, who after a vacancy of fifteen months are glad to see their own pastor. Canard is quite an old congregation in one of the best parts of the country. Its membership though not large is intelligent.—Witness

New Brunswick.

William Wilson, Perry Trundle, A. Rollins and S. McFarland, of St. Andrews, were drowned on Monday night, while crossing St. Andrew's bay in a sail boat.

Sunday afternoon a man named Wm. McKay fell through the ice at Torryburn. After being in the water three quarters of an hour he was rescued, but died before reaching his home. He was a widower, about 55 years of age.

Dominion of Canada.

Hon. Adam Crooks, late Ontario Minister of Education, has been declared insane. His insanity was proved beyond doubt, much to the sorrow of his friends.

Sir Charles Tupper reached Ottawa on Tuesday. He visited the Department of Railways and Canals on Thursday. There were a large number of people waiting to have an interview with him. Messrs. Pipes and Fielding met the

Minister of Railways formally, but no business was done.

The shareholders of the Bank of Montreal are objecting to the close alliance between the bank and the Canada Pacific Railway. They think its stock has been adversely affected by the connection.

A despatch from Winnipeg says the railway situation continues unchanged. Trains are now running more regularly. Several engines have been tampered with by putting soap in the boilers. Some of the new men brought on have joined the strikers, and threats of shooting are said to have been made. An engineer was taken from the train at Brandon on the 17th, but was rescued by the police after rough usage. Tamperages in the yard at Winnipeg were tampered with. The company claim that they will have regular train service after Wednesday. The old engineers continue firm, but new men are offering in abundance.

The most disastrous conflagration that has yet visited Rat Portage occurred there on Sunday night, 16th. The total loss will foot up to \$100,000 or more. Everything was done by the citizens to save the buildings and property, but it was wholly impossible to do anything but get out the goods, furniture, and fixtures in the different shops, which have been terribly damaged. Probably seventy five people will be rendered homeless. It is rarely indeed that a community of six or seven hundred is visited with such a calamity. The sufferers there have nothing to fall back upon. With the fire they have lost everything. The origin of the fire is attributed to the explosion of a lamp in the Bakers' shop.

Some ingenious observer has discovered that there is a resemblance between a baby and wheat, since it is first cradled, then threshed, and finally becomes the flower of the family.

News of the World.

Queen Victoria has left Windsor Castle and has gone to her palace at Osborne, Isle of Wight.

Mr. Gladstone was escorted by policemen while attending prayers at chureh at Hawarden on the 19th.

The police declare that there is no foundation for rumors of a plot against the life of Mr. Gladstone and for the destruction of public buildings by explosives. Nothing definite has been heard in this regard from America, except the public utterances at the Fenian meeting in New York on Monday.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening in Exeter Hall, at which Lord Lorne delivered a lecture upon Canada. Sir Alexander Galt introduced Lord Lorne to the audience. In doing so he disavowed for the Catholic Irishmen of Canada any sympathy with the atrocious sentiments of the Fenians of New York. He declared that Irishmen in Canada were as happy and contented as the natives of England.

Many special police remain on guard at London Bridge to prevent the carrying out of Fenian threats.

The Post says the British regiments now in Egypt will be filled to their maximum strength making the total number of British troops in Egypt 10,000 men, and that several regiments are to be ordered to Egypt.

Patrick Moylan, who recently returned to Ireland from America and rented a vacant farm near Galway, from which the tenant had been ejected, was shot dead on Thursday by an unknown assassin.

Moylan fell when the murderer again aimed at him Moylan's wife threw herself upon the prostrate form of her husband when the assassin dragged her off, threatening to kill her. He then fired at the wounded man while he lay upon the ground killing him. No clue to the murderer.

Joseph Poole was hanged at Dublin, on Tuesday for the murder of Jon Kenny. The priest visited him. Both Poole and the priest remained in the prison chapel until nearly 8 o'clock. He made no statement about the crime for which he was executed.

There have been fearful easterly gales at Gibraltar, which did considerable damage to property in the town and to shipping in the harbor.

The River Main at Wubzburg, Germany, is rising rapidly and has already overflowed the lower town.

At Belgrade, Serbia, twenty radicals, including Mr. Paschitch, the radical leader in Skutchina, who were convicted of complicity in the revolt of September and October, having fled to Bulgaria, have been sentenced to death.

A despatch from Banjaluka, Bosnia, says: Frequent skirmishes have taken place recently between Austrian troops and marauding bands in this Province, in which the former have suffered serious loss. It is feared that one company of Austrians has been surprised and massacred.

It is reported at Cairo, that the British Government has promised the Khedive that it will at once request the Porte to send troops into the Soudan to assist in opposing El Mahdi.

The French forces have captured the principal outposts of Sontay in China, embracing five strongly fortified villages. The enemy made a stubborn resistance. The French loss was 200 men and 15 officers killed and wounded.

The Chinese still hold the fortress at Sontay.

The authorities at Peking, deny that they were implicated in the murder of the King of Annam, who was recently poisoned. It is stated that one of the King's wives committed the murder at the instigation of a mandarin.

The Fenians in New York are greatly exasperated at the execution of O'Donnell, and at public meetings have vowed vengeance to England for not heeding the President's request to delay the sentence. They also threaten vengeance on the U. S. Minister Lowell because he did not protest more strongly against O'Donnell's sentence.

Two more and the last of the overdue Gloucester fishing vessels have been given up by their owners. The schooner George H. Rierson sailed for Georges on November 8th, with a crew of twelve men, as follows: Patrick O'Neal, master, John Keough, John Keough (two of the same name), Wm. Brennan, John Connors, Abner Larrabee, Isaac El-on, Wm. Driscoll, Michael Ruddy, James Galvin, James Ryan, steward, and one unknown man.

The schooner Helen M. Dennis left port November 1st for a Western Bank trip, had fourteen men, two of whom, Wesley Brown and Maynard Wirtz, got astray from the vessel and were picked up and their lives were saved. The other twelve were named as follows: Archibald A. McDonald, master; William Kutting, steward; Duncan McDonald, Joseph McMaster, Victoria McDonald, Jeffrey Duong, James Murphy, Augustus Hiltz, Alex. Scanlan, Edward Cotter, Allan McLane and one unknown. The men were mostly from the Provinces.

The N. Y. Graphic prints the following London despatch, dated Dec. 20th: The steamer St. Augustine, from Manila for Liverpool, was burnt on Sunday last in the Bay of Biscay. The passengers and crew, numbering eighty souls took to four boats. It is believed fifty persons perished by the disaster.

Ex-New York police officer Wm. Conroy, who killed Peter Keenan with a club and pistol, and was convicted of murder in the first degree was sentenced to be hanged on the 8th of next Feb'y.

A fire broke out at Baltimore, on the 19th in three warehouses of the Baltimore Warehouse Company, on Union Dock. The entire fire department was called out. About two thousand bales of cotton reported in the buildings, much of which is badly damaged and a great deal destroyed.

A special despatch from Huntington, Baker Co. Oregon, reports a number of highway robberies at that place by a gang of seven men at the point of the pistol. They robbed a merchant named John Tigler of cash and drafts to the amount of \$15,000. The paymaster of a railroad construction company was robbed of \$12,000. Other persons were relieved of sums ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. There being no constabulary force in the county it is thought that the highwaymen will escape with their booty.

Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Annapolis—per Rev. G. E. Good... \$3 00 Mission Band, Sunday School, Annapolis—per Rev. G. E. Good... 2 25 M. R. Seldons, Treasurer. Halifax, December 24th, 1883

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