

A soldier on McNab's Island crazed by rum, blew out his own brains. Mr. Gibson, in the prime of life, after a night's dissipation fell in a gambling saloon on Argyle Street and died instantaneously. Who is accountable for these terrifying deaths? Had they broken through social and civil laws to get the maddening drink, they themselves alone would be responsible, but they did not do that. The law made by the people puts its sanction on the drink business. The public then are partly responsible for this blood that cries to heaven. Think of a young wife, after a night of sleepless watching, receiving the dead body of her husband; think of pretty little girls summoned from their classes in the Public Schools, to go home and look upon their dead father? Think on all this? Is it not due to the public that some closer investigation should be made into the cause of this man's death?

THE Boston Watchman's mortuary record of last week contained a notice of the death of five veteran ministers of the gospel—three of whom—Ballard, Wescoat and Swan—had reached the ripe age of full four score years; the other two, Ketcham and Smith, had lived upwards of three score years and ten.

WHO are clamouring for "reformed theology"? Do we hear such demand from Spurgeon, McLaren, Hall, Cuyler, Armitage and front rank ministers of the gospel? Are the leading missionaries dissatisfied with the old doctrines? If then the men who do apostolic work and have apostolic success, do not demand a change, the church can afford to give speculators a monopoly of this clamouring for some new thing.

MORE important than any other subject is a universal prayerful effort to have a revival of religion in our Institutions of learning, and in all our churches. While pursuing mere theories the entire Christian community may be sinking into a cold, a lifeless state. An agonized prayer should ascend from every church, from every family altar, from every secret closet for a revival of pure and undefiled religion. The churches and pastors ought not to be distracted with extraneous subjects. Nothing so important as the consecration of God's people and the salvation of the lost.

THE veteran minister and poet, Dr. S. F. Smith, has lectured for the students at McMaster Hall. It must have been a treat for the Baptists of Toronto to hear the author of "The morning light is breaking," tell his experiences in travel over the eastern mission field, a field in working which he has always taken so deep an interest. To it he has consecrated his genius; and to it he has given a son who has been a most successful missionary.

TALMAGE gave his views to a packed audience in Brooklyn on *Evolution*. The Christian public is not a little indebted to Dr. Talmage for his thundering denunciations of Ingersoll-infidelity and the ape-theory of Evolution. In the work of sacred invective Talmage is a master, and woe to the small divinities against whom this Jupiter hurls his thunderbolts. His curses have the old prophetic ring spiced with satire of the Elijah-type.

CHARLES E. BUTLER of Stockbridge, Mass., has been bereaved of his excellent wife. He has raised a monument to her memory. It is a house for the worship of God in a place where it was much needed. Here is a good example. Such monuments will commemorate in the best way the memory of the honoured dead.

SENATOR McMASTER was seriously ill at the time of the Convention in Ontario. He is now reported much improved in health.

THERE has been great rejoicing in the Southern States over the election of Cleveland—such joy has not been known in that part of the United States since the war.

THE Granville Street Baptist congregation had an After-Tea-Social on Monday evening last, in Spring Garden Hall. Rev. D. Price offered prayer at the commencement. The programme comprised an address by Dr. Read, on the Church as a family, two or three anthems by the choir, and an address by the acting pastor, W. H. Cline—"A day dream." It was a genuine social and fully enjoyed as such.

A quiet work of grace is in progress in Woodstock College, Ontario.

BEYOND THE SEA.

The latest intelligence is that the Mahdi contines to summon General Gordon to surrender Khartoum and that the General replies by firing among the enemy. A compromise between the leaders of the two parties in English politics has been effected. A bill for the redistribution of seats in Parliament, agreed upon by the Cabinet and Lord Salisbury, is about to be submitted to the House of Commons. This averts a huge quarrel over a very small matter. The dispute was simply this: The Government said to the Lords, pass our Franchise Bill, and we will give you a Redistribution Bill; the Opposition said, introduce the Bills together and we will permit both to pass. Now the matter seems settled.

The Conference sitting in Berlin to settle the matter of right in the Congo Valley has concluded that freedom of trade to all nations shall be accorded. This is far better than occupation by any European power.

Spain is said to be in a very bad condition. State bankruptcy and political factions are the evils which threaten the kingdom.

Mr. Gladstone has introduced the Re-distribution Bill into the House of Commons. The Secretary of the Treasury, E. B. Courtenay, has resigned, because the Bill does not recognize the principle of minority representation. He and other advanced Liberals have gone into an opposition.

News from the Churches.

REV. D. A. STEELE preached in the Baptist Church, Wolfville, on Sunday evening last.

MIDDLETON.—Dear Editor,—Since my last communication to the Messenger, 13 have been baptized at Mount Hanley and 10 at Brooklyn, making 34 added to the Pine Grove Baptist Church since the gracious work began.

Yours fraternally,  
E. H. S.  
Nov. 24th, 1884.

BEAR RIVER, DIGBY CO.—Dear Brother,—God is giving us as a church some tokens of His continued mercy. In the early part of September last, Capt. E. B. Goudey came home for a few days while his ship was loading in New York for Bombay. When the Captain left us, about 18 months before, we were enjoying a precious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. At that time he was impressed to confess Christ before the world. But as he was called rather unexpectedly to join his ship the duty was omitted. But on his return his convictions of duty were strengthened, and on the 14th of September, in company with his beloved wife was buried with Christ in baptism and united with this church. Our dear Brother gives evidence of a strong, healthy Christianity which can live and grow when its possessor is of necessity deprived of the privileges of God's house and the society of Christians. Our brother and sister left us that week to return we know not when, but their bold avowal of their faith greatly encourage us.

For a few weeks past we have been holding meetings in border section of this and the Clements Church. Much good is being done. Last Sabbath 3 from that section came down here and showed their attachment to Christ by following him in baptism. Some of these were fruits of seed sown three years ago by our esteemed brother Rev. J. M. Parker.

The morning Bro. Goudey left for New York he gave directions that after he had gone, a parcel which was at his

house should be sent to me. Accordingly in due time I received a splendid fur coat and cap. With it there was an envelope from sister G. to Mrs. Hall, containing \$10.00. Words could not express our thankfulness, and we had not the opportunity of making the attempt. But we thank God for the many kind friends we have found here.

Yours, &c.,  
Wm. E. HALL.  
November 21st, 1884.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—Rev. J. F. Kempton spent Sunday last with this church, and in the afternoon baptized two believers in the Lord Jesus. He preached to the Indian Harbor church in the evening.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

APPOINTMENTS.—Lunenburg Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Edwd. Moser, Upper Kingsbury.

Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Caleb F. Hubley, Black Point, St. Margaret's Bay.

Colchester Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Daniel Hyslop, Onslow.

Annapolis Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Charles H. Payson, Round Hill.

Guyborough Co.—To be a Commissioner for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors &c.—Charles W. Lundy, Esq., of Tor Bay.

Pictou Co.—To be Commissioners for taking affidavits &c.—John R. Bell, Salt Springs; Roderick McCulloch, West Branch, River John; Roderick McDougall, Blue Mountain; John Fraser, Hopewell; James Mitchell, Merigonish; Charles J. McKinnon, Vale Colliery; Peter J. Grant, Springville; Robert MacNeil, Little Harbor; John H. Sinclair, New Glasgow; and John D. McLeod, Pictou.

The Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor are expecting shortly to resume their benevolent work. The 18th annual meeting was held on Friday last. The Report showed that last winter the Society received in subscriptions \$1,285.50, and from the city for broken stone, \$1,833.72, whilst there was paid for labor \$1,846.29. The whole expenditure of last year was \$4,242.88. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—John Doull.  
Vice President—W. H. Neal.  
Treasurer—W. L. Lowell.  
Secretary—David Blackwood.  
Auditors—S. M. Brookfield and James Farquhar.

Superisors—S. M. Brookfield, John H. Symons, H. P. Burton, James Forrest, James Farquharson and Mr. Dunbar, with power to add to their numbers.

The Alumni of Kings College held a meeting on Thursday last, to consider the condition of the College. After a long and unsatisfactory discussion, Rev. Dr. Bowman moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver:

"That in consideration of the present state of affairs in King's College the governors be requested to notify the faculty of King's College that their services will not be required after June 30th, 1885." And was adopted.

Two of the professors of King's have resigned—Prof. Wilson, on condition that the others do; and Prof. Kennedy unconditionally.

WELL-DERIVED—G. V. Rand Esq., who has long and efficiently served the Wolfville Baptist Church as chorister, was the recipient on Thursday evening last of a beautiful plain covered album containing the photos of all the members of the present choir, as well as of some others who were previously members. The album is inscribed as follows: "Presented by the choir of the Baptist Church, Wolfville, Nov. 27, 1884." The choir of the Wolfville church has a well-earned reputation, and it is pleasant to learn that the present members are appreciative of the efforts made to render them truly efficient as the organized leaders of the congregation in the service of song.

The Moncton sugar refinery closed last week. It is not known how long the suspension will continue. In the mean time some repairs are to be attended to and a general cleaning up made.

Lockeport has decided to procure a steamfire engine. A beautiful schooner of 97 tons has been built, and was launched at Lockeport last week, for fresh halibut catching. Success to Enterprise.

As the W. & A. train was leaving Hantsport one day last week, three large stones were thrown through the windows of the cars—one through the postal, another into the baggage, and the third into the smoking car. The stones were larger than a man's fist, and were thrown with great force. Fortunately, no one was hit.

Rev. Thomas Cumming, late of Montreal, was inducted as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Truro, on Tuesday of last week. Rev. J. G. Dastan preached an excellent sermon, at the close of which Mr. Cumming was formally inducted by the Presbytery. Rev. J. D. McGillivray, of Clifton, conducted the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Chase, of Onslow, Clerk of the Presbytery.

A gentleman afflicted with the chronic rheumatism says: "No description of my case can convey the vast amount of benefit I have received from the use of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. I believe it is the best article in the world for rheumatism."

We learn from one of the morning papers that "the Baptist congregation's goose supper last week was a decided success. It realized \$250."

The Local Government offer \$500 reward for information which may lead to the discovery of Benj. Trefry, Yarmouth, supposed to have been murdered.

Dominion of Canada.

Sir John Macdonald sailed for New York by the steamer Oregon, Nov. 29th.

The Governor General has decided to exercise the clemency of the crown in the case of Francis Bowie, convicted some months ago at Antigonish of being accessory to the murder of Ronald McDonald, who was shot and killed by Bowie's son. Bowie will be commuted to life imprisonment.

The short line railway people, who have recently been asking for a further extension of time of forty days in which to complete their arrangements for going on with their work. The Government refused to meet their request. The short line railway may therefore be considered a dead letter so far as work being carried out by the New York syndicate goes.

In reply to an application made to Sir John Macdonald for the passage of a bankruptcy law, he said that it was difficult to prevent fraudulent preferences, and promised the deputation that he would submit the question to the Canadian parliament.

The Executive Council have passed an order authorizing the Finance Minister to enter into a contract with the Halifax Steamship Company for fortnightly trips during the summer months between Havre, France, and the St. Lawrence, either at Montreal or Quebec and between Havre and Halifax. During the winter the trips are to be monthly between Havre and Halifax. The time they will commence to run will be April next. The company are now having built two substantial steamers on the Clyde.

A mill for manufacturing bogus half dollars has been discovered in Hull, opposite Ottawa city, and the coiners arrested.

A private letter from England says that Sir Charles Tupper has been compelled to leave for the south of Europe on account of failing health. The English climate does not agree with him.

The British Columbia government has been formally notified that Coal Harbor, Burrard Inlet, has been decided upon as the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway.

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Nov. 27, Tryon, P. E. I., Miss Mary Howat..... 8 00  
Nov. 29, Yarmouth, Tempie Church, Mrs. A. S. Murray..... 13 00  
SADIE J. MANNING,  
Trea. W. B. M. U.

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