

Visitor we are persuaded will not be satisfactory to the readers of the Messenger. A neutral position will be even more objectionable. We ought to be in a position before handing over the Messenger, to tell our readers what ground the new editor will take; but we regret to say that we are not able to do so. We put the question plainly to the Rev. Mr. Goodspeed before completing the sale; but he replied that, in the purchase of the Visitor, he had given no pledge, and he did not therefore feel called upon to do so in the purchase of the Messenger. The readers of the Messenger generally will regret this. As Mr. Goodspeed did not put us in a position to tell the subscribers of the Messenger in the number announcing the sale, that he would stand by the denominational policy of church order, we will venture for our readers to state, that if the first number of the new paper does not take the clear and decided ground always maintained by the Messenger and emphasized of late, there will be awakened feelings of distrust which it will be almost impossible to allay. Indeed we may here say, that the good will of the late proprietors of the Messenger, will be seriously injured if the new paper does not at once tell the public that the principles always held by the Messenger are to be maintained. We have no reason to doubt the soundness of the views of the Rev. Mr. Goodspeed nor those of the editor of the Christian Visitor; but the question is whether or not the new paper will adopt the expediency of the Visitor; or stand squarely by the policy of the denomination as advocated by the Messenger. All will look forward with much interest for the policy of the new paper.

A terrible disaster is reported from Brooklyn, N. Y. in the burning of the St. John Orphan Home, a Roman Catholic Institution on Friday last. It contained seven or eight hundred children and teachers. Of these it is supposed that thirty or forty were burned. There had been twenty-two bodies of children and two of adults taken from the ruins on Sunday.

The cold wave came upon us suddenly last week taking the thermometer on Thursday night and Friday morning down to 12 below zero and on Saturday night to 14 below. It was however some consolation to learn by telegraph, that other places were visited by cold as great or greater. The figures were: Montreal 22 below, Mount Washington 42 below, Middlesex Vermont 20 below, and other places in New England States nearly as low, with a north-west hurricane.

Sunday night brought a great and sudden change, snow and rain fell in torrents carrying away the larger portion of the snow again.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**—Send to Rev. E. M. Saunders at Halifax, all sums due the Christian Messenger to November 1st, 1884. All that is or may be paid beyond that time belongs to the Rev. Mr. Goodspeed; and it sent to E. M. Saunders, or, if already in his hands, it will be forwarded to Mr. Goodspeed at St. John. If in forwarding money it is found difficult to divide the amounts, send the whole to E. M. Saunders and he will forward the part due the new paper to Mr. Goodspeed. As the Christian Messenger will be removed to St. John at the beginning of the year, it is especially desirable that all amounts due the Messenger should be forwarded without delay. Reckon the indebtedness to the Christian Messenger only till November 1st, 1884. From that date the subscriptions go to the Rev. C. Goodspeed, St. John.

The Christian Visitor does not accept our interpretation of its suggested platform for union. Let us might fail to do justice in this regard, we reprinted the whole of the Visitor's article, so that each reader might test our view by the original.

The Episcopalians at one time thought it expedient to admit sprinkling instead of immersion for baptism; now it is about all sprinkling with them. This substitute has about driven the original mode of baptism from the great Wesleyan body.

The highly stimulating letters from the pen of Mr. E. M. Chesley which have appeared in the Christian Messenger have been read with great interest. The writer has treated his subjects as a Christian philosopher; and has assumed that his readers were philosophers, familiar with the language of philosophic controversy; but thousands who read our paper never stop to speculate in the least. Long ago they received the Bible as God's revealed will and Christ Jesus as God's equal and only begotten Son.

At some points in the discussion of his several themes we have scarcely known what ground the writer occupied; and we are in doubt whether he himself was any wiser. It now remains for our talented and learned correspondent to throw away the vapoury part of his thinking and his magniloquent phraseology, and then he will be at one with sound and sober Christians of talent and learning the world over. Mr. Chesley we are glad to know has been drawing nearer and nearer to this state; and we trust he will not stop till he reaches it, and may he live long and labour hard for his divine Lord and Master.

EACH church may do as it pleases. That is inherent in the independency of the church. But when they adopt a platform, and unite in associations with a number of other churches of the same faith and order, then they are bound to stand by that compact or withdraw from the Association or Convention.

**News of the World.**

The explosion at London Bridge remains a mystery. A despatch on Thursday says two recently driven nails have been discovered in battens of the London bridge. To these nails an explosive had evidently been attached. The three strangers who hired a boat at Queenhithe on Saturday went to a tavern in the vicinity before embarking and took refreshments. While they were eating one of them said: "What shall we take with us? We have a cold job on hand." Whisky was suggested, but they finally decided that they would take no liquor. One of them held a black bag with great care.

The municipal authorities of London have offered £5,000 reward for the discovery of the authors of the explosion. A despatch from Korti in Egypt says a messenger who has arrived there from Khartoum, which place he left eleven days ago, reports that General Gordon was well and that the latter recently severely defeated the rebels, killing a large number and blowing up the forts at Omderman.

The French journalist, Olivier Pain, gives an account of an interview he has had with El Mahdi. The latter received him kindly and greeted him in a Christian fashion. Pain told the Mahdi that he had become a Moslem in conviction, and explained that the object of his visit was to prove to the Frenchmen that the Mahdi was a barbarian, a man of blood, killing all who refused to serve him, whether they be believers or heretics. El Mahdi replied: "Good! Remain with me and you shall see with your own eyes." Pain accompanies the Mahdi to Khartoum and is being well treated.

At a meeting of Anarchists, in Paris on Sunday the 14th, references to the explosion at London bridge were received with applause. The bitterest animosity toward Walleck Rousseau, minister of the interior, was displayed. A piece of paper bearing his name was put in a convenient place and every man spat upon it as he left the assembly. In the Paris Chamber of Deputies, on Wednesday last, Vice-Admiral Peyron, minister of marine and of the colonies, stated that five points on the coast of Madagascar were occupied by the French, but that a complete blockade of the island was impossible.

The coast line of West Africa, over which Spain has assumed sovereignty, extends 300 miles from Cape Blanc to Bojador, of which 200 miles are fishing banks of great value.

Some students of the Berlin university started an academic Liberal club. They refused to submit to the rules of the professors and the rector ordered them to disband. The students refused. A conflict is imminent.

At Leipzig, in the anarchist trial on the 18th, Reinsdorf confessed that he was connected with a plot to assassinate the emperor. He gave the necessary instructions as to the placing of dynamite adding that if he had not been ill he himself would probably have committed assassination at Niederwald.

Bismark was refused a second directorship in the ministry for Foreign affairs by a vote of 140 against 119.

At Turin Italy on Sunday 14th, the municipal authorities refused to receive a deputation of unemployed workmen. This refusal exasperated the men and something like a riot ensued. The windows of the mayor's apartments were smashed and twenty-five arrests

were made before the disorder was quelled.

The Times' Hong Kong despatch says: It is reported from Nagasaki that the Koreans have rebelled, the king has fled to the hills and that his general was killed. The outbreak occurred during an entertainment given by the king to the British minister and others. On a given signal the king's son and six ministers were massacred. The queen also disappeared. A collision occurred between the Chinese troops and the Japanese. The king placed himself under the protection of the Japanese. The foreign residents of Korea are safe. The motives of the rebellion are unknown.

The New Orleans Exhibition opened on Tuesday of last week. President Arthur was at the telegraph station at the White House at Washington and when the signal was given that all was in readiness at half past two President Richardson opened the Exhibition by a brief address which was received by telegraph in a few moments in Washington and President Arthur replied at the close. President Richardson touched the button and started the machinery of the Exhibition.

The despatch from New Orleans says the day set for the opening of the exposition opened bright and clear. There are immense crowds in the city, including many foreigners and distinguished guests from all portions of the United States. Rev. Dr. Talmage offered prayer and was followed by Director-General Burke, who gave an interesting history of the project of the world's exposition. Among the representatives of foreign governments on the platform were the consuls of France, Mexico, Great Britain, Germany, Austro-Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Russia, Denmark, Switzerland, Venezuela, Columbia, Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica. It is reported that the Grand Trunk railway will extend their main line from Portland to Boston.

At Detroit a reduction of wages and cutting down of the force has been the order among manufacturing industries for some weeks past. Upward of thirty-five manufacturing establishments are reported, and of these only three are prospering. Fully 8,500 laborers and mechanics are out of employment. Adding the small industries, there are from 15,000 to 20,000 persons in Detroit unemployed.

At Pittsburg, Pa., last week a notice was posted in Edgar Thomson's steel works at Braddock's ordering the suspension of work in all departments for an indefinite period. Sixteen hundred employees will be directly affected by the suspension, but indirectly between 3,000 and 4,000 persons will suffer. The monthly pay roll of the firm amounted to \$150,000.

**Home News**

Nova Scotia.

During the past week the work of levelling the ruins of the old Poor House has been carried on by the Royal Engineers with nitro-glycerine.

On Wednesday last another bar of gold weighing 188 ounces from sixty-three tons of quartz, was brought to town the result of three weeks work, at the Galliar Gold Mining and Milling company's mines.

Two men named William Briggs and Frederick Turner were drowned while attempting to cross the St. John River, twenty miles from Fredericton, in the evening their canoe was upset by floating ice.

Woodstock, N. B., had a large and disastrous fire on Monday of last week. Several buildings destroyed amount to a loss of thirty or forty thousand dollars.

The St. John Sun of last week contained the following: It would appear that Cape Breton is to have a railway at last. A company has been formed with H. N. Paint, M. P., as president, and (Mr. P. says) preliminary arrangements have been entered into with New York parties for the beginning of operations at once.

Mrs. F. Silver, of Hantsport, writes "My daughter had a severe cold and injured the spine so she could not walk, and suffered very much. I called in our family physician, he pronounced it inflammation of the spine and recommended Minard's Liniment to be used freely, 3 bottles cured her. I have used your Minard's Liniment for a broken breast it reduced the inflammation and cured me in 10 days." I would recommend it to all ladies who are suffering from same severe trouble."

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**Dominion of Canada.**  
Parliament will meet for the despatch of business on the 29th of January.

Opposite Quebec the other day the St. Lawrence was so full of fish as to stop a canoe.

The Governor-General received a cablegram last week stating that another Canadian voyageur, named George Fletcher, had been drowned in the Nile. This makes the sixth death among the Canadian contingent.

On Thursday the Scott Act was carried in Leeds and Grenville by about five hundred majority.

A brakeman named Turgeon fell off the top of a freight car on the Intercolonial near Little Metis and was killed on Wednesday last.

Sir John Macdonald was to have met the Toronto board of trade on Wednesday to confer about insufficient laws, but indisposition prevented him.

The outbreak of small-pox in East Hastings has been conquered by vigorous measures taken by the sanitary authorities. There are now only eleven patients under treatment. The total number of cases was one hundred and twenty-eight, of which twenty-eight proved fatal.

Rev. Dr. Rice, senior general superintendent of the Methodist church in Canada, died on Monday of last week.

Rev. Dr. Rice was seventy years of age and was married to a daughter of the late David Starr, of Halifax. He was born at Woodstock, N. B., and entered the ministry in 1837.

An order-in-council provides for the representation of Canada at the International Exhibition at Antwerp, commencing in May, 1885, and also at the Colonial and Indian exhibition in London in 1886. The government will defray the cost of freight in conveying Canadian exhibits to Antwerp, and from Antwerp to London and also of returning them to Canada in the event of their not being sold. All exhibits for Antwerp should be ready for shipment not later than the first week in March next. Sir Charles Tupper is to be chief commissioner for Canada at both exhibitions.

The Salvation Army opened their campaign in Montreal on Sunday 14th. The proceedings were very disorderly, the Salvationists being pelted with snow-balls and chunks of ice. The police arrested the revivalists and lodged them in the police station and several prominent citizens bailed them out. The seats were broken and considerable damage done to the hall. The army returned to their quarters escorted by a mob of roughs, shouting, hooting and throwing snow and ice over Captain Maddin and his followers.

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