

powerful revival in Aylesford. Mr. Ansley preached that day from Rom. xii. 1—"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice &c. The use he made of the text was, to urge the importance of preparation for the judgment. He brought the congregation before the judgment seat, and described the condemnation of the wicked and the acquittal of the righteous. The whole house was moved. Saints were filled with joy, and sinners begged for mercy. Thus, through his instrumentality, the work began, which was afterwards carried on so extensively."

In the spring of 1829 Mr. Ansley undertook a missionary tour, which was greatly blessed. He baptized thirty-one persons at Brookfield, and eight at Liverpool. The church at the latter place was re-organised on the occasion. Mr. Ansley "restored other waste places of Zion to gospel privileges, order and discipline." This was his last effort of the kind in Nova Scotia.

I am reluctantly compelled to postpone the conclusion of this memoir. It will be finished in my next letter.

Yours truly,
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Feb. 15, 1862.

Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, FEBRUARY 26, 1862.

Prayer for Colleges.

To-morrow will be observed in many places as a day of Special Prayer on behalf of Colleges and places of public instruction. The remarkable instances of answers given to prayer on these occasions, have for several years past been most striking and encouraging.

Whilst an educated ministry is more and more highly appreciated, the possession of piety of a high order, is no less essential to secure the great objects of the Christian Church. Those who view this subject in its true light, and its bearings on the future of the church and the world, will not fail to accept the invitation and come together to call upon God, that he would pour out his blessing on those who teach and those who are taught, so that their influence, whether as ministers or in other important positions, may be exerted in favor of Christ and his truth.

HALIFAX CITY MISSION.—The Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., in the Presbyterian Church, Poplar Grove. His Worship the Mayor in the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing, and Dr. Smith offering prayer.

After a few appropriate introductory remarks from the chairman, Mr. Morton the Missionary, was called upon for a brief account of his labors in the city. He referred to some of the difficulties he experienced in his work, and related some instances in which he had been successful in his labors. He thought the parts of the city he was accustomed to visit in many respects worse than formerly, the large influx of sailors and soldiers had an injurious influence on the more debased parts of the city, more drunkenness and dissipation prevailed.

The first resolution expressing gratitude to God and obligations to prosecute the work, was moved by the Rev. Mr. Addy, and seconded by Mr. Murray.

The second resolution referring to the prevalence of vice, immorality, and the neglect of parental instruction and government, and the necessity for prayer, that the spirit of the Lord may raise up a standard against the overflows of ungodliness, was moved by the Rev. Mr. Crawford, and seconded by Mr. Selden.

The third resolution, calling upon Christian people and Churches, to more concentrated and devoted efforts to seek out and save the lost, was moved by the Rev. Mr. Munro, and seconded by Mr. Jas. Thomson. A vote of thanks was passed to the managers of the Church, and a collection was taken up. The unfavorable weather on the night of meeting, doubtless prevented many from being present, so that the attendance was not so large as otherwise it would have been.

Census of Nova Scotia.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

The following are the numbers, returned in the Census of the Province, of places of worship belonging to the different religious denominations. We have no information of the capacity of these edifices, of course some are small whilst others are very large.

We have taken the number of persons be-

longing to the different bodies given in the Returns, and have calculated therefrom the average number of persons there are to one meeting house. The following table will show the result.

The general average of the province shews that there is one meeting house to every 404 people.

Denominations.	Places of worship.	Average people to one meeting-house.
Baptist.....	182	304
Presbyterian (Lower Prov.)..	143	485
Church of England.....	139	343
Methodist.....	136	250
Roman Catholic.....	121	713
Free-will and other Baptists.	34	196
Church of Scotland.....	25	762
Universalist.....	2	423
Union (used by two or more denominations).....	25	
Total.....	818	404

From this it would appear that the "Free-will and other Baptists," and the "Methodist" bodies are the most plentifully supplied with meeting-houses according to the number of people, and the Church of Scotland and Roman Catholics the least numerously provided.

P. E. Island.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY MEETING IN CHARLOTTETOWN.—We copy the following from the *Protestant*:—

BAPTIST MISSION TO BURHAM.—The meeting held in this city last Monday evening on behalf of this Mission was a decided success. The attendance was good; and the friendly feeling manifested by the speakers belonging to different denominations, as well as the interesting information afforded, rendered the occasion one of the most pleasant of the kind that we ever attended. Charles Palmer, Esq., who occupied the chair, opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks; and was followed by Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Baptist Church in this city, who more fully explained the objects of the meeting. Several resolutions were then proposed and spoken to, in order, by Rev. G. Sutherland, Rev. A. Falconer, Com. Hancock, D. Laird, Rev. H. Daniel, Hon. J. Hensley, and Rev. J. Davis. The speeches of the Rev. gentlemen were all good; but we were the most interested by the remarks of Com. Hancock, who gave quite a number of cheering facts in regard to the Mission. We regret that we are unable to furnish any of them for the information of our readers.

The collection taken up on the occasion amounted to upwards of £14 10s. Mr. Davis stated that the children in connection with his congregation had also collected £7 by means of cards. These facts must be encouraging to the friends of the Mission. We understand that donations will be thankfully received by Mr. Davis, for a few days, until such time as the money already raised shall be forwarded.

Why could not such meetings as the above be held in many places in this province and New Brunswick, as well as in P. E. Island?

THE BOSTON MISSIONARY UNION.—We copy the following from the *Christian Era* of the 14th inst:—

MISSIONARY TREASURY.—We are glad to learn that the receipts of the Missionary Union, for the first ten months of the current financial year, are quite equal to those of the corresponding months of the year preceding. We also learn that forty thousand dollars will be needed the last two months, February and March, to meet the appropriations, without providing for the debt of \$11,000 standing against the treasury at the beginning of the year. In ordinary times it would not be difficult to raise the whole sum, required to meet appropriations and pay the debt, in the two months; and as the times are, we shall raise the \$40,000 if the pastors will only see that measures are at once taken to gather up the *titles of the many*. Shall it not be done? Now that our Missionary Union is to become a body made up of the annual delegates of the churches, it is pre-eminently the duty of the churches to open their hearts to its necessities.

News Summary.

The Steamer *Niagara* arrived on Saturday evening with the first February Mails. She had a long passage, and her news had been forestalled by a previous arrival in the United States. There is nothing, however, of any moment to be noted. Parliament met on the 4th inst., and was opened by Royal Commission. The Queen with the Royal family still remains at Osborne in strict seclusion, with the exception of brief visits from her uncle, the King of the Belgians, and some of her principal Officers of State, on matters of indispensable business. No measures of general importance are as yet spoken of, as likely to come before Parliament. The affairs of Europe are at present quiet and peaceful. The French Chambers are in session, and are busily occupied with their financial difficulties, which are much augmented by the interruption of the American Trade by the Civil war. In this respect England feels the pressure less than France, from obtaining cotton supplies

from her Indian and other Colonial possessions.

The news from China and the East is satisfactory. The Chinese Government appear as yet to be honorably fulfilling their treaty engagements with France and England, by punctually remitting the amount stipulated as an indemnity for the late war. The Civil war is still raging with various success in the heart of the Empire.

The Earl of Elgin is immediately to proceed to India as Vice Roy or Governor General, in the place of Lord Canning, whose term of service is completed. He will have to carry out an entire new line of policy in the administration of Indian affairs, in consequence of the great changes that have been introduced in the whole system of internal government.

It would appear from the latest accounts received from the United States that the Federal Armies are obtaining very considerable success in the conduct of the war. The Confederates have been severely beaten in several engagements in Kentucky and Missouri, with great loss of men killed and taken prisoners, and of munitions of war. This was to be expected with the very superior numerical force of the North, and as they became more advanced in discipline and order.

Notices, &c.

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The next Baptist Ministerial Conference in Kings Co., will be held in the Baptist Meeting House, at Percival, (5th Cornwallis) to commence on Tuesday the 11th of March, at 3 o'clock, P.M. Brother Freeman will please make the public appointments. It is very desirable that all the members of the conference be present. Others are cordially invited.

E. O. READ, Secretary.
Gaspereaux, Feb. 19th, 1862.

Letters Received.

Handley Starratt, 14th, 20s.—pays C. M. to Miss S., to Nov. 20th, 1862. G. H. D. Foshner, 14th, F. Parker, Esq., 15th. Rev. I. J. Skinner, 12th, 7s. 6d.—sent. Rev. J. F. Kenne, 12th. J. L. Tremaine, Esq., 15th.—sent. Asaph Whitman, 15th, 21s. 3d., and 1s. 3d. before. Andrew Durning, 13th. W. Churchill, Esq., 16th, 20s. A. M. Gidney, 8th. B. B. Moses, 15th, 26s. 3d.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
Halifax, Feb. 12th, 1862.

APPOINTMENTS.

Annapolis Co.—The Rev. Henry Despard DeBlois to be one of the Commissioners of Schools for the Western District, in place of Rev. Wm. Godfrey, resigned.

Guysborough Co.—Edward J. Cunningham to be a Notary and Tabellion Public.

Lunenburg Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Reuben Gardner, John Tretheway, James Lantz and George Taylor. Rev. John Morton to be one of the Commissioners of Schools for the Western District, in place of the Rev. Howard D. Steele, removed from the County.

THE VOLUNTEER BAND LECTURES have continued for several weeks past in Temperance Hall, on Wednesday evenings. The Lecture last week by George E. Kenny, Esq., on "The Constitutionality of Secession," was a very eloquent and able discourse, and was received with much satisfaction by the large audience present. The Hon. J. W. Johnston moved and His Worship the Mayor seconded a vote of thanks to the lecturer. The former gentleman took the opportunity of recommending young men to a diligent cultivation of their powers to enable them, with credit, to take the places of those who were more advanced in years.

It was announced that Lieut. Anderson, of the Scottish Volunteers, would deliver the next lecture in behalf of the Band Fund,—subject, "Sir William Wallace."

THE SNOW STORM of Thursday last, was heavier than any before this winter. Snow fell probably to the depth of 18 inches. Although it impeded travelling for two or three days, and detained the mails in some places, yet the roads will now probably be good for sleighing for some time to come.

We understand that the Canada and New Brunswick mails for England did not reach the city in time for the Steamer.

WINDSOR.—The determination of the Windsor people to resist the payment of the tax for the Railway Station &c., has called forth considerable talk in the papers and the Assembly.

P. M. Cunningham Esq., in a letter to the *M. Chronicle* contends that there has been no violation of the law on the part of those who have had their property seized. The people of Windsor believe that they have been treated very unjustly, by being required to pay for property to which they have no claim or from which they derive no more benefit than others.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH AGAIN.—Another effort is to be made for the completion of this important work. A memorial to the Imperial Government has been placed in the Reading Room for the signatures of those favorable to the prosecution of this great work.

A NOVA SCOTIAN ABROAD.—The operator in charge of the telegraph office at Salt Lake—is a Mr. W. Muncy, a native of Halifax.

THE TEMPERANCE MEETINGS FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY.—These meetings are held on Tuesday evenings. We are informed by the *Abstainer* that at the Temperance meeting held on Tuesday evening last, a letter was read from one of the men on board the *Nile*, which gave us gratifying intelligence that all on board who took the Pledge in this City have remained faithful to a man—notwithstanding fears entertained of some of them falling through at Christmas and New Year's. It is also pleasing to know that more have been added to their number since the vessel left Halifax.

Andrew McKinlay, Esq., will deliver the next lecture at the Mechanics' Institute, Dartmouth, on Monday evening next: *The Influence of Poetry on the Formation of National Character.* Chair taken at 8 o'clock.

The Annual Report of the Postal Department of this Province shews that there is a decrease in the revenue for the past year of \$1275. The number of newspapers passed through the Post Office during the past year was 3,358,824, being an increase over the previous year of 278,204. The number of letters, 705,696; increase, 107,704. Number of registered letters, 5,604. Number of Post Offices in the Province, 63; Way Offices, 380,—38 of which were added during the past year. The total revenue derived from the Post Office was \$40,350.

A large factory is about being established in or near Amherst, for the manufacture of chairs, &c.

A Miss Dresser has been lecturing in Dartmouth on Salt Lake City and the Mormons, where she had for some time been living.

YARMOUTH SHIPPING.—The *Herald* recently contained a list of the shipping owned there, it embraced 9 ships, ranging from 1450 to 622 tons; 47 barques, of from 1092 to 280 tons; 25 brigs, from 350 to 174 tons; 22 brigantines, from 314 to 80 tons; and 58 schooners, from 121 to 25 tons; making an aggregate of 45,198 tons.—Vessels registering 1987 tons were lost last year—961 tons sold, and one schooner of 45 tons condemned. There are on the stocks not less than 20 vessels, amounting to 12,000 tons.

GOLD.—A gentleman of this city had in his possession yesterday, a nugget of gold weighing eight ounces. Where it was procured is known only to three or four persons, but we believe it is safe to say that the newly discovered diggings are within twenty miles of the city.—*Chronicle.*

The *Express* suggests the probability of this being a nugget brought from Australia.

The *Yarmouth Herald* says: "Wm. Condon, Esq., of Halifax, has shown us some fine specimens of gold-bearing quartz personally collected by him in the Counties of Digby and Yarmouth, and which contrast favorably with samples which we have seen from Tangier and Lunenburg."

Prince Edward Island.

It is stated by the *Islander*, a Government paper, that the public expenditure for 1861, has exceeded the revenue by some six or £7,000; and it is contended, that such must continue to be the case, while from £15,000 to £18,000 per annum are required to meet the expenses of public education.

The revenue of the Island, for several years past, has been about £42,000 per annum.—The salaries of public officers as established by law, are upwards of £17,000. The mail service costs annually about £3,500. The further sum of £3,500 is required every year to meet the interest on Treasury warrants and debentures; and the expenses of the Legislature amount to £2,500 per annum.

The *N. B. Colonial Empire* remarks "the idea of the little Colony of P. E. Island having a separate Government and Legislature, with all the machinery for managing a Province fifty times as large, a hundred times as large, is simply absurd, and casts ridicule upon all these Colonies. In thinking of it, one is struck with the remark of the correspondent of the *London Times* who was here at the time of the visit of the Prince of Wales, that so much machinery for the government of a little Island, was very like placing the steam-engine of a Cunarder in a birch canoe!"

The award of the Land Commissioners has not yet been furnished to the local Government, nor has the Duke of Newcastle expressed any opinion upon it. It has been referred to the Law Officers of the Crown in England, and awaits their decision.

New Brunswick.

THE NEW-BRUNSWICK RAILWAY.—The estimated receipts of this Railway during the past year were \$163,500, and the actual receipts \$130,678. The estimated expenditures were \$98,000, and the actual expenditure \$94,245.

In the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, on the 17th inst., Mr. Anglin moved an amendment to the address in answer to the Governor's Speech, for the purpose of testing the opinions of members of the new house. The amendment was supported by 8 against 26. On the original motion being put, 22 voted for it; 13 against it.

The ice now being cut near the city for domestic consumption is over two feet in thickness, clear as crystal.—*St. John News.*

How is it that Nova Scotia can get her new coin—cents and silver pieces—and not New Brunswick? Can any one answer this question. It is now nearly two years since the decimal system has been in force here, and yet we have not got our "legal tender" yet.—*Ibid.*

The Sackville *Borderer* says Moose and Caribou are very plentiful in the woods this season.