

MRS. CATHERINE CLARKE.

Beloved wife of Mr. Joseph Clarke, died on the 5th inst., aged 70 years. Sister Clarke, for nearly a half century, had been a joyous Pilgrim, "desiring a better country," and travelling thither. "Her path was truly that of the just, shining more and more to the perfect day." Forty-nine years ago, she was baptized by Father Joseph Dimock, in Antigonish, and like many a one before her paid the penalty for her obedience to Christ's commands, by being turned penniless and destitute from his door who should have protected her, and rejoiced in her faithfulness to Christ. But none of these things moved her. She was willing to "suffer with Jesus, that they might be glorified together." Her faith never wavered. In her conversion, she was lifted so high on the Rock that the waves of doubt could never reach her. She with her husband united with the North Church shortly after the writer became Pastor. We can bear witness to her fidelity. The house of God was her home, and often would she be there when so feeble, that her husband would have to well-nigh carry her to their residence.

Her prayers for the church, for her Pastor, and especially for the youthful members, were unceasing. Her last intelligible utterance was a supplication for blessings on the church. Her memory is fragrant. "She rests from her labours and her works follow her." Her husband with whom she has been united "in the Lord" for forty-eight years, is left "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" in the hope of a speedy re-union before the throne. Four children only out of sixteen survive her to mourn the loss of one of the kindest of mothers.

J. E. GOUCHER.

Religious Intelligence.

KING'S CO.—The Rev. James Parker baptized four believers in the Lord Jesus, at Beech Hill, on Sabbath the 4th inst., and one was received by the church, who had formerly been a member of a Free Baptist Church.

TURKEY.—A letter recently received by the Secretary of the Turkish Missions Aid Society, says: In Hadjin there is a little company of nineteen Protestant men, a Protestant school having thirty scholars in it, and while I was there we began the erection of a chapel. This chapel stands in a very central portion of the town, and will accommodate about 300 persons. Hadjin has a population of about 35,000 souls, all Armenians except some sixty Turkish families. The people are quite intelligent, large numbers of them knowing how to read. There are three large Armenian Churches, and a large school connected with each Church. Great numbers of copies of God's word have been sent to this city, and sold from time to time. One thing struck me very pleasantly; in many of the shops of the merchants, tailors, shoemakers, and others, I saw well-worn copies of the Turkish Bible. The appeal is constantly to "the law and to the testimony." Another encouraging fact is the liberality of the Protestants. Besides giving tithes to the Lord of all they earn, they have given some £520 towards the building of the chapel, and that too out of deep poverty, and though very few in number. I have never seen in any country more liberal givers,—they give as if they enjoyed it, not from a mere sense of duty.

THE CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA. A mission to the Chinese in California was commenced in San Francisco nineteen years ago. Rev. A. W. Loomis, formerly a missionary in China, for eleven years, has preached the gospel to great numbers of Chinese, and has been a true pastor to his little flock. They send him letters from all parts of California and other States and Territories, and even from China. He has one native helper and two native colporteurs, who visit the mining camps and the towns in the mountains.

There is also a Baptist mission, under charge of Rev. J. Francis, who sustains six Sabbath schools with 250 pupils, and a native assistant, who is a successful street preacher, and draws around him crowds of people. There are some hopeful converts.

The Methodists have commenced a three-story building, easily accessible to the Chinese, called the "Chinese Mission Institute." Their Missionary labored previously in China ten years. Not much has been done for the women, of whom there are in California more than 2,000. There are two idol temples in San Francisco.

IRISH EPISCOPACY.—The late Irish Episcopal Convention was agitated by the question of a revision of the Liturgy. A committee was appointed to examine into the subject and report. The Laity, by an immense majority, are in favor of making the Prayer-book really Evangelical, the Bishops are to a man opposed to it; so are a large proportion of the clergy. In the new constitution of their Church the Laity unwisely conceded, after much resistance, such powers to the Bishops as enable them to nullify any evangelical action of the Laity, and if the latter mean to accomplish anything, they will have to do it by the old procedure with Divine Right authorities—that of withholding supplies.

STARTLING RUMOR.—A despatch from Bombay announces that a day has been fixed for the massacre of all foreigners, and they are marching out, distributing their troops accordingly. Consuls everywhere notice increasing hostility and insolence among the native population. There is much excitement among the English and French residents.

STATUE OF ROBERT HALL.—A marble statue of colossal proportions, designed in commemoration of the late Robert Hall, is nearly completed, and is to be set up in Leicester, England, so long the scene of his labors. The estimated cost is 1,000 guineas, a great proportion of which has been raised.

The Committee of Management are desirous of associating some contributors from America and have sent to the United States stating that a hundred guineas from transatlantic sympathizers will complete the cost of the Memorial.

Dominion and Foreign News.

There was a great fall of snow at Montreal and Toronto on Monday. The Railway trains were much delayed.

The barracks and other property belonging to the Imperial Government in Montreal, has been placed at the disposal of the Dominion Government.

The United States.

Congress met at Washington on Monday of last week. The President's message is published in some of the papers. The following telegraphic summary is perhaps as good an outline as could be made. The President, regrets to say that no conclusion has been reached for the adjustment of claims against Great Britain, growing out of the course adopted by that government during the rebellion. He recommends Congress to appoint a Commission to ascertain the amount of such claims, that they be assumed by the United States Government with authority to settle the accounts with all parties. The right of American vessels in Canadian fisheries, is alluded to, and the grounds taken for their exclusion are deemed untenable. The Annexation of St. Domingo is strongly urged. In conclusion the President sums up the policy of the Administration to be the thorough enforcement of every law, faithful collection of revenue, economy in disbursement, prompt payment of every debt of the nation as the requirements of the country will admit; honest and faithful dealing with all other people, to the end that war be avoided, but without surrendering any right or obligation due us; and finally in securing a pure, untrammelled ballot, whereby every man entitled to cast his vote, may do so just once at each election, without fear of molestation, or proscription, on account of his political faith, nativity, or color.

Viscount Freillard, the new French Minister, presented his credentials on Tuesday the 6th inst and was officially received by the President and Secretary Fish.

Benjamin Howard, an old man of seventy, living alone in Westport, Mass., was murdered and robbed of sixty dollars by two boys of fifteen. They have been arrested.

ARMS FOR FRANCE.—Large quantities of arms are being sent from the United States to France. A steamship which sailed from New York last week had a very large cargo, and was also accompanied by the Boston steamship "Eric," with the following cargo: 16,856 cases metallic cartridges, 16,040 cases muskets, 88 cases carbines, being 16,818,120 metallic cartridges, which everyone knows are to be used only in breech-loaders, and valued in the present state of the market at \$289,006; 120 800 muskets, the largest part of which are of the famous Remington pattern, valued at \$1,432,000; 880 breech-loading carbines, worth \$21,880, making a total value of \$1,744,086. This steamer had filled her staterooms, in some instances even demolishing whole rows of rooms to facilitate the stowage of the guns. At Cowes and Southampton these vessels will be met by convoys of French frigates.

THE ATLANTIC CABLES.—We learned on Thursday last that the breaks in the English cables are ten miles apart, and 15 miles from the American shore. One was grappled and buoyed on Wednesday, and it was expected that the repairs would soon be completed.

On Saturday another telegram stated that the efforts to repair the two English Cables had failed. The French cable works slowly, and the price of telegraphing is to be raised fifty per cent.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

The soil of France continues to be drenched with the blood of its people and that of its invaders, with no present prospect of a cessation of hostilities.

A French report by balloon, of the fighting at Champigny and Brie on Friday 2nd inst., says that the Prussians retreated after losing 15,000 men and that Ducrot took up a position on the Merno.

News by carrier pigeons from Paris to the 4th stated that the cold continued intense, and the river Seine was full of floating ice. The morale of the troops was excellent.

The Secretary of the American Legation has written from Paris that food of all kinds is tremendously dear and scarce—that famine is working havoc, and that the city cannot hold out over three weeks longer. The distress is terrible.

A despatch received states that Marshal Bazaine is seriously ill with some nervous disease from which he has suffered ever since the capitulation of Metz.

A large number of prisoners captured in the battles east and south of the city, on the 2nd inst., had arrived at Paris. The Prussians in

their attack hurled over 120,000 men against General Ducrot. In spite of their immense numbers Ducrot held his ground and repulsed the enemy.

The London "Times" of Saturday last, says there has been no military movement of importance since the previous Saturday.

The army of the Loire, although announced as again moving towards Paris, suffered immensely at Orleans; entire regiments were mowed down.

The weather is bitterly cold in the northern departments and the ground is covered with snow.

Three iron-clads have been ordered to Havre, to assist in the defence of the city.

The Prussians have sent a flag of truce into Paris announcing the capture of Orleans, the rout of the army of the Loire, with the loss of thirty guns and one thousand prisoners, and the report of the death of General Ducrot.

The Prussians were constructing defensive works in rear of the lines from which the French recently drove them.

A despatch from Versailles, says—The French were utterly defeated at Orleans. Ten thousand were made prisoners, and 77 pieces of artillery, including mitrailleuses, and four gunboats on the Loire were captured.

There is great dissatisfaction with Gen. Paladine by the French, for evacuating Orleans.

On Thursday last there was considerable fighting at Meung, in which the Prussians had slightly the advantage.

Rumors of the restoration of Napoleon are renewed, and London is quite excited.

It is said that the Tours Government has again opened proposals for an armistice.

Beaumont, Massars, and Beaugenay have been evacuated by the French.

The Germans captured 1100 prisoners and six guns on Monday.

A Berlin telegram says the bombardment of Paris has been definitely settled upon. To commence the early part of this week.

A serious riot has occurred in Berlin, caused by an order that the married men must join the Landwehr. It still continues and threatens to spread over Germany.

ENGLAND.—The Ex-Empress Eugenie visited Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle, on the 5th inst.

It is reported that the English Government has given a contract for sixty batteries, eight guns each, of Gatling's Mitrailleuses, to be made in America.

Mr. Gladstone says that Her Majesty's Government feels bound to make, and has made provision for affording protection to the Pope. (A strange state of things surely! Why not also make provision for affording protection to Louis Napoleon?)

Earl Granville again proposed peace intervention in the Franco Prussian war, and invites Russia and Austria to meet England in securing a cessation of hostilities.

A telegram from London on Thursday, states that part of President Grant's message relating to the fishery question, excited a very uneasy feeling. England will certainly refuse to stand by Canada unless there is the clearest evidence of right on her side. The statutes enacted by the Provinces are severely condemned. This is probably inspired from American sympathizers.

A Committee has been formed in London—Thomas Hughes, Chairman—for the purpose of preserving, in all ways, the maintenance of peace with the United States.

A large meeting of the Liberal League was held in London on Friday night, to protest against the Princess Louise receiving any dowry from the Treasury.

SPAIN.—Madrid, Dec. 9.—Ex Queen Isabella sent her formal protest from Geneva, against the election of Duke Aosta as King. She states that she has no intention of appealing to force.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.—The proposal of a Conference and granting of furloughs to Russian soldiers removed the apprehensions of the Turkish Government in regard to the maintenance of peace. Reports say Russia is coquetting with the Porte, and offers the Sultan a formal alliance, which guarantees the integrity of the Turkish dominion.

The continued warlike preparations of all the Eastern Powers, cause suspicions in England that the Conference will be unable to settle the Black Sea question. There is little confidence in diplomacy.

News from St. Petersburg only confirms the idea that Russia will insist upon the recognition of her demands.

Russia has addressed despatches similar to those sent to Great Britain to the other powers, concerning the Conference.

The present indications are that there will be a warm discussion at the proposed Conference.

The Russian Government has in its employ a number of American workmen in the manufacture of mitrailleuses. There is ample evidence of other kinds that Russia is preparing for war on a grand scale.

The Turkish Fleet is under immediate sailing orders, and every preparation is made in anticipation of war.

ITALY.—The Italian Parliament opened on Wednesday last, with a speech by King Victor Emanuel.

Marriages.

On the 21st ult. Montague, P. E. Island, by the Rev. T. E. Richey, Benj. Burgess Newcombe, of Cornwallis, N. S., to Helen, second daughter of the Hon. John Aldous.

At Milford, N. S., on the 1st inst., by the Rev. H. H. Hamilton, A. B., Rector Mr. Anthony Sliff, of Gloucester, U. S., to Mary Sophia, eldest daughter of Mr. James Peoples, of Milford.

At Charlottetown, P. E. I., on 12th inst., by the Rev. P. Prestwood, Mr. Bradford Clark, of Tryon, to Miss Sarah Jane Dobson, of Little River, N. S.

On the 7th inst., by the Rev. James Thomas, Mr. Adolpus Francis, of Kingston Jamaica, to Mary Ann Johnson, of this city.

At Canning Dec. 8th, 1870, by Rev. D. Freeman, Mr. Isaac Lawrence, to Miss Rachel Rand, both of Western Cornwallis.

At Sheet Harbor, on the 7th Dec., by the Rev. Alfred B. Dickie, John Smith, Esq., to Miss Margaret Shimer, of Harbor Grace, Newfoundland.—Reporter please copy.

Aug. 25th, 1870, at Steam Mill Village, Cornwallis, by the Rev. S. B. Kempton, Mr. John H. Church, to Miss Rebecca Wood, all of Cornwallis.

Deaths.

On the 5th Dec., in the 70th year of her age Catherine Clarke, beloved wife of Mr. Joseph Clarke.

On Tuesday, Donald Scott, aged 49 years. At West River, on the 23rd Nov., Maggie, fifth daughter of Daniel McLeod, in the 19th year of her age.

On the 6th Dec., Mrs. M. S. Hume, in the 25th year of her age.

On Wednesday, Thos. Richards, Plasterer, aged 47 years.

On the 7th inst., Mary Rafter, wife of the late Wm. Rafter, in the 79th year of her age.

On Thursday, Peter Grant, aged 82 years.

On Lunenburg, on the 6th of Dec., in the 79th year of her age, Ann, widow of the late Philip Sponagle, Esq.

On Saturday, in the 84th year of his age, Morris Keller.

On Saturday, the 10th, at the residence of Judge Bliss, in whose family she was highly valued for her long and faithful services, Margaret Robertson, in the 45th year of her age.

On Saturday, Ellen Hookaway, aged 14 years.

At Liverpool, N. S., on the 5th inst., Mrs. Amelia Lewis, relict of the late Joseph Lewis, aged 68 years.

Nov. 20th, 1870, in Bill Town Cornwallis, Mr. John Parker, in the 82nd year of his age. An old and respected inhabitant and member of the Baptist Church.

At Scotch Village, Newport, on Wednesday, 7th inst., in the 64th year of her age, Lydia, relict of the late Thomas Moxon, Esq., of Rawdon.

Rejoicing in the Saviour's love,
From earth she passed away,
To mansions of eternal rest
In realms of endless day.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, Dec. 6.—Brigt John Givan, Curtis, Sydney; schrs Test, Cunningham, St. John's, Nfld; Maria, Blagdon, Porto Rico; Leading Star, Mc Donald, Bay of Islands; Majestic, Myers, Ship Harbor; Antelope, Martell, Arichat; Corsair, Kirby, Georgetown, P. E. I.; Island Gem, Nickerson, Yarmouth; Maria Joseph, Quinn, Port Hood; Quickstep, Ernst, Georgetown, P. E. I.

Wednesday, 7.—Steamer Lady Head, Scott, Sable Island; brigt Florence, McCulloch, Demarara; schrs Arctic, Harrington, Bedeque, P. E. I.; Nancy, McCormiskey, Orwell Bay, P. E. I.; Banquet, McNeil, P. E. I.; Josephine, Lane, Colville Bay, P. E. I.; Union Martell, Orwell Bay, P. E. I.; E. W. R. Vico, Pictou; Mary Greenwood, McMullen, Grand Banks; P. C. Hill, Mitchell, Jeddore; Maria, White, Margaree; Busy William, Zwicker, Mahon, Bay; Union, Carpenter, Harbor au Boucher, Matilda, McKinnon, Baddeck, C. B.; Ella, Westhaver, Georgetown, P. E. I.; Two Brothers, Curdy, St. Peter's, C. B.; Lizzie, Dolman, Georgetown, P. E. I.; Good Intent, Burgoise, P. E. I.; Bounty Bolog, do; Ferret Lass, Ferry, North Sydney.

Thursday, 8.—Brigts Peter & John, McLaughlin, Glace Bay; schrs Horton, Wallace, New York; Hydra, Greenwood, Boston; Beauty, Gallant, Rustico, P. E. I.; Vivid, Smith, St. John, N. B.; Good Intent, Gagne, Arichat; Messenger, Young, Lunenburg; Flash, Hyson, Mahone Bay; Alert, Hunter, Lunenburg; James A. McKean, Ritey, LaHave; S. S. Flam-borough, Telfer, Montreal.

Friday, 9.—H. M. S. Plover, Com Pollard, from Prince Edward Island; schrs Sterling, Landry, P. E. I.; Laura, Clough, Grandique, C. B.; Spottless Queen, Arnold, Cape Canso; D. H. P. Maskell, Jeddore; British Lady, Baker, Tanook; Laura Ann, Connolly, P. E. I.; Morning Light, Maskell, Bedeque, P. E. I.

Saturday, 10.—Steamer City of Halifax, Jamieson, St. John's; schrs Electric Flash, Vogler, Charlottetown; Sea Slipper, Hebb, Mahone Bay.

Sunday, 11.—No arrivals.

Monday, 12.—Steamers Carlotta, Colby, Portland; M. A. Starr, Doane, Yarmouth, etc; schrs Robert Noble, Dickson, Boone Bay, N. F.; Victory, Thompson, Bay St. George, N. F.; Montrose, McPherson, Casumpec, P. E. I.; Wave, McDonald, P. E. I.; C. H. Ingall, Benson, Grand Munan, N. B.; Conservative, Farrell, Little Glace Bay; Mary, Bagnall, North Sydney; A. McKee, Egan, Baddeck; Matilda Hopewell, Ormiston, Louisburg; Mary Ann, Pettipas, Arichat; Maria, Curry, Sheet Harbor; Medway Belle, McPhee, Sheet Harbor; John Gillip, Kenny, Sheet Harbor; Reeper, Hartling, Sheet Harbor; Janet, Hubley, Sheet Harbor; Clara Hawes, Hawes, Ecum Secum; Lily, Mitchell, Jeddore; Baby, Hearn, Cape Canso; Eusebia, Desveaux, Little Bras d'Or; William Kandick, Matheson, Fourche; Nancy, Kelly, Cape Canso; Gipsy Bride, Walt, Sheet Harbor; Whisper, Hickey, Pope's Harbor.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Dec. 6.—Steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland, for Canada; brigt Arthur, Ashwood, P. W. Indies; schrs Margaret Ann, Ambree, Port Hawkesbury; J. W. Mullock, Rafuse, LaHave.

Wednesday, 7.—Brigt Branch, Sanford, (from Malaga), N. Y.; St. Vincent, Marchant, Arichat; John Duffus, LaMarchant, Young, C. B.; Charlotte, Siccard, do; schrs Arctic, Harrington, (fm Bedeque, P. E. I.), Savannah, Gt. Elizabeth Ann, Decosta, Sydney, C. B.; smr M. A. Starr, Doane, Yarmouth; schrs Willie, Rennick, Ch. Town, P. E. I.; Fanny, Bagnell, Little Bras d'Or; Swallow, Chasson, Arichat, C. B.

Thursday, 8.—Ship Forest King, Merriam, London; schrs Herbert, Burke, St. Jago; Emerald, McDonald, Ch. Town, P. E. I.; Eliza Catherine, Martell, Sydney; Ninth of June, Boudrot, do; Emma, Barron, Glace Bay, Mountaineer, White, Margaree; Young Witch, Boudrot, Cheticamp; Dusky Lake, Roberts, Cape Canso; Annie A. Teal, Teal, Port Medway; Zebra, Davis, LaHave; Lady Caroline, Bruhm, Mahone Bay.

Friday, 9.—S. S. Alpha, Hunter, Sydney; schrs Durham, Kenny, Lockport; Ninth of June, Boudrot, Arichat; Mary Elizabeth; King, do; Bessie Gardner, Gardner, Liverpool, N. S.