For the Christian Messenger.

SUNNYSIDE AT CHARLOTTETOWN.

Dear Brother,—

We have our Bible Class here, of some twenty members, more or less. This day week I perceived signs of unusual bustle about the house. Our Bible Class had organized a surprise party; and in the evening it came off. There were some twenty uninvited guests, or more; consisting of the members of the Bible Class, and certain others who chose to associate themselves with them, the party being, like the class made up of elder people, as well as younger ones. They brought with them materials for an extemporized feast, leaving behind ample materials for the benefit of our little household, adding a handsome donation in cash, and accompanying the whole with expressions of the kindly feeling which had prompted the kindly demonstration, such was our surprise-party. Our friends here are in the habit of doing kind things for their minister and his household; but they are modest, and do not care to have these matters blazoned abroad. Our surprise-party, however, did really take us by surprise; and we would return the surprise, if surprise it be, by this acknowledgment of it in your columns. Many thanks to our friends who favoured us as above. May we and they meet at last to praise and give thanks in the land in which surprising grace, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ripens into surprising and endless glory!

Yours, (on behalf of self and family.)

J. DAVIS.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.,
Dec. 28, 1871

Religious Intelligence.

The aggregate age of five Baptist missionaries in the Highlands of Scotland is 420 years; and those five preachers have been engaged in the mission field during a total of 227 years, or over forty five years each, and they are now doing a great deal of itinerant work.

CHATHAM.—On the 10th inst., the ordinance of baptism was administered by pastor J. L. Campbell of Chatham, to two interesting candidates, and two others were baptized a short time previously.

TORONTO.—Since our last item in regard to Baptist progress in Toronto, the ordinance of baptism has been administered to two candidates by the pastor of the Alexander St. Church. There are some half-a-dozen applicants for baptism and membership in Bond St.

BOSTON, MASS.—The *Watchman and Reflector* gives some account of the state of religion in this city and neighbourhood as follows:—We cannot report, we are sorry to say, any very marked manifestations of revival and religious interest in our churches generally. The more notable exceptions are Harvard Street and Ruggles Street, where pastors House and Seymour continue to be much encouraged by increased attendance on the preaching of the Word, and by cases of occasional conversion. Pastor Cook, of the Bethel, like his predecessor, is ever hopeful, and has reason to be. Pastors Fulton, Garner and Lorimer have been delivering special sermons and lectures to large and appreciative congregations. We much regret the prospect of losing from our city pastorate so able and good a minister as our excellent brother Reeves, of Bowdoin Square church. The old First church are cheered, as well they may be, under the joint ministry of Dr. Neale and their already loved young pastor, Beckley.

At East Boston our Zion as never before, has lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes, under the lead of one of our best men, Rev. Dr. Cheney. Their enlarged, spacious and beautiful sanctuary is thronged with listening hearers of the Word of salvation.

What all these and all our churches, as well as those in other cities and towns around us, most need, is a pervasive and permanent revival of religion. For this blessing it is meet all Christian hearts should be uplifted at this closing season of the year 1871.

THE TRAFFIC IN DEGREES.—We have been informed by a clergyman of the Church of England that there is a large sale of Masters of Arts degrees to halt educated clergymen in that Church. Hoods are given exactly like those of Oxford or Cambridge, so that the purchaser passes himself off to the public as an Oxford or Cambridge man. With Nonconformists the title of Doctor is more popular, and consequently D.D.'s, L.L.D.'s and Ph.D.'s find a ready market among them. We ourselves have received a further communication from our correspondent evidently offering to get the title on lower terms than he had stated before.—*Weekly Review.*

The lady who gave £20,000 to found Stockwell Orphanage for boys has offered Mr. Spurgeon a like sum with which to found an orphanage for girls.

The friends of Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen in England have made him a present of a handsome sweet-toned organ for his church in Calcutta, to be opened at the great Lomey Festival in January, 1872, when the different representatives of this religious movement in India meet at Calcutta from various parts of that great empire. Mr. Sen is aiming to introduce English sacred music and hymns among the natives, and the organ he thinks will facilitate this important work.

Dr. Patterson, missionary bishop of the Melanesian or South-West Pacific Isles, and Mr. Aitkin, one of his brother missionaries, have been massacred at the South Sea Island of Santa Cruz by a native. The murderer was instigated by feelings of revenge for the kidnapping atrocities committed by the Coolie traders from Hong Kong—atrocities for which not only, of course, were they in no wise responsible, but against which they had always protested, and even had exerted themselves to prevent. The late bishop was the eldest son of the late Mr. Justice Patterson and cousin of the Attorney-General of England.

Dominion & Foreign News.

QUEBEC.—A large fire, orginating in Guary & Co's Dry Goods store, on John Street, broke out on Wednesday night the flames spreading to the "Russel House" and the Grocery establishment of Mr. George Hall. The total loss is estimated to be about fifty thousand dollars. Guary & Co. are insured for $15,000, divided between the "Liverpool & London & Globe" and "Etna" companies.

The Russell House is only slightly damaged.

An Ottawa despatch states that the Act to regulate the pilotage in Bras D'Or Lake, passed by the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia, which came before the Dominion Council for sanction, has been disallowed.

LONDON, ONT., Dec. 29.—Cyrus Pickard, who was convicted of the murder of Duncan McDonnell on the 21st April last, was hanged on Friday last.

TORONTO.—The nomination of candidates for four of the vacant seats in the Local Legislature took place on the 27th ult.

FORT GARRY.—An attempt is being made by Orangemen to capture Riel and Lepine. They will not be taken without bloodshed. —*Chron.*

P. E. ISLAND.

A LARGE EAGLE.—On Monday last about sunrise, Mr. JAMES SHARP, Linkletter Road, shot a large grey Eagle which had perched upon a high hardwood tree in the woods not far from his house. The wings of this fine bird measured seven feet ten inches from the tips of each, and its talons were very formidable affairs.—*Summerside Journal.*

PIUSVILLE?—"Piusville" is the name just given to a settlement in Prince Edward Island. The name was chosen at a public meeting because "all present were descendants of France, and that country was foremost in her devotion to the present Pontiff."—*Chron.*

UNITED STATES.

A snow storm occurred on Friday but the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Roads were free from obstruction by snow and the trains were moving on time.

The Prince Alexis is gone westward. He was at Buffalo and Cleveland last week.

Tweed has absconded and the Judge who allowed him to go out of prison on bail is denounced for doing so. The Bar Association of New York pronounce the bail illegal.

At East Arlington, Vt., on Christmas Day, five persons were shot, three fatally, by Farwell and Lawrence, keepers of a drinking saloon, who claim to have acted in self-defence. Two are dead.

At Mershall, Missouri, five negroes were murdered on Christmas day by the KuKlux.

The ship "Palmerston," arrived at New York on Tuesday from Hamburg had had nine deaths, all from one to ten years old, and five births.

MEXICO.—Advices from Mexico announce the virtual suppression of the revolution there. Diaz has been driven before a large Government force, and it is expected he will soon be a prisoner, or take refuge in Cuba or the United States.

A despatch from Salt Lake City on Friday last states that tremendous alarms prevailed in the mining districts of Little and Big Callon Road; whole settlements are buried in the snow.

Lives have been lost and many hairbreadth escapes are reported. The snow is from ten to fifty feet deep, and causing much distress by increasing the prices of necessities.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.

There is now a great dearth of news by telegraph from England. The Prince of Wales is recovering, but more slowly than was expected, in consequence of which the proposed public rejoicings have been delayed. The bulletin on Friday last stated that the swelling about the left hip which had been causing pain and some difficulty, had subsided and occasioned less uneasiness.

Cape of Good Hope news states that annexation of African territory to the British Dominions produced much excitement amongthe inhabitants. Mr. Brand, President of the Free States, issued formal protest against the transfer of diamond fields to Great Britain.

A Despatch from Shanghae announces that the Chinese Government is determined to follow the example of the Japanese, and send young men to England and the United States to be educated.

A telegram of the 28th says a Cairo, Egypt, letter of Dec. 1, mentions a report current there that Sir Samuel Baker and 700 of his men, who were exploring Central Africa, and the headwaters of the river Nile, have died of starvation. One report states that the men mutinied and shot Baker. Another report states that only Baker and his wife are left of the expedition.

A Letter from Queen Victoria.—We learn by the despatch on Saturday that the Friday afternoon London papers contained a letter from Queen Victoria, in which she says that she desires to express her deep sense of the touching sympathy exhibited for her family by the whole nation during the illness of her dear son. The universal feeling shown by her people during the painful and terrible days of the Prince's illness, their sympathy with herself and Her beloved daughter the Princess of Wales, and the general joy manifested at the improvement in the health of the Prince, have all made a deep and ineffacable impression upon her heart. These manifestations of the people are nothing new to her, for she met the same sympathy ten years ago, when a similar illness removed the mainstay of her life, the best, wisest and kindest husband that ever lived. Her Majesty says also that she wishes to express the heartfelt gratitude of the Princess of Wales, and concludes her letter with the hope that her faithful subjects will continue to pray for the complete recovery of the Prince.

A ship named the *Edward* foundered off Falmouth on Friday, when all on board were lost. No particulars.

A boiler explosion in Glasgow killed five children, and injured seven so badly that their lives ore in danger.

Twenty five hundred barrels of turpentine on shipboard were burned at one o the Thames docks on Saturday.

FRANCE.—In the Assembly on Wednesday last the proposal for a general income tax was defeated by a large majority, after Theiss delivered a powerful speech in opposition to it.

The Germans seized prominent citizens of the town of Rouen, in the department Ardenas, because of feuds between Bavarian troops and the French people.

It is announced that the Germans are making a census of private fortunes of wealthy citizens of the invaded department.

The committee on the Bank of France are disposed to increase the circulation three hundred millions of francs, instead of six hundred millions as demanded by the Government.

Gambetta who was lat at Versailles has gone to Toulon. While at the former city he addressed the radicals counselling patience and moderation.

The members of the "Right centre" in the National Assembly having made overtures to the Legitimists for coalition, the latter in reply say, they will usually coalesce, but at the same time will preserve their independence. They also announce disapproval of the Orleanist Princes as leaders.

In the French Assembly M. Thiers spoke upon the proposed increase in the circulation of the Bank of France, and induced the Committee to agree to submit the proposals by threatening to throw on them the responsibility of delay in affording relief to the French people.

Paris papers assert that Bismark is seeking for a pretext for the reoccupation of evacuated French Provinces.

On Saturday M. Thiers was visited by Deputies of the Assembly. The meeting was cordial.

Supplementary elections are to be held in Paris to fill vacancies in the Assembly. Victor Hugo and Duc D'Aumale are candidates.

SPAIN.—The meeting of the Cortes is postponed until the 10th of January.

Admiral Topete, Minister of the colonies announced the intention of making reform in the volunteer organization of Havana.

Reinforcements continue to go forward to Cuba to aid in suppressing the insurrection in that island.

A regiment of Chasseurs sailed from Santander on Wednesday last to join the Spanish army in Cuba. King Amadeus was present, and made a speech to the troops, causing immense enthusiasm.

It is reported from Madrid that the employment of Concha as Captain General of Cuba has been determined on.

The offer of pardon to Cuban insurgents is limited to January 15; those captured after that date will be shot; those surrendering will be sentenced to perpetual imprisonment.

ITALY.—Victor Emmanuel receptionized foreign Ambassadors on Sunday at the Quirinal. All were present. The Senior member of Diplomatic Corps delivered a felicitous address, to which the King replied in suitable terms.

RUSSIA.—The Imperial decree appears, fixing the conscription of Russian army for 1872 at six in every 1000.

An imperial ukase in St. Petersburg makes a compulsory use of the Russian language in the schools of Poland.

The Russsian steamer *Rula* recently foundered in the Caspian sea with all hands on board. One million rubles in treasure were also lost.

TURKEY.—The Sublime Porte, backed by Russia and Austria, is sharply pressing the government of the Danubian Principalities for settlement of its railway obligations.

GERMANY.—The Austrian Reichsrath opened on Wednesday. The Emperor Francis Joseph delivered the speech from the throne the following day. He deplores local and internal conflicts, and desires peace.

Prince Karl Anersperg has been appointed President of the Upper House.

CHINA.—Despatch from Shanghaie announce that the Chinese Government is determined to follow the example of the Japanese, and send young men to England and the United States to be educated.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

Every Birth should be registered within 60 days after it has taken place. PENALTY for neglect, Two Dollars.

Every Death should be registered before interment, or within 10 days after death. Penalty for neglect, Five Dollars.

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Marriages.

At Chester, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. Bruce Miles, to Miss Eliza Hiltz.

On the 8th inst., by the same, Mr. James Smith, to Miss Lavinia Sheffleburg.

At Middle River, on the 16th inst., by the same, Mr. Thos. Bezanson, to Miss Catherine Zwicker.

Also, at the same time and place, by the same, Mr. Austin Zwicker, to Miss Catherine Bezanson.

At the resident of the bride's father, Torbrook, Annapolis Co., by the Rev. M. P. Freeman, Dec 26th, Mr. Ingles Neiley, of Meadowvale, to Miss Sarah M, eldest daughter of Israel Whitman, Esq.

At Lower Granville, Dec. 19th, 1871, by the Rev. Jos. Hart, (Wesleyan) Edger N. Porter, Esq., Merchant, to Miss Maria E, youngest daughter of Capt. Joseph Johnson

At the house of the bride's father, Dec. 27th, 1871, by the Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., Mr. Geo. E. Spurr, Merchant, to Miss Mary Helen Neily, only daughter of Jacob Neily, Esq., all of Wilmot.

At Little River, Musquodoboit, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. J. McMillan, Mr. Charles A. Webber, of Sackville, to Miss Sophia A. Ogilvie, of Little River.

At the Parsonage, Tusket Village, on the 3rd inst, by the Rev. P. R. Foster, Mr. Rowley Earl, of Salmon River, to Althea, daughter of A. Kavanah, Esq., of Tusket Lakes.

Also, by the same, on the 20th inst., at Tusket Village, Mr. Charles W. Hatfield, to Georgina, daughter of T. Kirby, M. D., all of Tusket

At Bathurst, N. B., on Tuesday, the 19th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Holme, Robt. B Boak, of this city, to Jennie E, only daughter of George DeBlois, Esq., of Bathurst.

At Trinity Church, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. Canon Cochran, M. A., Mr. James B. Horley, to Miss Mary Byers.

On the 23rd inst., at Dartmouth, by the Rev R. E. Crane, Mr. Henry C. E. Bayhs, formerly of London, England, to Miss Jane Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. John Patterson, late of the 42nd Highlanders.

At Charlestown, Dec. 31st, inst., by the Rev. J. M. Parker, Mr. Colin McVicar, to Miss Caroline Ryno.

At Milton, Queen's Co., on the 21st inst., by the Rev. W. G. Parker, Mr. Lewis Porter, to Miss Martha Freeman.

On the 24th inst., by the Rev. J. M. Parker, Mr. Nathaniel Monro, to Miss Angeline Hatt, of Mill Village.

On the 28th inst., by the same, at the Baptist Meeting House, Port Medway, Mr. Peter Middlemas, of Carlton, Yarmouth, to Miss Cecelia Atkins, of Port Medway, Queen's Co.

On the 28th Dec., by the Rev. J. F. Kempton, A. B., Mr. Stephen W. Eaton, of Halifax, to Miss Addie M. Sanford, of Cold Brook, Cornwallis

Deaths.

On the 25th inst., Mr. James Mallen, in the 69th year of his age.

On Tuesday, 26th inst., Sarah, wife of Daniel M. Walsh, aged 44 years

On the 27th inst., Margaret, wife of Alex. McDonald, in the 60th year of her age.

At Chester Grant, on the 14th inst., Fritz Rafuse, in the 45th year of his age.

At Western Shore, on the 16th inst., Infant of Mr. Matthew Kedy.

At Windsor Road, on the 26th inst., Blenheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Cooney.

At Digby, on the 12th inst., Welthe A, the beloved wife of John Dakin, Esq., in the 63rd year of her age.

On Friday, 29th Dec., Joseph Quin, aged 70 years.

At Dartmouth, on the 29th Dec., Samuel Gaston, aged 55 years

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.

TUESDAY, December 26th.—Stmr. Carlotta, Colby, Portland; Brigt Little Fury, (of St. John, N. B) Wyman, London; Schrs. Morning Star, McGowan, Georgetown, P. E. I; Annie Bell, Burns, Cheticamp; J. R. Amero, D'Entremont, Yarmouth; Rosandra, Wilkie, LaHave.

WEDNESDAY, 27th.—Brigts. Six Ferers, N. F; John Givan, Boyle, Baltimore; Schrs. Mary Ellen, Shelnut, Cape Breton; Flash, Curry, Pictou; Euxine, Brown, L'Ardoise; Union, Mitchell, Jeddore; W. Kandick, Matheson, L'Ardoise; Wm. McLean, Joyce, P. E. I; Havelock, Dixon, Louisbourg; Mary, Hawes, Gabarus; Maggie B, Gross, Pictou; British Eagle, Swim, Canso; Kate, Walker, P. E. I; Frank, Watson, do; Henrietta, Shaw, Bay St. George; James, Lathrop, Isaac's Harbor; Glad Tidings, Ozong, Georges Bay; Jane Ottis, Harvey, P. E. I; Louise Balcam, Sheet Harbor; Triumph, Dixon, Sydney; Alma, Ritcey, Glace Bay; Garnet, Callihan, Canso; S. E. Cove, Keating, P. E. I; Seriole, Inagua; Ajax Sampson, St. Peter's; Margaret Ann, Murray, P. E. I; Abel, Gray, do; Annie Leahy, Shelnut, do; Isaac Gardner, Port Mulgrave; Adelaide, P. E. I; Mary Alice, Cape Breton; Merlin, P. E. I; Mary, Cashon, do; Mary Ellen, do.

THURSDAY, 28th.—Steamer M. A Starr, Doane, Yarmouth; Brigts. Thalia, Fudge, Kingston, Ja. via Inagua; Aurora, Fader, Hubbard's Cove; Schrs. Kate, Adams, St. John's, N. F; Avon, from L'Ardoise; Alliance, Ritcey, do.

FRIDAY, 29th.—Barque Eva, McCulloch, London; Brigt. China, Aurenburg, St. Martins; Schrs. Wasp, Bell, LaHave; Amelia, Fougere, Arichat; Tropic Bird, Young Mahone Bay; Belle, Westhaver, do; Dart, Hyson, do; Rosanda, Wilkie, LaHave; Hector, Busche, River Burgoise.

SATURDAY, 30th.—Brig Wild Horse, Macumber, Portland, flour etc.; Brigts. Edna, Roberts, St. Jago de Cuba; Castilion, Allan, Grand Turk; Schrs. Happy Return, Turner, Newdequoddy; Eliza Catherine, Mertell, North Sydney; Mary Ann, Sampson, Arichat; Hector, Bouchil, River Bourgoise; Annie Bell, Leslie, Spry Harbor; Ruby, Penney, Cape Canso; P. Walsh, Cann, Louisburg; Mary B, Landry, North Sydney; Morning Light, Maskell, White Head; Shooting Star, Boudrot, Arichat.

SUNDAY, 31st.—R. M. S. City of Halifax, Herd, St John's, N. F; Brigt. Athlete, Hobbs, P. E. I; Schrs. Little Belle, Audley Guysboro' and Cape Canso; Commodore, Fralick, LaHave.

MONDAY, January 1st.—Brig Montrose, (new) John Taylor; Topsail schr. Comerade, Crowell, Turk's Island; Schrs. Linda, McKinnon, hence for Baltimore, returned from sea. Was ashore at the Red Buoy, but got off without damage; Princess Louise, Bonnell, Sydney; Ellen, Shelnut, Cow Bay.

CLEARED.

TUESDAY, December 26th.—Steamers City of Baltimore, Delamotte; Carlotta, Colby, Portland; Brig Marion Ridley, Hartney, Port Medway; Schrs. Ewris, Spencer, Cow Bay; Four Brothers, Ferrior, Arichat; Alcyone, Flick, St. Mary's; Friend, Lantz, Mahone Bay.

WEDNESDAY 27th.—Brigt. Fortuna, (new) McConnell, B. W. Indies; Schrs. William, Sheppard, Rose Blanche, N. F; Debel, Westhaver, Mahone Bay; Alfred, Carmichael, Baddeck; Matilda, McLean, do; S. A. Mary, Chasson, Margaree; Repeal, McConnell, St. Mary's; Lillian, Proctor, Port Hawkesbury; John Gilpin, Murphy, Sheet Harbor; Mary, Farrell, Glace Bay.

THURSDAY, 28th.—Brigts. Gaggie S, Gammon, F. W. Indies; Aurora, Fader, Barbadoes; Schrs. Kate, Adams, Boston; Golden Rule, Rose, LaPoile, N. F.

FRIDAY, 29th.—Stmr. M. A. Starr, Doane, Yarmouth; Brigts. Alert, Hopewell, Porto Rico; Queen of the West, Bolling, Jamaica; Wild Hunter, Langlois, St. Domingo; Schrs. Mary Ellen, Fougere, Harbor Bouche; Janet, Smith, Liverpool, N. S; Isaac Goodwin, Smith, Lockeport; Island Gem, Giffen, do; Bessie, Tobin, Channel, N. F.

SATURDAY, 30th.—R. M. S. Alpha, Hunter, Bermuda and St. Thomas; Brigts. Louise, Hawes, Jamaica; Peter Mitchell, Godfrey, Demerara; Jane E. Hale, West Porto Rico; New Dominion, Kirk, Yarmouth; Annie Mitchell, Smith, do; Schrs. Burdeck, Pendergrast, Porto Rico; Quickstep, Grant, Mahone Bay; J. S. Amero, Parker, Yarmouth; General Doyle, Reilly, do; Stronsa, Martell, Cow Bay; Ark, Rice, St. John, N. B; Flash, Davis Yarmouth; Mary, Sullivan, Guysboro'; Melvin Mowser, Liverpool, N. S; Grace Hall, Buffett, N. F; Bonita, Dickson, Liverpool, N. S; Mary, Hackett, Sydney; Thetis, Degan, Boston; Wasp, Bell, LaHave; Frank, Mountain, Boston Annie M. McIntyre, Gallum, do; John Laughlan, Livingston, Baddeck.

MONDAY, January 1st.—No clearences.

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