

For the Christian Messenger.

MR. FALSH GOODWIN.

Died at Pubnico, on the 10th inst., aged 75 years. About 40 years ago he made a profession of faith in Christ, and was subsequently baptized by Rev. C. Knowles. When the Baptist Church was organized at Pubnico he united with it, and continued to be a consistent member thereof until death. Bro. Goodwin was highly esteemed in the community, and by all acquainted with him. In public and in private he adorned the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ, by a well-ordered life, and a godly walk and conversation. He was always ready to give a reason of the hope that was in him with meekness and fear. During the past six months he suffered much bodily distress, in which he was sustained by divine grace. He was enabled to look forward with joyful anticipation to that rest which remains for the people of God. In him the little church has lost a pillar, and a large number of children and grandchildren, have lost a patriarchal counsellor and affectionate parent. A funeral discourse, having reference to his death was preached by the writer on the 16th inst., from 2 Cor. v. 1.—*Com. by Rev. W. H. R.*

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MENTAL CULTURE.

Dear Sir,—

As a friend of University Education, I read with much interest, some two years ago, several articles on the above subject, published in your paper from the pen of a writer over the nom de plume of "Modern Culture." The articles referred to were levelled against the Ancient Classics—Latin and Greek, and it was argued that they were no longer entitled to occupy a place in the College Curriculum.

Although not quite convinced of the soundness of the conclusions drawn by the writer of those articles, I gave him credit for fairness and honesty, in stating his facts and arguments. I was accordingly assuaged on learning from the same writer in the last issue of your paper that Prof. DeMill, of Dalhousie College, in his address, on the occasion of the opening of that Institution a few days since, had subscribed to the views of your correspondent—that the Professor was not prepared to sweep Greek from the Curriculum, and soon would be ready to do the same for Latin. After giving what purports to be a quotation from the Professor's address in the communication referred to, "Modern Culture" remarks: "This is plain talk from a high authority. At least it proves that my ideas are not to be rejected for want of fair and respectable backing." "Modern Culture" backed by Prof. DeMill! Had my ears deceived me? I had long known the Professor as an earnest and powerful advocate for the retention of the Classics in our Colleges; his address referred to so far as it touched the subject, had been understood to be an able and eloquent plea for the Classics; but perhaps I had been mistaken. I may still be benighted, but I have read and re-read the address as published in the "Dalhousie College Gazette," and an excellent address it is, and I fail to see the "backing." What the Professor did say is "significant," but hardly in the way represented by "Modern Culture," I think. In advocating University Education and answering possible objections. He says:

"The strongest objections made to the present course of College study are of course levelled against Greek and Latin. Now, as to Greek, much might be said, but it is not possible in the small time at my disposal. Personally I believe in Greek. I am unfortunately Greek seems to be dying out of our Universities. I am afraid that it will cease to be obligatory—that it will ultimately be studied, only as a specialty, like Hebrew or Sanscrit. About Latin however, the case is altogether different. From many points of view it seems evident that Latin must remain."

After arguing the matter at some length the Professor goes on to say:

"Twenty or thirty arguments in favor of Latin might be given, but one more will suffice. For school drill, nothing is equal to it, except Greek."

These are what "Modern Culture" calls "confirmations of his idea!"

I can only say that if all the "confirmations" discovered by "Modern Culture," in the course of his reading, are equally "significant and pertinent," while they may minister to the comfort of the discoverer, they will scarcely disturb seriously his opponents, and I may still remain an advocate of the

CLASSICS.

Halifax, Nov. 25th 1873.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., NOV. 26, 1873.

Indictments for murder have been found against Riel and Lepine. Serious disturbances are said to have occurred among the Indians of the North West.

The through traffic on the Lachine Canal is completely blocked by a heavy ice dam above St. Gabriel; ice is packed many feet thick, and it is believed it will reach to the bottom of the Canal.

So early and severe a cold snap has not been experienced for years. The loss to shippers and forwarders of boats who are obliged to remain where they are will be great.

The high wind which prevailed on Sunday, at Toronto, rose to a gale on Monday night, and a furious snow storm prevailed. The roads were blocked.

The steamer "Protea" from Montreal for Plymouth, England, went ashore at St. Dennis Point, and is a total wreck. The crew were saved.

A few of the ice-bound schooners will attempt to get out, but most of them have decided to lay up.

The sudden accumulation of ice in the St. Lawrence River has almost closed navigation, and will entail serious loss.

A telegram from Fort Garry states that Attorney General Clarke, has carried his measure in the Manitoba Legislature for the incorporation of Winnipeg, and his reform measures for the redistribution of the seats and the enlarging of the Province. The measures passed both Houses, and assent was given to them on the 8th inst. The redistribution of seats will give eighteen English speaking to six French speaking members.

Several vessels are reported ashore below Quebec, among them the Red Island lightship. The crew were twenty-four hours in the rigging, and were badly frozen.

A very destructive fire occurred at Ottawa on Thursday morning. Seven houses in Sussex Street were burned down. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

At Rochesterville, near Ottawa, a few days since, the side of the new Wesleyan Church, on which four men were at work, fell in, and two of them, one named Cox and the other Golly, were crushed to death; a third named Hewett was fatally injured, and the fourth, George Clarke, escaped with some slight bruises.

The friends of Riel state that he is about returning to Manitoba, there to stand his trial with Lepine.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

POLITICAL.—Two seats for representatives of the city and county of St. John are vacant, and are shortly to be filled; one occasioned by Hon. Mr. Tilly being made Lieutenant Governor, and the other by Mr. Burpee accepting the office of Minister of Customs. Mr. DeVeber is named as the probable candidate for the seat vacated by Mr. Tilly. It is supposed the nominations will be on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. Ald. Rowan was first nominated to oppose Mr. DeVeber; and now, according to the *Telegraph*, Mr. Skinner will be brought out. The Hon. Albert J. Smith will not, it is said, be opposed in Westmoreland County.

A man of unsound mind named Shortin, of Grand Bay, committed suicide by hanging himself to a tree on Sunday the 16th inst.

The great storm of last week appears to have been pretty severe at St. John, doing considerable damage to houses and trees.

The *David Weston*, with a heavy freight for Fredericton, went up as far as Glazier's boom on Tuesday of last week, but was compelled by the ice to turn back.

Mr. J. W. Vodey, a student at the Fredericton University died suddenly on Thursday morning. Deceased was a son of Thos. Vodey, Jr., Esq., postmaster of Chatham.

P. E. ISLAND.

POLITICAL.—Nomination day for the election for the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Laird, or otherwise, is expected to take place, Dec. 2nd.

UNITED STATES.

There is considerable excitement in New York over the Spanish difficulty and the general sentiment seems to prevail that war is inevitable.

There have been demonstrations against Minister Sickles. A mob collected in front of the American Legation, but were promptly dispersed by the Government, and there is no doubt here in official circles but that the authorities at Madrid are fully capable of preventing any outbreak.

Reports were raised that an attempt was made to assassinate Minister Sickles. These reports are believed to have been made deliberately by interested persons for the purpose of producing, if possible, a war fever among the people, and through it bring pressure upon Congress to make a formal declaration against Spain.

The trial of Boss Tweed has resulted in a verdict of guilty on all the counts.

An indignation meeting was held in New York last evening, at which speeches were made by the Hon. W. M. Evarts and others. The American filibustering steamer "General Sherman" has been seized at Aspinwall by U. S. steamer "Wyoming."

The steamer "Cleopatra," which arrived on Monday, brought back newspaper mails she took in her eastward bound trip to Havana. The Spanish authorities refused to allow them to be landed.

It is said that the Government at Washington has official despatches confirming the cable report that Castelar's Cabinet had determined to give the United States and England honorable satisfaction. It is known here that Castelar is as much incensed as the most earnest friend of humanity can be, at the murders committed in the name of order.

A REMARKABLE CHANGE.—The steamer *Atlas*, which left Boston on Tuesday for Liverpool, took home 230 steerage passengers, mostly composed of mill operators and artisans, seeking employment in England. This is a remarkable change of affairs, and will do more to injure the United States than anything else that could happen.

Sharkey, one of the murderers confined in the New York Tombs, escaped on Tuesday last.

Seven men were terribly burned and one instantly killed, by an explosion of sulphur in a mine near Pottersville, Pa.

The storm of rain and snow over the most of the New England States on Tuesday and Wednesday, was the most violent known so early in the season for many years.

A defalcation of 175,000 dollars was discovered yesterday in the account of Robert Finney, Secretary of two Fire Insurance Companies in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The favorable aspect of the Cuban question continues. The most probable course of settlement is said to be the submission of the dispute to diplomacy.

New York, Nov. 24.—Gold 94. Exchange 7 to 84.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—Parliament will reassemble on the 5th of February.

It is stated on official authority that the Foreign Office has instructed the British Minister at Madrid, the Consuls at Havana and Santiago de Cuba, and the Governor of Jamaica that the Government reserves its decision on the question of executions which have already taken place at Santiago; but will hold the Spanish Government responsible for any additional execution of its subjects.

Late despatches received at the War Office from Sir Garnet Wolsey, commanding the expedition against the Ashantees, gives favourable accounts of its progress, and expresses strong hopes of success. The General writes exultingly of the excellent moral effect of troops in recent skirmishes with the savages.

Despatches received on the 21st inst. from Cape Coast Castle report that Colonel Keating with 400 men surprised an Ashantee camp. The Savages who at first took to the bush subsequently attacked the troops but after engagements of three hours were driven off. Their loss in killed and wounded is believed to be large.

Five English officers and fifty-two native auxiliaries were wounded.

It is claimed that the Ashantees were in full retreat after the fight.

All the black troops in Kingston, Jamaica, are under orders for active service in the Ashantee war in Africa. They are preparing to embark, and are awaiting a detachment from Nassau, which is expected in a few days. The 97th Regiment, from Barbadoes will take their place.

Gold to the amount of \$500,000 was bought in open market on Wednesday last, for shipment to New York.

An explosion took place in the colliery at Wigan on Friday. Twenty-five miners were killed and injured.

Mr. Disraeli made a political speech at Glasgow on Saturday. He severely criticised the Government, and predicted a great struggle in Europe between the spiritual and temporal powers he feared the conflict might result in anarchy, and declared that the partisans of Home Rule in Ireland would unmask and show Great Britain their real designs.

A despatch from Birmingham reports a serious railway accident near that city. Two additional iron clads are to be sent to the German fleet in Spanish waters.

FRANCE.—President McMahon sent a message to the Assembly on Monday, the 17th asking prolongation of power of present Executive to seven years; and says he will use the powers granted in defence of Conservative ideas, which he thinks are those of a majority of the nation.

The *Paris Patrie* reports that a plot for the establishment of the Commune in Lyons has been discovered, and several arrests have been made.

There was a stormy debate in the Assembly on the prolongation question. On Wednesday another stormy debate on the same question took place. A motion by M. Rouher for reference of the matter to a plebiscite, was lost by a vote of 499 to 88.

M. de Peireca, member of the Right, moved an amendment to the report of the Committee, providing that President McMahon's power be prolonged to seven years, independently of the constitutional bill. It was adopted by a majority of 65. The motion was then made on the part of the Right, that a Committee of thirty be

appointed to report on the Constitutional Bill, which was adopted by 68 votes. There is great excitement in Paris over the result. Immediately after adjournment of the Assembly, the Cabinet waited upon President McMahon and tendered their resignations. He refused to accept them, and begged the ministry to retain their offices until a new Cabinet is formed.

A majority of the members of the Diplomatic Corps have tendered their congratulations to President McMahon on the prolongation of his term of office. The Ministers consented to remain in office until the interpellation concerning the delayed elections is considered and disposed of by the Assembly.

SPAIN.—The Spanish Cabinet are unanimously in favor of a satisfactory and honorable settlement of the "Virginius" difficulty; but regard the maintenance of the integrity of the Spanish territory as essential.

Havana dates of the 18th contain the following:—Before being executed Ryan sent for a Notary Public to make his will. He died without flinching. Bombita showed emotion, and Jesus de Sol and Cespedes completely broke down at the last moment. The day before Governor Barriel held a secret interview with the latter and endeavored to make some arrangement with him for the surrender of his brother, President Cespedes, but failed in the attempt.

The Spanish deputies of the Republican Minority, have requested the immediate convocation of the Cortes to consider the complications with Foreign Powers, which they allege the Government has caused. The Minister of War has ordered all the Reserves of the army to report in person at the Depots of their respective corps within a fortnight.

The political newspapers say that in consequence of steps taken by Layard, the British Minister, Gen. Sickles has suspended preparations he had been making for his departure from Madrid.

It is rumored that the insurgents of Cartagena intend to surrender. This would release the vessels now in their possession, and render the whole iron-clad fleet available in case of trouble with the United States.

Don Alphonso, brother of Don Carlos, has been appointed Generalissimo of the Carlist forces. A band of 400 Republicans in the Province of Almeria were killed or captured by Carlists.

President Castelar held a long conference on Monday with the British Minister. The result of the interview is favorable to a continuance of good relations.

TURKEY.—The Turkish Government has withdrawn its troops from the scene of the recent conflict in Arabia, and peace has been restored.

Intelligence has reached London that a serious conflict, the cause of which is not stated had occurred in Damascus. During the disorders the British flag was insulted. The Consul demanded reparation for the indignity, but it was refused.

INDIA.—Calcutta, Nov. 19.—The fears of a famine in Bengal are revived. The press advise the importation of food from America.

News of the Week.

THE SEASON thus far has been very mild. A severe storm visited us on Tuesday of last week. A bark was on shore by the Dockyard and schooner was driven on to Meagher's Beach but they were got off without serious injury. Sunday night was the coldest of the season, and a snowstorm followed on Monday evening.

The Cunard Company publish the following notice:—"With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this Line will, henceforth, take a specified course for all seasons of the year. On the outward passage from Queenstown to New York or Boston, crossing Meridian of 50 at 43 Lat., or nothing to the North of 43. On the homeward passage, crossing the Meridian of 50 to 42 Lat. or nothing to the North of 42."

A large meeting was held on Thursday evening at St. Matthew's Church in connection with the New York Evangelical Alliance Conference. His Honor the Chief Justice occupied the chair. Rev. G. W. Hill gave in brief the discussion which took place on the Development Theory as presented principally by Dr. Dawson. Rev. Dr. Graham of Bonn then with great perspicuity and force described his travels and labors in Palestine and Damascus, at Hamburg and Bonn in connection with the Presbyterian Mission to the Jews. Rev. E. M. Saunders spoke on the great commission and the possibility of its being fulfilled.

Three more bodies from the "Atlantic," wrecked washed ashore at Prospect on Wednesday last, and nine more since. They were much decomposed.

THE GAS LAMPS of the City on an average each consume 8700 cubic feet per annum, at a cost of over \$25 per lamp. The city only pays \$20 per lamp, according to contract.

It is reported that the body of the man Agnew, who lately suddenly disappeared from Bridgewater, has been found in La-Have river.

POLITICAL.—We learn from the Cape Breton Times that the Hon. Wm. Ross, the lately gazetted Minister of Militia, is to be opposed by Charles J. Campbell, of Baddeck, when seeking re-election for Victoria County, Cape Breton.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—The Tea Meeting at Hubbard's Cove came off on the 15th ult., and the results have surpassed our expectation. The total sums taken was \$246, net proceeds \$220. The whole affair was all that was promised. The latter reflected great credit on the few sisters at the Cove and Fox Point who assumed the burden. Bro. J. R. Skinner deserves honorable mention for valuable assistance rendered. The refreshment table was set up chiefly through his exertions and displayed good taste and economy. Our brother has won the lasting gratitude of all concerned.

The Committee, in behalf of the church, would hereby tender their thanks to all the friends who aided by their donations or otherwise.—*Com. by C. A. Whitman.*

FATAL ACCIDENT AT PLYMOUTH, DIGBY CO.—On Friday afternoon, 14th inst., a Frenchman named John LesBlanc met with a fatal accident at Plymouth, about eight miles from Yarmouth. He was walking alongside of his ox team (his wife being on the cart) when he stumbled and fell, the cart passing over him, and killing him almost instantly. The poor fellow was intoxicated at the time he met his death.

Acts of dishonesty pretty generally get currency and it is only proper that honesty should be similarly rewarded. A senator from a Western county returning from Ottawa left his wallet containing \$600 and valuable papers, in the railcars. It was found by Mr. Henry Masters one of the conductors and immediately restored to the owner, a reward was offered but declined.

A MANGANESE MINE has been discovered at Wallace, by Mr. John Rose.

SALEM.—The Rev. Thos. Milner, of England, has accepted a unanimous call to this Church, it will be closed for a few Sundays, for the purpose of cleaning and repairing.

THE VIENNA EXHIBITION.—*Austrian Court Honor to an American Contributor.*—Telegrams to the New York Herald. Vienna, Nov. 1, 1873.—The Emperor of Austria has conferred the "Imperial Order of Francis Joseph" upon the Hon. Nathaniel Wheeler, President of the celebrated Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company of New York.

More Distinguished Honors.—Baltimore Md., Oct. 31.—The Maryland Institute has awarded Wheeler & Wilson the gold medal for the new No. 8 Sewing Machine. Other sewing machines received nothing.

The barque "Jerome James" of Yarmouth is a total wreck on Anguilo reef, near Cardenas. She was insured in a Yarmouth office for nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The sad intelligence has been received of the loss of the Telegraph Company's steamship "Robert Lowe," at Beards Content. The captain and seventeen of the crew were drowned. She was engaged in laying another cable to Cape Breton to ensure communication at all times.

Marriages.

At the Manse in Windsor, by the Rev. A. J. Nowell on Thursday, 23rd of Oct., Capt. Frederick L. Waller, to Miss Fanny, youngest daughter of Stephen Harvey, all of Newport, H. C.

At Vernon Mines, Cornwallis, Nov. 12th, 1873, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. D. Freeman, Mr. Richard B. Dunham, to Miss Lydia Hudson.

At Conning, Nov. 12th, by the same, Mr. Amos Parker, to Miss Annie Thomson.

At the same place, by the same, Nov. 15th, Mr. William Porter, to Miss Martha Pines, both of Lower Pecos.

At Halifax, on Wednesday, 12th November, by the Rev. J. K. Smith, M. A. James Wiseman Stairs, Esq., son of Hon. W. J. Stairs, to Jane, eldest daughter of E. M. Macdonald, Esq., Collector of Customs.

On the 18th inst., by Rev. C. B. Pihlsted, Harry Caldwell, and Jenny Rhind, of Halifax.

At St. Andrew's Church, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. J. Campbell, Capt. George W. Murray, to Louisa Sarah, second daughter of James Reeves.

At Mount Uniacke, Nov. 7th, by the Rev. J. H. Robbins, Mr. Joseph A. Euter, Mount Uniacke, to Miss E. Joseph P. Creed, of Halifax.

At Windsor, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. D. M. Welton, T. G. Dunlop, of Halifax, to Emma Rebecca Barnard, of Kentville.

On Thursday, 20th Nov., by the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, Stephen H. Hall, Stationer, of Halifax, to Elizabeth Elmer, daughter of Alex. N. McDonald, Esq., Merchant of Sherbrooke, N. S.

On the 20th inst., by the Rev. John Lathern, James M. Harrison, to Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Jonathan Crowe, both of this city.

At Digby, Nov. 19th, by Rev. J. M. Parker, assisted by Rev. J. C. Morse, Rev. J. A. Durkee, pastor of the Milton Baptist Church, Queens Co., to Miss Charlotte E. Dakin, adopted daughter of Capt. Elisha Pavaon, of Digby.

By the same, at Digby, Mr. James H. Urquhart, St. Mary's Bay, to Miss Lizzie Dunham, of the same place, June 4th.

By the same, at Digby, September 16th, Mr. Charles A. Sweeney, of Hillsburg, to Miss Saira Snel, of same place.

By the same, at Digby, Nov. 4th, Mr. John H. Wilson, Ridge, D. C., to Miss Maria E. Yarrige, of Hillsburg.

By the same, at Digby, November 11th, Mr. Philip Downing, Marshall Town, D. C., to Mr. Phoebe Darcy, of Trout Cove, D. C.

At Liverpool, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. George O. Gates, Mr. George S. Fane, of Pleasant River, to Miss Susan E. Merley, of Milton, Queen Co.