

upon the 'seeking' or rather manner of seeking, and in some sense it does, but in the light of the parable of the virgins it is on the 'time' of seeking that most stress is laid; for it is stated so clearly, "Ask and it shall be given you; Seek and ye shall find; Knock and it shall be opened unto you," but the asking, seeking and knocking must be in the right time, as well as the right manner.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B.

Milton.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Five Islands.

DEDICATION SERVICE.—In accordance with the notice given in the *Messenger*, the New Meeting House at Five Islands was opened for the worship of God on Sabbath, Nov. 26th. Brother McKee delivered the morning discourse from Zechariah vi. 13 in which he eloquently described the nature of the spiritual house, its material and its builder. Brother Freeman showed in the afternoon how the Lord builds up his church, from Mark xvi. 15, 16, and Bro. Ingram closed the day's exercises by enforcing from Acts ix. 6, the duty of laboring for the furtherance of the interests of the church, and the salvation of sinners. There were evident tokens of the divine favor attending these services. Fruit, we trust will yet appear. In the morning at 8 past 8 the pastor baptized six happy believers at Lower Economy, these received the right hand of fellowship at the morning service.

The house is a neat and pretty structure and is a noble gift to the denomination by a very few noble minded brethren and friends. May the Lord reward them abundantly. They desire to express their thanks to those brethren in Truro who kindly furnished the house with lamps, and the friends at Great Village who generously aided in furnishing means for the warming of the building.

Bro. Ingram who has recently assumed the pastorate of the churches included between Five Islands and Portauque is encouraged in his work, and is beloved by the people of his charge. He has entered upon an inviting field of labor. Tokens of the Master's favor are already manifest, that give assurance that the Lord had sent him to this people and will yet make him a means of blessing to many.

AMHERST SHORE, Dec. 1st, 1876.—The Lord has revived his work in this place. The extra meetings held here resulted in great good. Wanderers were reclaimed and sinners converted. I had the pleasure of baptizing four young people, who are labouring earnestly and zealously for the salvation of their companions.

Pray for us that many more may believe and turn unto the Lord.

Yours very truly,

E. B. COREY.

On Thursday evening Rev. J. F. Avery, pastor of the Third Church, baptized two candidates at Granville Street.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Hon. Mr. Laflamme, minister of Inland Revenue, was elected for Jacques Cartier on Tuesday by a majority of 28.

The Mayor of St. Hyacinthe has received three thousand francs, the donation of Marshal MacMahon in aid of the sufferers by the late fire.

The Post Office Department have a substitute for the postal card in the shape of an envelope and a sheet of paper, in one piece, to go for two cents.

A most determined attempt at suicide was made in Griffintown, Montreal on Thursday night. A man cut his throat and also stabbed himself in the abdomen.

Duties received at the Inland Revenue office on account of excise for the month of November, \$3,012,611.7.

The Customs duties collected at Montreal for November, amounted to \$14,627.49, and for the five months ending 30th November, \$96,190.10, an increase of \$3,215.88 over last year.

Belcher, convicted of the murder of a neighboring farmer, named Kenyon, by shooting him in presence of his wife and daughter is to be executed on the 21st inst.

The Quebec steamers made their last trip on Wednesday last.

One-seventh of all the property in Toronto, a sum exceeding eight million dollars, is exempt from taxation, of this over two and a half millions is church property.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—On Friday last two boys, named John A. Jones and James

Chapman, were drowned at Lily Lake while skating. The ice through which they fell was only half an inch thick.

On Thursday night a fire in Walker's building, Prince William street, destroyed most of the stock in his book bindery.

On Saturday night, while the pilot boat "H. D. Troop" was leaving St. John harbor, two of the men, George Doody and Martin Spears, got into a dispute, and Spears stabbed the other in the thigh. Doody bled profusely before he received surgical aid, so that his life was despaired of.

UNITED STATES.—Two legislative bodies were organized at Columbia, South Carolina, on Tuesday last. The Republican branch numbers 53, one less than a quorum; the Democrats, 64, including two Republicans acting with them. Each house will demand of the Secretary of State the returns of the vote for Governor. There was great excitement, the State House being surrounded by Federal troops, and only members of the Legislature, and State officials, were admitted. Several thousand persons, many secretly armed, gathered in the vicinity. Members from Laurens and Edgefield counties, counted out as fraudulently elected, were not admitted to the State House. Both Chamberlain and Hampton claim the Governorship and the opposing legislative bodies claim legitimacy.

The official count in Florida gives forty-five majority for the Hayes electors. The Democrats will probably contest the return as one county was thrown out.

It is announced that Tweed has dismissed all his counsel and will let the law take its course.

The Main Building of the International Exhibition, at Philadelphia, has been purchased by the International Exhibition Company for \$250,000.

The public debt statement shows an increase during the month of \$452,667.

A fire in Chicago last week destroyed property to the value of \$260,000. Sherman, Hall & Co., wool merchants, are the heaviest sufferers. Two men and two women were burned to death in a restaurant.

The monument to Horace Greeley will cost from \$3000 to \$6000.

A serious fire in New Orleans on Friday, 112 dwellings consumed. Hundreds of people rendered homeless. Loss estimated at \$400,000. Twenty firemen injured.

Congress met on Monday. The Democratic caucus nominated Mr. Randall speaker of the House.

ENGLAND.—An explosion of coal gas on board the Allan steamship Prussian at Liverpool, on Tuesday, terribly mutilated ten laborers, blew up the lower deck and otherwise damaged the vessel. She was repaired, and sailed on Wednesday for Portland.

The *Standard's* money article on Friday said: "We understand the banks have raised the selling price of American eagles a half-penny per ounce."

The statement of the Bank of England shows a decrease in specie for the week of \$1,000,000.

A *Times* correspondent says the interest shown by the Powers in the cause of Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, has produced an agitation among the Christians in other Provinces of Turkey, who demand equal reforms for all Christians. These movements are very convenient to the Porte on the eve of the Conference, strengthening its opposition to the concessions demanded for the insurgent Provinces, as involving possible general insurrection.

The *Times* correspondent says: "The occupation of Bulgaria has become almost a political point of honor with Russia, from which she will not recede, while nothing will induce Turkey to acquiesce."

The Marquis of Salisbury's declarations exclude the idea of England's going to war with Russia, but war between Turkey and Russia is regarded as inevitable.

A terrific gale prevailed throughout the British Isles, Saturday and Sunday; floods in many places caused much damage. Numerous disasters to shipping on the coast, with considerable loss of life, are reported. The Thames is very high, and a disastrous overflow was feared. The freight steamer *Prince* foundered in the storm; all on board, 14 in number, were lost.

Russia and Turkey are preparing for war with terrible earnestness.

FRANCE.—The French Chamber of Deputies rejected the bill increasing the stipends of the priests.

President McMahon contributed 3000 fr. in aid of the sufferers by the late fire at St. Hyacinthe, Canada.

The Papal Church Party experienced another defeat in the French Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday night.

A decree is published commuting, or reducing, the sentences of one hundred and seven Communists. Several are granted full pardons.

SPAIN.—In Santander, a great fire occurred on Thursday. The cathedral was threatened.

TURKEY.—The Conference on the Eastern question at Constantinople will assemble after preliminary meetings, which begin Dec. 8th, at the residence of Gen. Ignatieff, and at which the differences of the European powers are to be settled. The opening of the conference will imply that the divergencies between the powers are settled. Their resolutions will then be submitted to the Porte for its adhesion.

A despatch from Constantinople says that by an inundation at Adrianople thousands of houses have been swept away.

The Marquis of Salisbury embarked at Brindisi on Saturday, for Constantinople.

The *Times* Berlin correspondent says the Porte intends moving at the conference for an international arbitrament upon Russia's right to dispatch volunteers to Serbia; and if she has not the right the Porte will demand a large indemnity for the prolongation of the war, occasioned by the Russian volunteers.

Turkey protests against the line of demarcation between Turkish and Montenegrin forces.

The Turks are erecting formidable fortifications at Widdien, Ristichuk, Silistria, and Schymla.

The Porte has sent a circular reply to Prince Gortzchoff, not favorable to peace.

The Turks are pushing forward their new constitution, although repeatedly warned they are attempting to anticipate the conference.

RUSSIA.—The Russian and German diplomatic circles doubt that the Conference will be able to settle complications.

Abdul Kerim Pasha is preparing to invade Wallachia, being convinced that Roumania will co-operate with Russia.

The following semi-official statement is published in Petersburg: The Marquis of Salisbury in his conversation with Count Andrássy and Prince Bismarck, will probably have convinced himself that the intimate relations between the three Imperial Courts remained unchanged, and that Russia has been hitherto restrained from taking extreme measures by the consideration due the Emperors of Germany and Austria.

Russia will not put forward the occupation of Bulgaria as her principal demand at the conference, but her representative will positively declare that the projected Turkish constitution cannot be discussed; that the autonomy for the provinces must be guaranteed, and that occupation appears the best means of rendering such guarantee efficacious. Should the other powers be willing to participate in the occupation, Russia would even now prefer such a solution; but if not, Russia, in order to obtain the object, sanctioned by the Berlin memorandum, will undertake the occupation single-handed. The statement concludes by affirming that Russia is determined to maintain her position against all protests or evasions the Porte may offer.

The *Moscow Gazette* says a fund is being subscribed there for the purchase in America of letters of marque to be employed against English merchant shipping in the event of war between England and Russia.

A despatch from Berlin says an order in preparation calling out all Russians under fifty years of age, is regarded as proof that the government is preparing for all contingencies and has depressed the St. Petersburg Bourse.

The Russian Mediterranean squadron is to winter in American waters.

The mobilized Russian regiments are being successively sent south; in the latter half of December 250,000 men will be on the front ready to cross.

Four military hospitals have been opened, capable of receiving 52,000 men.

Russia has ordered twenty million cartridges in the United States.

JAPAN.—The foreign settlement in Yeddo, has been partially destroyed by fire.

MEXICO.—The Mexican revolutionists recently won a victory over the Government troops, routing 2,000 regulars, and capturing their cannon and supplies.

CUBA.—The Cuban insurgents and Spanish troops had a sharp engagement on the 18th; both sides claimed a victory. The Spanish loss is 33 killed and 49 wounded, including six officers. The insurgents left 24 dead on the field.

LOCAL NEWS.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—To be a Notary and Tabellion Public, Wm. T. Pipes, Esq., of Amherst.

Guysborough.—To be Justices of the Peace, Elias Cook, Guysborough; Jas. H. Buckley, Guysborough; vice Saml. R. Russell, Esq., deceased; Donald S. Ferguson, Guysborough Intervale; Francis L. Marshall, Manchester; vice James C. Marshall, removed from the County; William Gordon Simpson, Manchester; John W. Bruce, Clam Harbor; Charles W. Landy, Tor Bay; John McGuire and Wm. S. Wylder, Melford; Wm. Ehler, Crow Harbor; Patrick C. Cullen and J. D. Cohoon, Canoe; and John M. Cunningham, Canoe; vice A. M. Bigelow, resigned.

To be Commissioners for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.: James E. Hart, Esq., Guysborough; Solomon Cohoon, Esq., Canoe; Daniel Hattie, Esq., St. Mary's; James A. Fraser, Goldenville; and John McMillan, Isaac's Harbor.

The 87th Regiment has been replaced by the 20th, which arrived on Wednesday last in H. M. S. *Tamar*. The departure of the former regiment was the occasion of a large concourse at the Dockyard, as the men of that regiment were much respected for their general good behaviour.

On Wednesday last a boy named Broderick whilst at play in the yard of the Barrington Street School accidentally had a hatch fall on his fingers—one was cut off and three others so badly crushed that it was found necessary to amputate them.

Mrs. Mary McNamara, died at her residence in Lower Water Street a few days ago, upwards of a hundred years old. She was a native of the County of Cork, Ireland.

Robert Rhodes the man who was tried last week for putting obstructions on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway pleaded not guilty. As the principal evidence against him was his own admission of guilt, he was acquitted and took his departure. He expressed genuine sorrow at the fact, but he seems deficient and should be carefully watched.

A little boy named William Tavers, about 13 years of age, ran away from his home, in Brooklyn, Hants Co., on Thursday, the 23rd ult., and came to Halifax. He went to the Police Station for protection, but left the next morning. His mother came to town and advertised for him. On Tuesday night Sergt. N. Power found him wandering in the streets and brought him to the Station. He denied his name, and when his mother appeared he denied that he knew or had ever seen her. She took charge of him.

The cold nights of last week made ice on the ponds in the suburbs, which gave the boys an opportunity of enjoying skating—the first of the season yet without casualties, for which we should be thankful.

On Saturday last a truck horse took fright in George Street and ran down towards the Dartmouth ferry. The gates were shut to prevent his going on board the steamer, but he came with such force against the gates that one of them was lifted off the hinges and broken, and the horse went over it into the boat and stopped at the other end. That horse should be sent to Professor Pratt's school.

Professor Pratt has a class of about a hundred persons and twenty or thirty vicious horses, the latter to be educated and the former to witness the proceeding. He subdues the horses by kind but appropriate treatment.

Byron A. Weston, (of the firm of Henry & Weston), has been appointed Commissioner for Massachusetts, in the Dominion of Canada.

A young man named Richard McCleave, on Thursday night last, attempted to shoot himself. He fired six shots, two of which entered his head but were afterwards extracted, and under medical treatment he is said to be in a fair way of recovery. He is a young man of twenty, and is said to be a fair specimen of a young man.

KENTVILLE.—The Rectory, was burglariously entered on Saturday week and several articles stolen. The house is uninhabited, but contains furniture, &c. owned by Rev. T. S. Kichey.

Cape Sable Island.—A Barrington correspondent of the *Yarmouth Herald*, writing on the 29th ult., says: "A young man named Norman Quinley, son of Matthew Quinley, went out in a boat fishing last week. After shooting a loon, and whilst reloading his gun, the boat got inside the breakers of Sable Island, (Cape Sable Island). One oar was immediately washed out and the boat half filled with water. Before he could get her out of the breakers, a heavy sea struck her, completely filled her, and threw him out. He was unable to swim and was drowned. His body washed ashore and an inquest held over it before Dr. Wilson, coroner, when a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Another boat was within a short distance, but was unable to afford any assistance. Deceased was a worthy young man and was much esteemed by the people of Cape Sable Island, among whom he resided."

The barque Jane Wright, Kerr master, of St. John, N. B., arrived at Shelburne on Thursday morning with sails gone and short of provisions and water. She was 10 days in the Bay of Fundy, and lost one man of her crew.

The Nova Scotia exhibits at the Centennial Exhibition will be sent home by rail.

TRACADIE.—A young man named Joseph Kinney committed suicide at Little Tracadie on the 15th inst., by hanging himself from a beam in the barn. He was of a sober, sedate disposition and no reason can be conjectured as to the cause of the deed.

The steamer Alpha, from Boston, and for P. E. Island, reported ashore near Barrington, was floated off on Friday morning.

Six or seven prisoners escaped from Yarmouth jail within a few days past, and were at large at last accounts.

The North Baptist Ladies are this day (Wednesday) holding a Sale of Useful and Fancy articles in the Basement of the Church in Gottingen Street. Admission 10 cents. Tea will be served from 6 to 9 p. m., at 40 cents each.

The Ladies of the Baptist Church Dartmouth, will hold a Fancy Sale and Tea Meeting in aid of the building fund of their church, on Thursday, 14th December, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

COLE HARBOR.—A fatal accident occurred at the works in forming a new dyke at Cole Harbor on Friday last. Henry Sellers and three others, with a horse and cart, got into one of the gullies made by the workmen at the dyke. The gully contained some fifteen feet of water. One of the men swam to a landing place; two were rescued by a boat; but Sellers was never seen to rise. His body was recovered about two hours afterwards. The horse managed to get clear of the cart, and was saved.

THE BANK ROBBERY TRIAL after occupying nine days came to a close on Saturday. The address of counsel was remarkable for the amount of personality and the effort employed to divert attention from the prisoners charged with the crime. It does not appear who they are, where they come from, what they do for a living, or that any person can testify of their character, or tell for what purpose they came to Halifax. The result of the trial was that the jury failed to agree. It is said that ten were for acquittal and two for conviction. The verdict was given late on Saturday evening after the jury had been in deliberation six hours. The prisoners were sent back to jail, but efforts are being made to release them on bail.

Mr. T. J. Wallace on Monday afternoon in moving for a rule nisi for a new trial in the cause of *Fraser vs. Wallace*, incurred the censure of the Court by remarking that he would take the rule in in spite of the Judge who tried the cause. He was required by the Chief Justice to apologize, and refused, whereupon he was fined forty dollars, and in default of payment to be imprisoned. The learned counsel announced that he would appeal. But subsequently made the required apology.

A fire occurred in South Brunswick Street near the new Engine House early on Sunday morning. The interior was pretty much destroyed. It was insured for \$1200.

A child of Mr. James Woodworth of Gays River was scalded to death on Thursday last.

We were exposed last week to a pitiless storm, that wet our feet and stockings, and indeed our person all over. In fact we took a cracking cold, which brought sore throat and severe symptoms of fever. The good wife asserted her authority, plunged our feet in hot water, wrapped us in hot blankets, and sent our faithful son for a bottle of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. It is a splendid medicine—pleasant to take and did the job. We slept soundly through the night and awoke well the next morning. We know we owe our quick recovery to the Pectoral, and shall not hesitate to recommend it to all who need such a medicine. *Tehachana (Texas) Presbyterian.*

READ CAREFULLY.—Samuel Osborne, Salsburgh, says: "I was affected with Dyspepsia for nearly four years, my lungs becoming affected towards the last. I was induced to try the 'Shoshonee Remedy.' After using three or four bottles, I felt much better, and gained strength rapidly, my health improved steadily and rapidly, and when I had taken three or four bottles more, I was quite restored to health and strength, and have experienced better health than for forty years before. I have been under the treatment of a number of physicians before, but never received any material aid until I used your remedy. I feel now as if I had been very bad with Liver Complaint, but used the 'Shoshonee Remedy,' and in a month was as well as he had ever been in his life. I am now in business and wish you to send me three dozen by steamer."

A Wood, Consequence, says: "That he has tried the 'Remedy' for Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia with great success. I have also used the 'Shoshonee Pills,' and find that they are as good as ever I tried."

Rev. JOHN SCOTT says: "Mr. McKennzie Botting suffered from an attack of rheumatism, and was unable to move without help; but after taking a few bottles of the 'Shoshonees' was able to walk as well as ever." Price of the Remedy in pint bottles \$1; Pills, 25 cents a box. Nov. 29.

TO LUNGS TO CONSUMPTIVES.—The advertiser, a retired physician, having providentially discovered, while a Medical Missionary in Southern Asia, a very simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical specific for Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all Nervous Complaints, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) to all who desire it, the recipe for preparing and successfully using, this providentially discovered remedy. Those who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of this discovery without cost, can do so by return mail, by addressing, with stamp, and naming this paper

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