

For the Christian Messenger.
Items from Sherwood.

Mr. Editor,—

The first is in reference to the Sabbath School in that place. Unlike many schools in the country they do not close in the autumn, but since the establishment of the school they have kept it up summer and winter. Some six or eight weeks ago, I attended a very interesting Sabbath School Concert, very nicely and ably conducted by the School Teacher—Miss Swinehammer. Quite a variety of exercises were gone through with, and the different classes acquitted themselves well reflecting great credit upon themselves and their teachers. Considering that this is a new interest, and the very limited advantages of education heretofore enjoyed, the concert was a decided success.

The next item is a baptism a few Sundays ago at Card's Lake—one of the most lovely and convenient places for the administration of the ordinance that the whole country can produce. One young man with willing step walked in the path of obedience. Another one is received for baptism, and will probably go forward in the ordinance before long.

The third and last is an adventure with a Bear. Bruin wanted his breakfast one morning last week, and he undertook to help himself to one of Mr. E. E. Card's sheep. In order to do this he had to show himself in the open field where he was seen chasing the flock around. While engaged in the attempt he heard the report of a rifle, and although the ball did not hit him, he thought best to abandon the pursuit and take himself off to the woods again. Failing to obtain a breakfast, he hung around the premises hoping to get some fresh mutton for dinner and was seen once or twice during the day. Having fasted all day, his Bearship made a bold and desperate attempt to get his supper, and he got more than he could carry away, viz., the contents of Mr. Card's rifle, instead of the fat sheep he was hunting for. Just after sunset he made his appearance almost within gun-shot of the house and barn. Mr. Card, rifle in hand, crept across the road to a more convenient shooting distance, his wife and children watching him with the most intense interest. Just as he was preparing to fire upon him the huge brute raised himself upon his hind legs and looked around as if to take a view of the situation, and see what were the prospects before him. The children cried out simultaneously, "Father's gone. He'll be torn to pieces." But this was just what Mr. C. wanted, as it afforded an excellent opportunity to give Bruin what he didn't want, viz., a rifle ball, which entered his breast and lodged under the skin near his back-bone. This was his death wound and his last spring, high in the air, was probably the highest he ever made in his life. After two more shots had taken effect in his head and he was thoroughly dead, if you had been there, Mr. Editor, you would have seen what you never saw before, viz., a large rope around the neck of the black brute, and Mr. and Mrs. Card, and all the children, tackled to it, dragging him to a convenient place to take off his skin, which will make a nice robe for Mr. C's sleigh.

Yours truly,
I. J. SKINNER.

Chester, June 5th, 1879.

The London Tablet regrets that whatever propriety there was in former times in designating France, Austria, Spain, Italy, Bavaria, Belgium, and Portugal as Catholic States "it has almost entirely disappeared." In Spain alone is the Government influenced by the Church, and even in Spain "the Catholicism of the State is superficial and formal, and nothing like a warm support of Catholic interest at home or abroad is to be looked for from those in power." In France, "the eldest daughter of the Church," five of the Ministers of the State are Protestants, and of the remaining four not one is a "practical Catholic," while since Austria became a constitutional State "the Government can no longer be said to have any particular religious character."

REV. M. P. FREEMAN of Great Village, writes on Monday June 9th, "I baptized nine happy converts at Westchester Mountain yesterday. It was a good day for the little church. Two deacons were ordained and the Lord's Supper administered."

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

The Vice Regal party arrived at Québec on Wednesday. Addresses were presented in French and English. It was raining heavily at the time of their landing. There were however thousands of people to welcome them. They were occupied last week in visiting the institutions.

The Duke of Argyll, father of the Marquis of Lorne, his son Lord Walter Campbell, and two daughters Lady Mary and Lady Elizabeth Campbell arrived at New York on Tuesday last. They went to Niagara on the following day and to Montreal on Friday. It is expected that they will return for Europe about the middle of July.

The Governor General's work, entitled "Travels in the Dominion," will, it is said, be published this season. It will be illustrated by the Princess Louise.

T. J. Claxton & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants of Montreal have suspended. The direct liabilities will reach \$700,000 and possibly a million. The assets consist of stock on hand and some real estate heavily mortgaged. Mr. Claxton produced a statement to the Merchants' Bank last year, in which he showed a surplus of \$150,000 over his liabilities.

The Ontario elections give a majority in favor of the local Government.

ENGLAND.—David Stuart & Co., of Liverpool, in the Eastern trade, have failed. Liabilities £100,000 to £200,000. They are largely indebted to the Presbyterian Missionary Agency in America, for whom they are agents.

The British steamer Devonshire at Liverpool, from Philadelphia, lost 155 cattle during a gale.

The steamer Faraday is loading the new French Atlantic cable. Shore ends and the Brest and Scilly connection are to be laid first, then return to the Thames for deep sea cable, which will terminate at Cape Cod.

The troopship Euphrates, with 1,700 soldiers, left on Tuesday for Natal.

ITALY.—Mount Etna is ejecting enormous volumes of ashes. The destruction of property is immense. Majo is obliterated, and abandoned and Cosello is threatened. Many large and valuable estates are destroyed. Four main craters continue to pour streams of lava while many smaller ones are inactive. The stream of lava which interrupts the road at Passa Pesaro is a half mile wide and a hundred feet deep. It has since stopped.

The River Po breached its embankment near the market town of Revere. The damage is very serious.

One hundred thousand dollars are promised for sufferers by the Alexandria floods and eruptions of Etna. This sum, however, is considered far from sufficient.

Two thousand workmen are employed strengthening the dykes. The River Adige has also risen.

INDIA.—The famine in Cashmere is very serious, and great distress prevails throughout the country. Many towns and villages are depopulated.

Official reports say it is impossible to exaggerate the distress from famine. 3,500 tons of grain are en route there.

Numbers of Burmese troops are going down the river. Forts at Mandalay are about being garrisoned. Much alarm is felt.

Refus.

Pedestrianism and Fishing are now "in." Great feats are being accomplished in both kinds of sport. The former improves the digestive organs whilst the other gives them something to do.

SOME WILD STRAWBERRIES were handed up picked on Saturday last, June 7th, at Dartmouth, a little beyond the residence of John R. Wallace, Esq.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia on Sunday the 1st inst. administered the rite of Confirmation at Yarmouth to 32 persons, and on Sunday morning last at Annapolis and in the evening at Granville.

At Lunenburg on Thursday last, Judge James sentenced Hirtell to be hanged on the 1st of August, but endorsed the unanimous recommendation to mercy given by the jury.

It is said that the Amherst mystery—Esther Cox—is to travel, and give exhibitions, at first in Halifax.

We are informed by a person from the Londonderry Mines, that the Mining Company have suspended their blast furnaces for repairs. The Rolling Mills are in full operation.

SOMETHING THAT IS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN OUTSIDE THE CITY.—John Nash & Co., 77 & 79 Brunswick Street, Halifax, N. S., are manufacturing Soda Water, Aerated Lemonade, Ginger Ale, Sarsaparilla and Ginger Beer, which they will ship safely packed to any address for \$1.00 per dozen and allow 60cts. for returned empties, which makes the Beer only 40cts. per dozen. These are just the articles for Bazaars, Tea-Meetings, and Pic-nics. They are a wholesome and delicious beverage, not being spirituous or malt, children can drink it. Country orders promptly attended to. No charge for packing or shipping by Rail or Vessel. Give them a call.

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The annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, commencing this day Wednesday. Some 350 delegates are expected to be present. Five or six ministers are gone from the Halifax Presbyterian Churches.

The Middleton Singing Class, conducted by Prof. Hall, kindly rendered the Oratorio of Queen Esther, at Margaretville, on the 3rd inst., in aid of a meeting-house at that place. It was a grand success. About \$40.00 were taken at the door.

The Oratorio as rendered by them is worthy of an audience any where. Those present, not satisfied by paying an admission fee, gave the Professor and his class a hearty vote of thanks for the entertainment and for their kindness in so substantially aiding towards a house for the worship of God. H.

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June 11. 4 ins. J. C.

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Nov. 6. 2 ins.

Marriages.

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At Annapolis, June 4th, by the Rev. James J. Ritchie, Charles E. Harris, Merchant, of Halifax, to Fannie Helen, youngest daughter of James F. Hoyt, Esq., of Annapolis.

On the 4th inst., at Windsor, by the father of the groom, assisted by the Rev. Canon Maynard, Rector of the Parish, Charles E. W., second son of Rev. G. B. Dodwell, M. A., of Halifax, and Alice M., only daughter of Wm. Dimock, of Windsor.

On the 4th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Burns, Arthur B. Mitchell to Louise Helen, eldest daughter of Joseph Seaton, Esq., of this city.

At Westport, on the 27th ult., by the Rev. L. B. Gates, Mr. John N. Peters, to Mrs. Isabella Cousins.

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Deaths.

At Belleisle, Annapolis Co., on Thursday, the 29th ult., after a very short illness, Mr. David Bent, in the 53rd year of his age. Inflammation resulting from the accidental dislocation of an ankle, was the immediate cause of his death. Bro. Bent was a zealous laborer in the church and a highly respected member of the community. He will be sadly missed by his brethren and friends.

At Jeddore, May 13th, of diphtheria, John Burton, son of John and Grace Ann, Arnold, ged at two years.

At Digby, on the 3rd ult., in the 70th year of her age, Mary, widow of the late Capt. Edward Manning Cousins.

On Wednesday, June 4, Harriet Caldwell, eldest daughter of Geo. T. and Bessie Smithers, aged 18 years and 8 months.

On the 4th June, of consumption, Mary Ann wife of Mr. Jas. Anderson, aged 23.

On Friday 6th inst., in the 60th year of his age, Henry Packham.

At South Rawdon, Hants Co., May 11th, of heart disease, John V. Kelly, aged 68 years.

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