

baptize some. The Protracted Meeting, in connection with the opening of the new Meeting house in that place, which was attended by Elders Hart, Wayman and Perry, has resulted in good. And being strengthened by the faithful labours of Brother Taylor has awakened a decided interest in the cause among the people. The labours of our General Missionary, Elder W. E. Pennington have been successful throughout the country where he has travelled. And we cannot doubt the approbation of God on the engagement of these two brethren in missionary labour. A decided impetus has been given to the cause thereby throughout the country. We have not yet heard from the Protracted Meeting in Woodstock.

UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE.

Scarcely a day comes and goes but we have a fresh proof of the uncertainty of our best earthly comforts. We have been forcibly reminded of this by a melancholy accident which recently occurred in the neighbourhood of this city. On Friday the 4th instant, Mr. E. Maze Morrell unfortunately fell from a wood boat while coming through the Falls of St. John, near Split Rock, and was drowned. His boat and another came in contact in that dangerous place, which resulted in the loss of this young man's life. There are circumstances connected with some events, which give them more than ordinary interest. So it is in this case. About five weeks previous to his death we married him to an interesting young woman, both of whom we suppose (as is usual on such occasions) promised themselves long lives of happiness. But alas! how soon the bitter cup of disappointment is put to the lips of the young wife; and the husband, instead of breathing even a last farewell, is without a grave where affection's tear can steep the early sod. Housed somewhere, probably, beneath the roaring of the wild water-fall, he will sleep until the sea shall give up its dead.

But what a lesson is taught the living—what a voice saying unto us—"Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." The young wife—the aged mother, nor the dependent babes, can turn aside relentless death,—nor stay his hand. We sympathise with the bereaved widow—we commend her that God who has said—"Let your widows trust in me." And we would remind all the surviving relatives of the necessity of a preparation to follow soon.

SEAMEN CARED FOR.

We intended to have noticed in a former number of our paper, the pleasure we had in listening to a discourse in our own Meeting house a few Sabbath evenings since from the Rev. E. N. Harris, Seaman's Chaplain in this City, in which he urged the claims of the long neglected seamen with eloquence and earnestness. "Without controversy," Brother Harris is doing a great work; and his perseverance in it intitles him to the admiration of the community. When he began to interest himself here in behalf of the sailor, few—very few, had any confidence in his success; but he did what he could, and that has shown what may be done. He has now purchased an eligible property at a cost of £4000, to be fitted up in excellent style, having in addition to a boarding house, a lecture room, savings bank, and probably a Nautical School, and everything necessary for their comfort and interest. About £3,200 of this sum is already subscribed in shares of £10 each, and the intention will be consummated without doubt. How many dear mothers, whose sailor sons are just as dear to them as they would be if they filled a throne, will shed tears of joy when they hear that far away in the port of St. John, where many of them visit, a "Home" is provided for them,

and they are brought under moral and religious influence. Hundreds of them, no doubt, rescued from the vilest snares, will have watered in that Home the seed sown in their youthful hearts by pious, praying mothers, and live to bless the memory of brother Harris, and those who have aided him in this truly benevolent design. Every man has his work, if he would only do it. Brother Harris's is a good and a great one, and we bid him God speed.

ASSOCIATION LOAN FUND.—We again call the attention of our friends to the necessity of further effort to increase this Fund. While we acknowledge with pleasure, the readiness and liberality with which some have come forward and aided the committee in the work which the General Conference committed to them; we have also to regret that this interest has not been more general. We ask our brethren in the Ministry, to see to this matter with greater earnestness; and we solicit—exclusively for the furtherance of the cause of God, additional means in the shape of loans and donations to our Loan Fund.

☞ Elder A. Taylor left here on Friday for Jerusalem, where he was to stay over the Sabbath. Elder W. E. Pennington is particularly requested to return there as soon as possible.

THE BIBLE FOR CHINA.—The British and Foreign Bible Society is rapidly raising the sum necessary to send the proposed MILLION Testaments to China. They are to be published at 4d. a copy sterling. The Church Witness contains an address from the *New Brunswick Auxiliary* soliciting aid from persons here in furtherance of this same object. Contributions may be forwarded to the Treasurer, J. M. Robinson, Esq.

The Rev. J. A. James of Birmingham (with whose writings many of our readers are familiar,) preached a sermon recently in his own place of worship with special reference to this object; and at the close of the services the deacons took up subscriptions for nearly 25,000 copies! That is the right kind of religion.

☞ Brother Thomas O'Donnell in the Parish of Johnson, Q. C. has on hand an assortment of books, &c., from our office, which he will dispose of to the friends there at low rates.

The friends in Upper Sussex will find for sale in a few days at the store of E. S. Freeze, Esq., an assortment of Bibles, Testaments, Hymn Books, and other books.

☞ An Almanack for 1854 has been handed us by the Publisher Mr. W. L. Avery. It contains the usual Provincial information, a large number of advertisements, and is neatly got up.

MARKETS.—The price of Flour and some other things in the Market are so uncertain that we shall not publish the prices this issue. Flour is rising. Butter, Cheese and Pork are a little less than at our last—other things about the same.

FIRES.—A large house built by Mr. Ballentine, on Brussell Street, was very much injured by fire on Tuesday last. On the evening of the same day a wooden building in connection with the Poor House, across the street was totally consumed. We also learn that the residence of Mr. George Baxter, in Norton was destroyed a few days since by fire.

LATE CALIFORNIA NEWS!

The steamer Daniel Webster from San Juan, has arrived at the South West Pass, bringing California dates of October 16th, with 160 passengers and \$50,000. The Daniel Webster connected with the Sierra Nevada at San Juan, which brought down about \$1,200,000 in gold. The Golden Gate and the Ucele Sam sailed from San Francisco on the 16th ult. with \$1,130,000 in dust.

One-third of the city of Sonora has been destroyed by fire.

The mining news is encouraging.

The Supreme Court of California has made an important decision, declaring valid all grants made in accordance with the Mexican law.

Murder and outrages are occurring throughout California to an alarming extent.

ITEMS.

ORSON PRATT, Editor of a Mormon paper issued in Washington, has published an epistle to the (Mormon) saints in the United States and British Provinces. He says that the Book of Mormon is translated and published in the Danish, German, Italian, French and Welch languages; a translation is also nearly completed in the native tongue of the Sandwich Islands; and instructions have been given to the missionaries, to translate it into every language under heaven as fast as time and circumstances will permit.

THE BIBLE.—Who are destitute of it? One hundred and fifty millions, under more or less of Papal power, are almost, if not entirely destitute. Most of our readers have met with the statement that two travellers published—they could not find a Bible for sale in Rome. Probably not above one hundred thousand copies are circulated annually in France. One hundred and twenty millions of Mohammedans have rejected the word of God.—China, Japan, the islands in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, most of South America, and all the continent of Africa, are yet to be supplied.

A large Protestant book store has been opened in Constantinople, in the very heart of the city. On its shelves are found copies of the Scripture in twelve different languages, and thence have gone forth, during the past year, more than 10,000 copies of the Word of God, besides other religious books and tracts in the various languages of that part of the world. \$400 worth of the Scriptures; in the Ararat dialect, have been sent into Russia during the same period.

FREEDOM.—A liberated slave in Jamaica thus beautifully expressed himself in relation to freedom:—

"I have been free," said he, "three times: first I was free in my own country, Africa; next I was set free on the 1st of August, 1838; the third time was when Christ set me free; and I shall yet be free a fourth time, when I am delivered from the bondage of sin and corruption in heaven."

The Russian soldiers in the Danubian Provinces, are deserting in great numbers, but most of the fugitives are captured, as the line of the Danube is strongly guarded. Most of them expiate the offence by death. Some of the officers have been shot as a measure of discipline, and the intercessions of the most influential persons prove of no avail.

The *N. Y. Tribune* says that private advices state that the foreign residents in the Sandwich Islands, are discussing the propriety of ceding the sovereignty of these Islands to the United States, on such conditions as will secure to the inhabitants all their civil rights and their property.

CONTENTMENT.—A remark of Sadi, the Persian poet, was: "I never complained of my condition but once, when my feet were bare, and I had not money to buy shoes; but I met a man without feet, and became contented with my lot."

A DISFIGURED SOUL.—Of all poisons and plagues, the deadliest you can admit to your heart is gain which fraud has won. The curse of the Judge is in it, the curse of the Judge will never leave it, it is woe and withering and death to you, it will eat you up as fire, it will witness against you,—*The Successful Merchant.*

A *Californian* paper says that an immigration of 12,000 Russians to the Sandwich Islands, is in preparation, under the immediate auspices of the Emperor.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO THOUSAND NEWSPAPERS are every day circulated from the offices of twelve papers in the city of New York. The highest number reached by any one is forty-five thousand; the lowest named is six thousand.

The first Sunday-school in Germany was established by the Rev. Mr. Oncken, and the first boy he picked up in the streets of Hamburg, as a Sabbath-school scholar, is now superintendent of a large Sabbath-school in that city.

The premises lately rented by the "Catholic Defence Association," have been transferred to the committee of the "Irish Church Missions."