

thorities deem the danger to be near and imminent.

The most fearful accounts of destitution continue to reach us from the provinces. The withdrawals of depositors of their funds from the Provincial Savings Banks, appear to arise as much from a sense of insecurity of their funds, as from political distrust.

The Catholic Bishop of Kilkenny has called on his Clergy to abstain from political agitation.

The magistrates of the County of Wexford have declared that they are perfectly satisfied with the state of the County, and that no more military are required.

FRANCE.

The French papers announce that cash was beginning to return into circulation, which they prove by the fact that the bank received in one day, in silver, 100,000 francs.

The latest advices from Paris state that the election returns continue the most satisfactory to those who desire to see the moderate party represented in the Provisional Government by M. Lamartine, prevail. In almost every arrondissement in Paris M. Lamartine and the moderate party in the Government head the lists, and throughout the departments the commissaries of M. Ledeu-Rollin are at a great discount. The Intelligence has produced a very sensible improvement in the money market.

A plot to blow up the Hotel De Ville, and to make the Republic more democratic than is meditated by the Provisional Government, has been detected, and a judicial inquiry was in progress into the alleged conspiracy, which, it is said, will comprise some persons in high stations.

BATTLE IN SCHLESWIG.

RENSBURG, April, 23, One o'clock at Night.—The Prussian troops marched out of this place yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. They were followed by on almost interminable succession of the other Federal Troops, and of our dragons of Remmels, to recover after their five days, harassing fatigue at Flensburg. It was not till 6 o'clock to-day that the last party quitted Rensburg, and at half-past 7 several wagons arrived, bringing the wounded and a number of Danish troops prisoners. They brought the intelligence that on the approach of the Prussians the Danes retired from Cropp to Schleswig, and that between 2 and 3 o'clock a fierce combat ensued to the west of Bustorf and close to Schleswig.—At the first point of the Prussians, who had vowed to conquer or die, without waiting the arrival of the artillery, stormed the newly-fortified Dannewicke and the embankments thrown up at Bastorf. This combat cost many lives, but terminated in the taking of Fredricksberg and the so-called Erdbeerenberg, while the dykes at Gottorf are still in the hands of the Danes.

A letter from Hamberg of April 24th, says:—By the train last night we received the intelligence that Eckenford had been evacuated by the Danes, who retreated to the head quarters at Danewicke. There is to be a general attack to-day. The Schleswig-Holsteiners form the right wing; the troops of the 10th army corps, the left wing; the Prussians in the centre.

LATER FROM YUCATAN.—We are in receipt, by the brig Mary Ann, Captain Wait, of files of the Merida *La Patria*, up to the 14th ult. The Indian troubles are still continuing, and the leading articles of *La Patria* are all devoted to the inspiring Yucatecos to do their best to withstand the assaults of the Indians. The hopes of their government seem to be all centered on the assistance of the United States, and they are anxious to annex themselves to us. The calling of an extraordinary Congress to make a direct offer to the government at Washington, is recommended.

The English have sent from Belize, Honduras, about 200 troops, and located them at Bacalia, in the south and eastern part of Yucatan.

This peninsula of Yucatan is in a deplorable condition. The Indians have driven the whites from the interior to the seaboard, destroying some thirty or forty towns and villages, and many hundred human beings. Nearly every house had been desecrated, and even the wells filled up; all domestic animals had been killed, and very many women captured.

Two Spanish men of war were at Sisal, having received on board, on their passage from Havana, at Rio Lagartos, about 1000 poor objects, men, women, and children, driven from their homes by the Indians.

The United States schooner Falcón had taken to Campeche more than one hundred of the poorer classes who were found on the coast in a destitute condition. Governor Mendez has resigned in favor of his political rival, Señor Barbechane, which measure has, it seems, produced increased dissensions among the troops.—*N. Y. Herald.*

Mr. Trist left New Orleans on the 3d, on his way to his family in Albemarle County, Virginia. The Delta says that it is understood to be Mr. Trist's intention, when he is quietly settled down in the mountains of Virginia, to prepare an address to the people of the United States, in which he will define his course in Mexico.

If Mr. Trist would give us a complete history of his mission to Mexico, with an expose of all the diplomatic manoeuvring of all parties concerned, it would doubtless be a most entertaining and instructive document.—*Boston True.*

LATEST FROM MEXICO.—The Steamer Maid of Erin arrived here from Portland about 12 o'clock last night. To Ames & Co's. Express we are indebted for Boston papers of the afternoon of Wednesday last. Mr. Trist and general Caldwell arrived in N. Orleans from Mexico, on the 30th ult. It is feared that no quorum of Congress can be had at Queretaro. "My dear general Scott" was in good health. Paredes had not been arrested, and nothing more of his designs had been heard of, he was still at San Luis. Gen. Kearny was recovering from a serious illness at Vera Cruz. Gen. Herrera has been elected President of Mexico.

There is no further news from Chihuahua. The Vera Cruz Free American remains of opinion that there is little prospect of peace.—On the 17th its language is:—"We announced a few days ago that we had conversed with a gentleman from Mexico, who was of opinion that members of Congress would not vote for the treaty. We have since seen two letters from influential men, who express the same opinion.

Another letter says, that should the members of Congress violate the constitution of Mexico by ceding any part of the territory, the same members will have to ask the United States to leave a force of several thousand men to keep order in the Republic. The writer is of opinion that so soon as the American troops will embark for the United States, the government will be overthrown, and the new causes for war will be given to the United States by the turbulent people of this country.

SHIPWRECK AND PROBABLE LOSS OF LIFE.—British brig Quebec, which arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from Newport, Wales, reports that on the 9th ult., lat. 48, lon. 26, fell in with British ship Elizabeth, Captain Duckett, from Mobile for Liverpool, water-logged, having been run into by a French vessel unknown, on the night of the 7th, and supposed she went down, with all on board, as nothing was seen or heard of her afterwards. The reason for supposing the unknown vessel to be French, was, that the French language was heard on board. The Quebec took off Captain Duckett and crew, twenty-three in all, and same day spoke British barque Ascension, from Fernando Po for Liverpool, which vessel took on board Captain D. and four men; 18th, lat. 44, lon. 49, spoke British brig Quayside, from Rouen for St. Andrews, and put on board four more of the Elizabeth's crew.—The remainder, excepting one who died last instant are on board the Quebec.—*Boston Journal.*

INCENDIARY FIRE IN MONTREAL.—On Wednesday last, the hay loft of the stables of the city omnibuses in Montreal was set on fire, it is supposed, by the cab men, who were jealous of their competition, by which ten horses valued at \$125 each were burnt. The house of Mr. Jones, proprietor of the omnibuses, was also burnt, his family having barely time to escape, without any clothes. The building occupied as a boarding and the day school by Mrs. Eaton was also partially destroyed. The Church of St. George took fire and was considerably damaged. A reward of £500 has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the incendiaries.

COMMISSIONER FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE.—We understand that during the late sitting of the Executive Council, the appointment of Commissioner for Government House was given to James Taylor, Esq., in room of the High Sheriff, who resigned. Mr. Taylor has been upwards of seven years a member of the Legislature, and his late brother and himself were Commissioners from 1826 to 1843, inclusive, for which service they never received a single shilling of remuneration. Apart, however, from any consideration for former services in that capacity, we believe Mr. Taylor's appointment will give universal satisfaction. For our own part, we are sorry that the appointment is one to which so little remuneration is attached, for however widely we may differ from Mr. Taylor on political points, no one can deny that the country is indebted to that gentleman for former services, in more than one capacity.—*Head Quarters.*

FIRE.—We learn that a fire took place on Upton's Wharf, St. Stephen, on the morning of the 4th inst., consuming the store occupied by Messrs. Pingree & Chipman, as a retail store and warehouse, together with its contents, and also damaging the brigs Kathleen and Caledonia, which lay at the wharf. The fire is said to have been occasioned by lime igniting, which was piled on the wharf and against the store. Mr. Upton's loss, we regret to state is about £650, Messrs. Pingree & Chipman's nearly £2500. No insurance on either store, goods or vessels.—*St. Andrews Standard.*

The refreshing rains that we have had during the past week, will give an impetus to vegetation that is really desirable. The long previous drought created fears that we should have a backward spring, but now there are symptoms that nature is about assuming her verdant hue.—*Woodstock Telegraph.*

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that a Mr. John Young, when driving timber in Greir's Creek, about 12 or fifteen miles below this, was killed on the 23d ult., while eating his dinner on the bank of the stream, by a limb of a tree, which fell on his head and produced immediate death.—*Id.*

ANOTHER.—The body of a Mr. Fitzgerald, who lived some short distance from Houlton, was brought down here from the Restook on the first of the week, where he had been killed, while engaged in driving timber on that stream in the employ of Mr. Ingersoll.—*Id.*

THE HONOURABLE S. WHITE.—This distinguished individual, who is at the head of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, and has been remarkable not only for his well regulated zeal in the cause of temperance, but for his truly christian philanthropy, honored the Sons of this city, by delivering a temperance address at the Mechanics' Institute on Monday evening last. Owing to the shortness of the time which elapsed between the announcement of the lecture and its delivery, we regret to say that the attendance was of a meagre character. Those of the community who were absent—and are favorable to the great moral reform, which Mr. White so powerfully advocates—missed the enjoyment of a rich intellectual banquet. It was truly observed, at a large meeting of the Sons last evening, "that Mr. White's lecture was decidedly the most powerful and eloquent, that was ever delivered on the same subject, in this city." The "Most Worthy" lecturer has filled high and honorable offices in the land of his nativity, and is justly appreciated for his great intellectual endowments; his recent address has been the means of more, fully impressing us with the conviction, that pure, exalted and disinterested philanthropy, is confined to no bounds, when it seeks to extend the area of its influence.

On Wednesday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, two young men, named Edward Waddington, son of Mr. E. C. Waddington, of this city, and Barton Rowe, son of Mr. Rowe, Professor of Music, left Courtenay Bay, in a Micmac canoe, for the purpose of amusement, and were last seen at a point nearly opposite the north-eastern corner of the Barrack green. As no tidings have since been received by their friends, great apprehensions are entertained for their safety. It is feared that, being unable to manage the canoe, they have both met a watery grave. Any information respecting them, that may throw light upon their probable fate, will be thankfully received by their sorrowing friends. The Canoe was Micmac, painted blue inside, and green outside, with a red streak, the thwarts were painted red.

Our friends will observe that this paper completes the half year. Our Agents could probably procure subscribers if exertion is made for the rest of the year, 5s. in advance. Some clubs which commenced with the year have not yet paid, of course they cannot now expect their paper for 8s. 9d., as though they had paid in advance. We have been sorely tried for the amount, which, in these small sums, has been withheld.

COMMERCIAL.

SAINT JOHN, MAY 13.
FLOUR.—Genesee 37s. 6d.; Philadelphia Superfine 37s a 37s 6d; Mill 36s 3d; Rye 25s; Corn Meal 16s 3d. The market is now well supplied with breadstuffs.

MOLASSES—per hhd. 1s 4d. Sugar per hhd. 30s a 32s 6d. There is a large stock of Sugar and Molasses, and considerable expected.

Timber and Deals—No sales to report.

COALS—A cargo of Hull coals sold at 17s per chaldron.

SALT—None in market; one or two cargoes would command a good price.

FREIGHTS—Late engagements for Timber to Liverpool at 27s. 6d. per load.

Sterling bills, 60 days, 12 per cent. premium; Drafts on New York and Boston, 1½ per cent. premium. Money is very scarce, and business altogether very dull; no sales to any extent could be effected at present. The news from England is very discouraging; only a part of a cargo of timber is reported having been sold, and no prospect of an improvement on account of the disturbed state of the country.

NOTICES.

A Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Baptist Church at Norton, to commence on Monday, 29th inst., at 3 o'clock, p.m.—Ministering brethren and friends generally are invited to attend.

Per order of the church. JAMES REID, Hampton, May 17, 1848. Pastor.

The undersigned purpose to visit the following places, on their deputation to the Baptist Churches in behalf of the Union Board:—

Springfield, Thursday, 18th instant,

" Friday, 19th "

St. Martins, Sabbath, 21st "

" Monday, 22d "

Upham, Wednesday 24th "

Hampton Village, Thursday 25th inst.

Norton & Hampton Ferry, Sabbath, 28th.

Further appointments will appear in subsequent numbers, as it is the intention of the deputation to visit Churches in King's, St. John, Albert, and Westmorland Counties.

ALEXANDER McDONALD, JOHN FRANCIS.

St. John, May 17, 1848.

At a meeting of the Union Board at the First Baptist Church, Monday morning, May 15th, it was resolved in view of the urgency of the case, to send an agent forthwith to visit as many of the churches (chiefly those which have not been visited the past year) as could be visited before the meeting of the Eastern Association. Brother McDonald being solicited to take this agency, consented, and we publish in another place his notice to the churches.

Br. Francis, who was present at the meeting, kindly volunteered his services, together with a means of conveyance for Br. McDonald, for at least a month gratuitously, which generous offer was gratefully received by the Board. It is to be hoped that the friends of the cause will remember that hard times bear as heavily upon religious and benevolent efforts as upon any one thing, and there is the more need therefore that liberal souls should devise liberal things, that the most precious of all causes may not be impeded.

HYMENIAL.

On Thursday evening, 11th instant, by the Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe, Mr. David H. Hall, to Susan M., youngest daughter of Mr. Jeremiah Gove, all of this city.

On Thursday last, by the Very Rev. James Dunphy, V. G., Mr. Gerald Cotter, to Miss Ann Munday, both of this city.

On Monday last, at Christ's Church Cathedral, Frank Willis, Esq., of Exeter, England, to Emily, fourth daughter of the Venerable Archdeacon Coster.

On Sunday last, by the Very Rev. James Dunphy, V. G., Mr. Gustavus R. Kirby, to Miss Ellen Crowley, both of this city.

On Sunday evening last, by the Rev. S. Busby, Mr. GEORGE YOUNGHOUSE, (Printer), to Miss Eunice Lavinia Davison, of Portland.

OBITUARY.

But a few months have elapsed since we had the mournful duty of recording the death of our aged father Pettingell, and almost before we have time to realize his departure, we are called to resign to the grasp of death, another dear brother of long standing in the church of Christ.

We refer to the death of our esteemed brother Mr. Elijah Hunt, who on Thursday the 11th inst., passed from time to his rest above. Forty-one years since Mr. H. was baptized and became a member of the church in Nova Scotia, under the pastoral charge of the late Elder Turner. In 1821 he removed with his family to this city, and shortly after became a member of the St. John Baptist church, where, until his recent illness, he most faithfully filled his place. As our dear brother has now gone to his rest, a few remarks in reference to that grace that sustained him, will not, we trust, be out of place. His Christian experience is best related in his own words:—"In very early life my mind was impelled to the most serious reflections upon the value of my soul, my responsibility to my Maker, and the necessity of an interest in the atoning blood of Christ; when I looked at my own heart, I felt and knew that I was not prepared to die; when I looked to my past life, I saw nothing but sin and departure from God. These reflections often led to a form of religion, and times without number did I endeavour to establish a righteousness of my own, and often did my unsubdued heart labour to rest its hope of Heaven upon my own doings; yet all this afforded no solid peace—gave no real quiet to my conscience. Thus I continued until I was twenty-four years of age, when the sound of a free salvation reached my ears, and a ray of divine truth penetrated my heart, and illuminated its dark recesses. I saw my true state; I also saw my Saviour, and in the fullness of my heart called upon his name. My prayer was heard, and his spirit bore witness with my spirit that I was born of God. I felt a change within—joy, gladness, and gratitude filled my heart, now consecrated to the service of my Redeemer. Since then, years have rolled onward; the storms of life have assailed; cares and trials have pressed hardly upon me. I have often felt my wanderings from God; still, that hope has been my support: the Saviour I then found had never left me nor forsaken me; I rest my hope on Him; I know on whom I have believed." Such was the language of our departed brother not long before his death; and his departure proves his hope no vain thing. When his disease was pronounced incurable, and his stay in life short, he calmly submitted, and resigned himself to his Maker's will. The Monday evening previous to his death, supposing that he would not survive the night, he called his children, and in the most affectionate manner addressed them, one by one, recommending them, with all the affection of a father and Christian to love and serve God. He continued until Thursday noon, when without a struggle he entered his rest. As a parent he forgot not the injunction, "bring up a child in the way that he shall go," and the conversion of a number of his family testifies that his solicitude was not in vain. Christian parents cannot labour in vain; their prayers and anxious labours produce a sure return. How consoling it must be to the departing spirit of a follower of Jesus, to see his children occupying a place in the Church of Christ.—The labours of pious parents are the most efficient means in God's hands of doing good. Their criminal neglect of training the young mind, often renders abortive the most faithful admonition from others.

Brother Hunt was probably the oldest Baptist member in this city; but he has gone to his reward, where age and decay are unknown. As our aged members are removed, one after another, and their vacant places meet our eye, we are reminded of the injunction, "Set thine house in order." Our profession is of little value, unless it affords a support in death. In that trying hour, false religion fades like the morning cloud, but pure religion then shines in its native beauty, and exhibits its own all-supporting energy. As death approaches, the mind of the pure believer seizes with a firmer grasp its known support, and lies with increasing confidence upon the arm Omnipotent. A widow and ten children mourn our brother's loss. Never before did death enter the family. May those who remain prepare to follow. May this admonition prove effectual in the conversion of all.—*Communicated.*

Yesterday morning, William James, infant son of William McAfee, aged 7 months.

At Carleton, Sunday morning, Mrs. John Beam, of decline, leaving a husband and two children to mourn their loss.

At Indian Town, on Monday, Emily Amelia, aged 1 year and 4 months, youngest daughter of Mr. Robert Cunard.

On Sunday, after a lingering illness, Elizabeth S., wife of Mr. Wm. Fogg, aged 30 years, daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Tilton, of Musquash, Parish of Lancaster.