

The following timely letter, from Mrs. Burpe to a friend in Nova Scotia, we take from the Christian Messenger of Friday last:

Mergui, Dec., 1847.

MY VERY DEAR E—

We are, I am thankful to say, through the unmerited mercy of God, all pretty well except my dear husband, who has his cough still hanging about him, sometimes better and again worse. He wants an associate, dearest sister. It is hard to labour alone, without another true Christian friend to advise and counsel with, and he feels it so, and it is still harder to be obliged to see daily thousands rushing on to destruction, ignorant of the way of Salvation, and no one to point it out to them; for you must remember we are surrounded by people of different languages. Two tribes of Karens, each having a separate dialect, Burmans, Chinese, Shyans, not many, Selongs, and others. We long very much to hear what has been done at the last Association, whether any thing has been decided on with reference to sending out another missionary. If they have not, we most earnestly hope Mr. Brayton will return to this place. We hear that he intended leaving America for this country, without his family, last October. He will doubtless be accompanied by other missionaries, as several of the stations on this coast are to be reinforced. Mr. Abbott has arrived in Arracan—he came overland, and is in pretty good health. He has returned to his field of labour a childless and a widowed man, but I am glad to say he will not be alone. Mr. and Mrs. Beecher have gone on from Maulmain to join him. Mr. Mason has married again, so that we take it for granted he will not return to America just now at least. Should his health be preserved, his remaining in this country will be a great blessing to the poor Karens, as he has the work on his hands of giving them the whole scriptures, and at present they are very much in want of another edition of the New Testament, the first being out of print. He has married Mrs. Bulard, the widow of a Karen missionary who died several months ago. The Judsons have returned to Maulmain from Rangoon. The Wades have left Tavoy for America—they go in a vessel from Maulmain via England, probably never to return. They have grown old in the work, and have been laborious and successful missionaries. But you will be wanting to know something about what we are doing, as when I last wrote we were on the point of leaving for the jungle. We left a few days afterwards in a boat belonging to Mr. Brayton, small, but quite comfortable for a short distance. Our voyage at that time was only one day. We left early in the morning, and arrived at the little village of Kabin about dark. Our stay was but short there, as we found it rather early in the season for the jungle, both on account of the rains continuing, and the harvesting of the rice obliging most of the people to be away at their mountain fields the greater part of the time. The three weeks we spent there was not, however, I hope, without benefit. The meetings were interesting, especially on the sabbath, when the congregation generally numbered fifty or sixty, old and young. Several came from quite a distance to attend. The assistant stationed there is an uncommonly amiable, pious young man, and shows more animation and earnestness in his addresses to the people than I have yet seen in a native, and seems universally beloved by them. There were ten applicants for baptism: all young, the oldest a young woman about 18, who has since been married to a christian, and some three or four of our school boys included among them. My husband postponed the ordinance till our second visit which will be soon now, when we shall also, I hope, have the privilege of commemorating the dying love of our Saviour with these children of the forest. We had a small school while there of some ten or twelve, mostly little girls, some of whom I hope I shall be able to persuade to come to school in town during the rains—or rather the parents are the ones. I must persuade, the children are willing enough. Kabin is very prettily situated on the banks of a beautiful little stream whose clear waters, as Mr. Mason expresses it, are "here and there deep enough for an elephant to swim in, and anon, a shallow, bubbling brook rushing over its bed of milky quartz pebbles." The place is now a complete jungle, but capable of cultivation, and my husband hopes to be able to persuade some among them to leave their mountain homes, purchase a few buffaloes, and work the low land which would soon repay them, but they are not at all enterprising people, and it is very difficult to get them in any way to change their mode of living, but christianity has among them as well as among all other nations shewn itself to be the great civilizer of mankind. The christians are much more cleanly in their habits and persons than they were in their unconverted state, especially those who have been under the immediate care of missionaries.

They have a Zayat or school house in the village, built by themselves some time since, but as the sides were not enclosed in, they had taken the trouble to make for us two little rooms by putting up walls of leaf, and also constructed a table and bamboo bedstead for our use, and it was pleasing to see them manifest their affection by bringing their little gifts of rice, fowls, and what fruit they could procure, and offering them to us with so much pleasure in their countenances. We are now anxious to get off

among them again, and shall probably leave in about a week to spend again a short time at Kabin, and then return to go up the Tenasserim river for a month or so.

From the Royal Gazette.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council has been pleased to establish a Police Office in the Parish of Portland, in the City and County of Saint John, under the provisions of an Act made and passed at the last Session of the Legislature, intituled "An Act for establishing and maintaining a Police Force in the Parish of Portland, in the City and County of Saint John," and the following persons are appointed the Officers of the Court, viz:—

Jacob Allan, Esquire, Police Magistrate.

Honorable Charles Simonds, Thomas Allan, and John Hawes, Esquires, Commissioners of Police, under the said Act.

George A. Lockhart, Henry Chubb, Alexander Lockhart, John Hawes, Thomas Henderson, Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John.

[It is said that the name of William Parks, Esq., has been accidentally omitted in the official announcement.]

John R. Partelow, Esquire, to be Mayor, Charles Johnston, Esquire, to be Sheriff, and William Bayard, Esquire, M. D., to be Coroner for the City and County of Saint John.

The Corporation of the City of Saint John to be the Commissioners to expend the sum of £400, granted at the last Session for the Ferry Landings on the east and west sides of the Harbor.

George Kerr, James Johnston, and J. Samuel, to be Commissioners to expend the sum of £200, granted at the last Session for the erection of Approaches or Slips for the Steam Boat Ferry Landing on both sides of the Miramichi River.

The following persons are appointed Sheriffs of the several undermentioned Counties, for the ensuing year, viz:—Benjamin Wolhaupter, Esq. for the County of York; John F. W. Winslow, Esq. Carleton; John Hazen, Esq. Sunbury; Nathaniel H. DeVeber, Esq. Queen's; LeBaron Drury, Esq. King's; Thomas Jones, Esq. Charlotte; Wm. P. Sayre, Esq. Westmorland; John M. Johnson, Esq. Northumberland; William A. Black, Esq. Kent; Henry W. Baldwin, Esq. Gloucester; John Lambert Barberie, Esq. Restigouche; Thomas Gilbert, Esq. Albert.

Robert Thomson and Patrick Clinch, Esquires, to be Justices of the Common Pleas for the County of Charlotte.

John Wilkinson, Esq. is appointed to conduct the Exploration and Survey of a Line for a Railway from Saint John to Shediac, under the Act of the last Session.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, April 4.—FLOUR.—A fair demand for flour exists for the home trade, and we note sales of 700 bbls. principally Troy and Michigan, \$6 50 a \$6 56½. Southern continues quiet at \$6 31½ @ \$6 37½.

PROVISIONS.—Our market for Ohio pork is very dull and heavy, and the only sales making are for the retail trade at \$10 @ \$10 12½ for mess, and 9 for prime.

FREIGHTS.

MOBILE, March 21.—In foreign, no engagements except by vessels on the berth for Liverpool; the rate is 17-32d in British vessels, and in Am. 9-16d.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23.—One American and one British ship have been taken at 3d for cotton to Liverpool, and no shipments can be made for less, except an occasional lot to fill up.

HYMENIAL.

At St. George's Church, Pugwash, by the Rev. R. Avery, Rector, on the 18th ultimo, Silas Crane Charters, Esq., of Dorchester, N. B., to Miss Eliza, second daughter of the late A. N. Stevens, Esq., of Pugwash.

On the 6th inst., by the Rev. Henry Daniel, Mr. William Steel, to Miss Emeline A. Chambers, both of this city.

By the Rev. S. Busby, Mr. William T. Painter, to Miss Margaret Stewart, both of Portland.

At Woodstock on the 28th March, by the Rev. S. D. Lee Street, Rector, George Strong of that place, to Margaret Russell of the same.

OBITUARY.

On Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness, Rosanna, wife of Mr. Hugh Higgins, aged 31 years. On Thursday, 6th inst., after a lingering illness, of consumption, Lydia, wife of Mr. George Cotry, and second daughter of Mr. Ebon Scribner, of Gagetown, Queen's County, in the 31st year of her age.

At Jacksontown on Saturday 25th March, Manetta, only daughter of William E. Payson, aged one year and eleven months.

MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN, N. B.

ARRIVED.

WEDNESDAY.—Brig. Caledonia, Preston, Matanzas 21.—N. S. Demill.

April 3.—Schr. Julia Ann, O'Neill, Eastport, rum, &c., D. Sullivan.

THURSDAY.—Schr. Vineyard, Coil, Boston, 5.—I. & J. G. Woodward, Molasses, &c.

Barque Reindeer, Bell, St. Thomas, 25.—James Hamilton, Molasses, &c.
Barque British American, Powell, London, 32.—Eaton & Ray, Ballast.
Brig. Ellis, Califf, Philadelphia, 15.—J. V. Troop, Wheat & Flour.
Barque Aurora, Scott, Halifax, 7.—order, merchandise.

FRIDAY.—Barque Perthshire, Tait, the Clyde, 75.—John Robertson.

Ship Cygnet, Thompson, Alloa, 33.

Ship in the offing, supposed to be the Quebec SATURDAY.—Barque Wm. Carson, Vaughan, Dublin, 35.—D. & F. Vaughan, hemp and iron.

Brig. Catherine, Allingwood, Boston, 3.—order, tar and corn meal.

Schr. Nonpareil, Britain, Boston, 3.—J. W. M. Irish, assorted cargo.

SUNDAY.—Barque Quebec, Park, Port Glasgow, 37.—R. Rankin & Co., general cargo.

Brig Aurora, Durkee, Yarmouth, C. M'Laughlin, ballast.

Schr. Emily, Woods, Boston, 2.—Master, pork, &c.

ENTERED FOR LOADING.

5.—Lord Glenelg, Martin, Hull, Deals, John Mackay; Thetis, Thorne, Cork, Ice & Deals, T. C. Everitt.

7.—British American, Powell, Cork, Timber and deals—Eaton & Ray; Ashley, Grey, S. Wiggins & Son.

CLEARED.

April 5th, schr. Dolphin, Holder, New York, scantling, laths—master.

6th, schr. Brothers, Fitzgerald, Boston, cordwood—master; Steamer Admiral, Rogers, Boston, passengers; schr. Julia Ann, Oneal, Eastport, rum, brandy and gin—E. Sullivan & Smith; schr. Kalos, Wade, Eastport, fish—John Ansley, schr. Democrat, Clements, Berbice, fish, and lumber—C. McLaughlin; schr. Mariner, James, Boston, scantling and palings—John Murphy.

April 8.—Ship Leshmahagow, Gaskin, Liverpool, timber and deals, Joseph Fairweather; brig Fidella, Small, Eastport, coal, J. V. Waterhouse; Thetis, Burne, Cork, ice and lumber, T. C. Everitt.

10th.—Schr. Joseph Howe, Scott, Boston, fish and lumber, Master.

Arrived at Boston, April 2nd., Schr. Beverly, hence.

Ship John Jardine, of Bristol, England, 599 tons, Samson, master, 4 days from New York, in ballast, for this port, struck on Brown's Island, near Mount Desert, on the morning of Saturday last. At the time there was a breeze from the S. S. W. and weather very thick; after striking, the mainmast went by the board, and the vessel soon after went to pieces. The captain and crew were saved, and arrived here on Thursday morning in the steamer Admiral. The materials had been sold for \$400.—Vessel supposed to be insured in England.

A letter received by Messrs. Reynolds & Son, of Indianapolis, informs them that the ship Argo, Capt. Waterberry, which sailed from the Downs for this port in December last, had arrived in Bermuda.—Being leaky and short of provisions, she attempted to make Halifax, but was blown off, and bore up for Bermuda, falling in with an American vessel, which supplied her with provisions. She was again blown off, and in making St. Thomas, was fallen in with by a French Corvette, from whom she received further supplies of provisions. Being unable to make St. Thomas, she again bore up for Bermuda, where she arrived on the 11th March.

Cleared at New York, schr. Kate, Holder, for this port.

Arrived at Philadelphia, March 31, Widow, hence.

Cleared at Mobile, for Liverpool, March 24, Britannia, Coulthart.

ARRIVALS IN EUROPE FROM ST. JOHN.—March 5th.—John Wilson, Dumfries; Diana, ditto; 9th.—Chancellor, Cork; 11th.—Medium, Mumbles; Diadem, Milford; 13th.—Princess, Mumbles; 14th.—Ann Hall, Gravesend; 15th.—J. deWolf, ditto; 16th.—Renfrewshire, Clyde; 17th.—Coverdale, Berwick; 20th.—Chancellor, Liverpool.

SAILED FOR ST. JOHN, N. B.—March 12th.—Delta, Deal; Jenny Lind, Ditto; Zenobia, Clyde; 13th, Esquibo, Liverpool; 14th, Mary Caroline, Cowes; Sovereign, Hull; 15th, Boadicea, Deal; 16th, Renfrewshire, Clyde; Londonderry, Londonderry; Funihal, Clyde; Janet, Grangemouth; 18th, Bache M'Evors, Cork; Liverpool, Grangemouth; 19th, Duke of Wellington, Deal; Sarah Ann, Lancaster; 20th, Rimsell, Hull; 21st, Nova Scotia, Warrenpoint; Lamorna, Sunderland; 22d, Olive, Deal.

DEAL, March 16.—The Olive, for St. John N. B., put back to this port, but has since sailed. March 23.—The Olive for St. John, N. B., has put back.

JERSEY, March 15.—The Keying (Chinese junk) from Boston to London, was boarded off the Coast of France, and brought in here to day with loss of boats, sails, and one man overboard.

PARIS, March 11.—The Robert, (brig) of St. Andrew's, N. B., was passed abandoned and full of water, 19th ult., in lat. 35, long. 58 W., by the Oregon, Healy, arrived at Havre, which vessel on the 3rd inst., in lat. 47, long. 14, took off the crew of the Lady Bagot, from Savannah to Cork, which was then in a sinking state.

LIVERPOOL, March 16.—The Strang arrived from St. Andrew's, with damage to cutwater, loss of spars, &c., having encountered a heavy gale, 24th ult.

Loading at Liverpool for St. John, N. B.—Lord Elgin, Wanderer, Kate Kearney, Star, Commerce and Chester. At London, Cambria. At the Clyde, Rosanna and Gleaner.

Cleared from Liverpool for this port, Hibernia.

Spoken at sea, Chatsworth, St. John, N. B., to South America, 18th Feb., in lat. 11 N. lon. 25 W.

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