

ribble circumstances, "if by any means they might gain some." They soon became utterly helpless for want of food, and died of want on the shore, where some of their remains were found by Capt. Gordon, of her Majesty's Ship, Dido. The party consisted of the following persons:—Capt. Allen Gardiner, R.N., superintendent; Mr. Williams, surgeon and catechist; Mr. Maidment, catechist; John Erwin carpenter; John Badoock, John Bryant, and John Pearce, Cornish fishermen. Capt. Gardiner, a man of singular earnestness of character, and most devoted piety, was the leader of the party.

A diary had been kept by Capt. Gardiner, from which can be gathered a detailed account of their troubles and sufferings, from the 5th December, 1850, the day on which they landed on Pictou Island. They had been provided with two large boats, and a quantity of provisions—a further supply of provisions and stores were furnished for their use in June, 1851, which they did not receive. Their stock of provisions was at first materially lessened, in consequence of a portion of them being washed by the tide out of the cavern on the sea-shore, in which they had been stored. They sometimes were able to catch a few fish, but on the 11th June their net was swept away, and with it their sole chance of adding to their stock of food. We give a few extracts from the diary.—

"Sept. 3.—Mr. Maidment was so exhausted yesterday that he did not rise from his bed until noon, and I have not seen him since, consequently I tasted nothing yesterday. I cannot leave the place where I am, and I know not whether he is in the body, or enjoying the presence of the gracious God whom he has served so faithfully.

"My care is all cast upon God, and I am only waiting his time, and his good pleasure to dispose of me as he shall see fit. Whether I live or die, may it be in Him; I commend my body and my soul to his care and keeping, and earnestly pray that He will take my dear wife and children under the shadow of his wings.

"Thursday, Sept. 4.—There is now no room to doubt that my dear fellow labourer has ceased from his earthly toils, and joined the company of the redeemed in the presence of the Lord whom he served so faithfully; under these circumstances, it was a merciful providence that he left the boat, as I could not have removed the body. Yesterday I was enabled to get out and scoop up a sufficient supply from some that trickled down at the stern of the boat, by means of my India Rubber overshoes. What combined mercies am I receiving at the hands of my Heavenly Father; blessed be his holy name.

"Friday, Sept. 5.—Great and marvellous are the loving-kindness of my gracious God unto me. He has preserved me hitherto, and for four days, although without bodily food, without any feelings of hunger and thirst."

These last remarks are not written so plainly as the previous day's.—There is another paper, dated Sept. 6, addressed to Mr. Williams, and written in pencil, the whole being very indistinct, and some parts quite obliterated, but nearly as follows:—

"My Dear Mr. Williams,—the Lord has seen fit to call home another of our little company—Our dear departed brother left the boat on Tuesday afternoon, and has not since returned.—Doubtless he is in the presence of his Redeemer, whom he served faithfully. Yet a little while and though the Almighty to sing the praises throne. I neither hunger nor thirst, though days without food Maidment's kindness to me heaven.

"Your affectionate brother in  
ALLEN F. GARDINER."

This wrote Capt. Gardiner on the 6th Sept., 1851. It was not till the 21st of January, 1852, that the ship sent to search for the missing missionaries, arrived at the spot, when, of course, any aid was long too late. All that remained of the bodies of Capt. Gardiner and Mr. Maidment, Mr. Williams and John Pearce, was collected together and buried close to the spot where Capt. Gardiner died, and a small inscription placed on the rock near his own tent. Capt. Gardiner's body was lying beside the boat, which apparently he had left, and being too weak to get into it again, had died by the side of it. Mr. Maidment's remains were found in the cavern, to which the eye was directed by a hand painted on the rocks with "Psalm lxxii. 5-8," written under it,—a reference pointing, indeed, to that *only* all-sufficient help in which they had trusted; and by which, through trials so manifold and overwhelming, these men of God had been sustained in patience, and kept in perfect peace. "My soul wait thou only upon God; for my expectations is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation: He only is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength and my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your hearts before Him: God is a refuge for us."

#### INTELLIGENCE FROM RED RIVER.

Letters have been received from our devoted missionary, Mr. Black, up to June 29th, and the intelligence is highly favourable. The people have suffered much by the flood, but they had all returned to their dwellings, and religious ordinances had been regularly resumed. The new Church is begun, and the people are cheered on by a favourable decision recently given in regard to the rights of sepulture in the church-yard attached to their former Church, of which attempts were made to deprive them. The Bishop is prohibited from consecrating that ground, and all denominations are to enjoy free access, whatever may be their forms of religious service at funerals.

The ordinance of the Supper was about to be dispensed, for the second time, after a considerable delay, occasioned by the flood. Fifteen new members were added.

Mr. Black has agreed to remain till June, 1853, but he urges the necessity of a fixed and permanent pastor then to succeed him.—*Miss. Record.*

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.—The examination of the Students at the Synod's Literary Seminary, was commenced on Tuesday, 31st August. The number in attendance during the last term was 28, of whom 26 were present. This powerful and essential auxiliary to our Church is now in a prosperous condition, and its growing popularity will, ere long, raise it to an eminent position as an Institution of learning in Nova Scotia. The Divinity Hall was opened next day by a Lecture from the Rev. Professor Keir, on The Church, reviewing the various ideas of it that have been held, under the forms of the Rationalistic, Ritual and Evangelical systems, after which the students gave in their certificates from their respective Presbyteries. The number in attendance duly certified, was sixteen in all, viz: one of the fourth year, six of the third, three of the second, and six of the first. Such a "band of young men whose hearts," we trust, "the Spirit of God has touched," has never been in attendance before at our Hall, and their presence augurs most favourably for the future interest of our Church.—*Miss. Register.*

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THE MAGAZINE.—We would particularly request of subscribers who have not yet sent their remittances, to do so as soon as possible, either directly or through their respective ministers; who, we trust, will continue to aid us in this matter as heretofore. There are remaining on hand a few sets of back numbers of the present volume, so that those desirous to become subscribers, for the year commencing in July last, can, on application, have them sent by mail.

DIVINITY HALL.—The Session of the Divinity Hall, of the U. P. Church, was closed on Friday, the 8th inst. The number of students who attended was nine. Of the first year (entrants) there were four, two of whom, however, had not been examined and admitted by a Presbytery; of the second year, none; of the third year, two; and in the highest section, three; but of these, one had previously completed his curriculum, and might have been licensed. The attendance of the students was remarkably regular; and they seemed to take a deep interest in the subjects brought under their consideration. It is hoped, that in due time they will become learned, pious, and able ministers of the New Testament. Truly the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are still few.

According to the appointment of Synod, the Annual Collection for the Theological Institute is to be made this month. Ministers are requested to bring the matter *especially* before their congregations, and to urge the necessity of increased liberality. At the desire of the Church in this Province a well-qualified Professor has been appointed to take the oversight of Students, and every effort should be made to support him, without seeking any aid from the Church at home. We believe that our congregations are quite able to do so, and hope that, as an increased expenditure has been incurred, the more vigorous endeavour will be made.

Clerks of Presbyteries are particularly requested to furnish the Committee of Distribution with information of any recent changes in their respective bounds, by settlements, additions of new vacancies, &c., which may affect the distribution of supply in the next arrangement embracing the winter months. The Commit-