

engaged to address a public meeting this evening in the neighboring town." "There, that's just what they all tell me; and so, because nobody else will preach for me, I'm obliged to preach myself." And can you read?" "Yes sir; but I did not know a letter till after I was forty years old. I used to go to meeting, and I always minded that when the minister read, it suited me, and my mind felt better for it; but when he talked, I did not feel so well. So I asked him one day why it was so; and he told me that when he read, it was God Almighty's own words that I heard; but when he talked, it was only his own words. No wonder God Almighty's words did me more good than a man's! So I thought I'd learn to read them for myself; and a kind little boy, that lives close by, said he would show me. By and by I got me a Bible, and made out to spell the easy words. I read, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only'—but the letters in the next word were so long and crooked that they puzzled me: after awhile I made it out, and read 'his only begotten Son, that'—but I could not get over the next word. So I asked the boy, and he read 'that whosoever believeth on him might not perish, but have everlasting life.' Boy, said I, what does that *whosoever* mean? It means *any one*. Are you sure it means any one? He said he was, and asked another boy, who said it was true. Well, said I, if *whosoever* means any one, and God Almighty says that any one may believe and be saved, then any one may tell of it; and its my duty to tell of it. So I began to tell all who would come to hear, as well as I could, that 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him might not perish, but have everlasting life;' and I thank God that many have believed on him here."

Mr. C. said that the labors of this poor mutilated sailor in his little chapel had been blessed to the conversion of scores of souls, and himself, instead of a pest to society had become one of the most useful men living.

From the Pacific.—The New Bedford Gazette of Monday, contains the subjoined melancholy events of more dreadful massacres at the Pacific Islands, mutinies among seamen, and loss of the ship Independence of Nantucket;

Mutiny and Massacre.—The schooner *Theis*, Capt. Rogers, left Oahu on the 9th of May, 1835, to cruise among the islands of the Pacific for marine shells. She had been at sea but a short time when the men, becoming dissatisfied, or designing to take the vessel, laid a plan by which to effect their diabolical purpose. The ringleader and two or three others entered the cabin at midnight, and with axes approached the berths of Captain Rogers and Thomas Hermitington, mate, severing their heads from their bodies at a blow.

The trading master of the schooner, hearing the alarm, clenched his cutlass and ran to the deck, where he encountered the chief mover of the gang. After a contest of ten or fifteen minutes, he succeeded in killing the scoundrel, and in bringing the remainder of the crew into subjection. The trading master then took charge of the vessel, and under a rigid discipline on board was enabled to reach the island of Ascension. He then got additional aid and proceeded thence to Oahu, where he arrived in January.

Another Mutiny.—The whale ship *Chelsea*, Beetle of New London, arrived at Oahu on the 26th of January last, having been fourteen months on her cruise, with 900 brls sperm oil. The crew had mutinied on board, and were brought into the port in irons, and delivered over to the American consul, whose intention it was forthwith to send them to the United States.

Another Massacre by the Natives.—The schr. *Honduras*, J. G. Scott, master, of Boston, left Oahu in May, 1835, also in pursuit of shells, touched at the island of Ascension, and soon after proceeded on her cruise, among the neighboring groups. A few days out lost her foremast in a gale, and sustained some other damage, when she went to Stroung's island for the purpose of repairing and obtaining provisions.

This island is in lat. 5 12 N. long. 162 58, thickly inhabited by savages. The first day after the *Honduras* touched there, Capt. Scott and eight men went on shore to obtain provisions, &c. leaving the mate, Mr. Williams, and the cabin boy, to keep ship which was soon visited by a great number of the Islanders. The deck was literally swarmed with them.

It is supposed that at this time there was an attack upon the boat's crew on shore, for the captain cried out to the mate on board to load the muskets, who sprang from the natives, which had now seized him, ran below, and with cutlass and musket rushed to the deck, and succeeded in driving them all overboard.

He then slipped the chain cable, and with the aid only of the boy, spread the schooner's canvass, and made the best of his way back to Ascension, where he arrived on the 3d of September, having been at sea eleven days with the aid of a boy only to manage the vessel, without a foremast, and short of provisions. At Ascension he shipped a native crew, took on board Mr. Dudwa (concerned in the vessel,) and proceeded to Oahu, where he arrived the first week in January last.

It can scarcely be hoped that Capt. Scott and his boat's crew survive. Such was the state in which the schooner was compelled to leave the island, that no doubt they were massacred on the spot.

AN INGENIOUS INVENTION.—Messrs Seymour & Whipple, of Utica, have ob-

tained a patent for a simple, curious and very useful machine, which should be generally patronized in this city. It is called a "*Fire Alarm Thermometer*." It consists of a small case, containing the apparatus of an alarm clock or bell, which is hung in the bedchamber, also a graduated brass thermometer, which is affixed to each room in the house, and from which a wire or cord extends to the alarm bell. Therefore, if by accident a fire breaks out in any room—if even smoke, or any thing in the room increases the heat, in a few seconds after the unusual heat operates on the thermometer, it sets the alarm bell in motion, and by opening the case, and seeing the pulley, you at once know in what room the fire has broke out long before it has reached a height to become dangerous, even when a single bucket of water can extinguish it. In valuable dry goods and fancy stores it would be very useful.

CHURCHES IN BOSTON.—There are in this city fifty-one churches or religious societies—viz: 13 Unitarian Congregationalist, 11 Orthodox do., 6 Episcopalian, 6 Baptist, 5 Methodist, 4 Universalist, 2 Roman Catholic, 1 Restorationist, 1 Swedenborgian, 1 Christian, and 1 society of Quakers or Friends

DIED.

Suddenly at Windsor, of Scarlet Fever, *Harriet, wife of Benjamin Dewolf Fraser, Esq. M. D. leaving a disconsolate husband and a large circle of relations and friends to regret so severe a bereavement.*

At Windsor, on Saturday the 18th inst. after a short but severe illness, *Ellen, youngest daughter of John Tremain, Esq. deeply regretted by her relatives and friends. Her end was perfect peace, and her friends' sorrow not as those without hope.*

On Sunday last, *Mr. David Fletcher, in the 59th year of his age, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with a pious resignation to the divine will.*

Baptist Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association of the Baptist Churches in Nova-Scotia, is expected to take place in the Granville-Street Chapel, Halifax, on Monday and Tuesday, 27th and 28th instant.

As many ministers and messengers from different parts of the Province, as well as delegates from New-Brunswick and the United States are expected to be present, Divine service will commence on Saturday, the 25th, at 3 o'clock, and at half-past seven in the evening; on the Sabbath day there will be three full services at the usual hours; and the business on the following day will be preceded by divine service and a sermon. June 17.

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