

come an incendiary. I make the machines for those who want them. I do not believe in killing kings with bombs, nor do I think it proper to assassinate statesmen with knives; but I would not have the cutlery business stopped because bad men make improper use of the dagger.

Dr. Arthur Edwards, of the North-western Advocate, speaks plainly upon the duty of the U. S. Government:—

Within a week past half a dozen men, Irish and "just from America," have been arrested with explosives in their possession, and we do not wonder that there are rumors that the English propose to protest that the United States shall not be a harbor of refuge, in which avowed conspirators can plot murder and destruction against foreign powers.

NEW GUINEA.

Prominence is given in our recent cable dispatches to the annexation of Papua, or New Guinea, to the British Empire. A commissioner has been sent to the island from Australia to take possession of it as a dependency of Queensland.

The island is less known to civilized man than any other region of equal extent in the world, for no European had been able until recently to advance more than a few miles into the interior. It is irregular in outline and is deeply indented by several large bays.

Papua was discovered early in the sixteenth century by the Portuguese, and since 1828 the Dutch have had trading stations at various points. The area which has been under Dutch control comprises about 29,000 square miles, with a population of about 200,000, but the Netherlands have claimed nearly half the island.

LITERARY etc.

T. Woolmer, London, adds to his already excellent list of juvenile books 'The Story of a Pillow,' by A. C. Lambert. Young readers will hear or read this little story of home and hospital life with pleasure and profit.

The Hand in the Dark, by Alfred Wetherby, and published by Walden and Stowe, Methodist Book Room, Cincinnati, is a pleasantly written story, the teaching of which is well summarized in its closing sentence: "Praise God! However black and heavy may be the clouds of sin, the hand of the Lord Jesus can roll them away; and his hand is always out in the dark, to lead souls into the light, and to make them 'white as snow.'" Price \$1.

The North American Review for May contains articles by Senator J. T. Morgan on "Mexico," and Rev. W. Kirkus on "The Disintegration of Romanism." Edwin P. Whipple discusses on "Emerson and Carlyle." Professor Adler offers "A Secular View of Moral Training."

mianism in America," is by Prof. Winchell. Among other articles are "Woman as an Inventor," by Matilda J. Gage; "College Endowments," by Rosseter Johnson; and "Extradition," by A. G. Sedgwick. An interesting number.

Oliver Ditson and Co., Boston, are the publishers of the Musical Favorite, a new collection of music for the piano forte. Price \$2.00. The value of a book like this depends largely on the selection of its contents. An apparently cheap music book may be dear at any price.

Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls, New York, have just published as No. 8 of their 1883 "Standard Library" The Essays of George Eliot, complete; by Prof. Nathan Sheppard, a gentleman in every respect fitted for the task. His introduction to the author's Analysis of Motives is not less interesting than the Essays themselves, which have never before been collected in either England or America. Price 25cts.

The same firm will issue shortly in the same Library and at the same price, Successful Men of Today, by Wilbur F. Crafts. This work is based on facts and incidents gathered from five hundred of the most prominent men in the United States in regard to their own boyhood. The facts, while interesting to the general public, will be of special value to young men, who may thus get from the successful men of varied professions their opinions as to the secrets of success.

Messrs. Funk and Wagnalls have published A Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, by F. Godet, D.D., Professor of Theology, Neuchatel. This Commentary is one of the most valuable recent additions to Biblical literature. Leading preachers of the day speak in the highest terms of Dr. Godet's thorough scholarship and evangelical spirit.

Our readers will take special note of the fact that Rev. S. F. Huestis, our Book Steward, is now the General Agent for Messrs. Funk and Wagnalls publications in the Maritime Provinces.

PERSONAL.

Rev. F. Smallwood is at present visiting relatives in this city. Many others will welcome him.

The Christian Witness (Boston), April 19th, says—Three well-known members of the Nova Scotia Conference, and friends of the Witness, have visited our office the past week—brothers S. F. Huestis, J. J. Teasdale, and Robert Wasson.

Mr. T. B. Smithies, the originator and editor of the British Workman, has, for months past, been suffering severe affliction. He has been a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Society from early life, and has been a generous supporter of its institutions and agencies.—Methodist.

Rev. Dr. Rice, President of the Methodist General Conference, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church, at Newcastle on Sabbath morning. His discourse, a most able one, was on the subject of education. He preached in the Chatham Methodist church in the evening.—Union Advertiser.

Among the students at the Halifax Medical College who passed their final examinations on Thursday last and received the degree of M. D. was J. A. Spongale of this city. Dr. Spongale has been appointed House Surgeon of the Provincial and City Hospital. He also won a prize for best examination in final subjects.

The funeral of the late P. R. Crichton, Esq., of Canning, on the 23rd ult., was followed by over 100 carriers, numbers who had gone on foot meeting the corpse at the cemetery. Mrs. Crichton, who had been absent in the South, in search of health, only reached home in time for the interment. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. R. A. Daniel.

Rev. Robert Wilson, of Baie Verte, has been visiting Ottawa, where he had the pleasure of hearing part of the "Budget" debate. He preached in the Dominion Methodist church on the Sabbath morning and in the Methodist Episcopal church in the evening. We are sorry this week to have to report the death of Mr. Wilson's father. A correspondent says of him: "For over 30 years the deceased was an active Christian worker as a local preacher and Sabbath-school teacher, and in his death realized the preciousness of that Saviour in whom he had so long trusted."

N. B. AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

The examination of candidates and probationers of the N. B., and P. E. I. Conference will be held in the Methodist churches of the following places, commencing at 9 o'clock, a.m.: Moncton and Charlottetown, May 9th and 10th. Fredericton, May 16th, and 17th.

J. J. COLTIER, Sec. Board Examiners.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE. Guysborough.—Unanimous vote in favor of Basis.

Chester Road Mission.—Unanimously for Basis.

METHODIST NOTES.

Last week six persons were received into full membership at Charles St. Church, by the pastor, Rev. F. H. W. Pickles.

From Bideford, P. E. I., Rev. W. E. Johnson writes: "We have been holding special meetings in Bideford for the last four weeks. Up to the present eleven have been received on trial. Seven of these are heads of families. Many more are awakened. We continue the meetings, in hope that a great work will be wrought by the Spirit Divine."

The cemetery now in use at Woodstock, N. B., originally intended for the resting place of deceased members and families of the Methodist church, but which for years past has been used by almost all the religious denominations of that town, is far too small for the present needs of the town, and the purchase of a spot for another is proposed by the Press.

On Sunday, 22nd ult., interesting services were held in the Methodist church, Point de Bute. In the morning four adults were baptized and at the evening service twenty-four persons were received into the church by the pastor, Rev. T. Marshall. On the 29th ult., Rev. C. H. Paisley, A.M., preached the annual sermon on education to a large congregation.

Rev. G. Steel reports: "Three weeks' special services in the new Stanhope and Covehead church have resulted in much good. Seventeen persons, varying in age from 14 to over 70 years, have professed to find the Saviour. Some of the converts are adherents and members of a sister church. Many other persons are powerfully convinced of sin."

Rev. H. J. Clarke baptized three adults at Jemseg a week ago in the presence of a large and deeply interesting congregation, and received them into the church. It was a very impressive service. He has baptized ten adults within the last two months on the Grand Lake Mission. The mission has been greatly encouraged both spiritually and financially.

From Stanley, N. B., the Rev. T. Stebbings sends word: At a bazaar and concert lately held by the friends of our congregation here, \$121 were raised toward furnishing the home of their minister. Great credit is due to our few heroic workers. It is decided by our people that they are not able to commence building a parsonage at present, as was confidently expected they would.

At Sackville, N.B., on the 11th ult., Rev. J. S. Phinney received four persons into full membership. The congregation was large and the service solemn and impressive.—On the 29th ult., Rev. S. Ackman preached the annual Educational sermon, and in the evening the annual meeting was held. Dr. Inch occupied the chair, and the report was read by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Phinney. The speakers on the occasion were Revs. S. Ackman and C. H. Paisley, A.M. Although the evening was stormy the congregation was large.

Rev. Dr. Young writes from Qu'Appelle under date of the 17th April: Arrived here this a.m. at four o'clock, all well and am to preach this evening. I hope to visit the old Fort at Qu'Appelle to-morrow and then back to Moose Jaw and Regina. The spring is opening here beautifully and emigration is rushing in. The settlements are extending rapidly. Mr. Bridgman is with me and will stay to plant a mission here, at the Fort and at Broadview. He is a grand pioneer, is doing a great work and delights in it. My aim is to visit a number of these points of promise and get back to Winnipeg by the 28th April.

There is one Protestant in the Italian Parliament, Signor Strobel, a Methodist.

Thomas Harrison, the evangelist and revivalist, will hold special services in Kansas City, from May 9 to June 12.

The top-stone of the new Welsh Wesleyan Chapel, within a few yards of the "Cathedral of Methodism" in City road, London, was laid recently.

The approaching Irish Conference at Dublin will be only as large as the recent Cork one, viz., 110 ministers and 110 laymen. This curtailment lessens the numbers to be elected by the Districts by an average of one minister and one layman.

At the London Wesleyan Ministers' monthly meeting, on the 16th ult., it was reported that there had been in the circuits represented an increase on the year of 850 members, about 1,700 being on trial, besides a large number of young persons meeting in Junior Society classes.

In view of services rendered in the taking of the last census of the kingdom of Italy, and especially of the Protestant public, King Humbert's Government has just decreed a silver medal each to the Rev. Drs. Leroy M. Vernon and Alceste Launa, and the Rev. Teotilo Gay, of the Italian M. E. Conference.

In Bavaria singing and praying in public has been forbidden the American Methodists, and they could only maintain their organization by systematically breaking the law and patiently paying the fines. But now by royal edict all the rights of a private Church society are granted to the Methodist Episcopal Church. This concession ends a weary struggle of 30 years.

The Wesleyan Methodist monster petition, in favor of the Sunday closing of public houses, was recently presented to the House of Commons. It contained more than 490,000 signatures. The roll measured 27 miles in length with double row of signatures, and weighed 50 lb. When tightly bound up it was more than 12 ft. in circumference. The petition from the United Methodist Free Churches contained 80,000 signatures. This number, though a respectable one, would have been largely augmented had there been longer time for obtaining signatures.

At the time of the recent Mississippi tornado, many residents of Georgetown and vicinity were assembled in a Methodist church. The cyclone struck the church, and one of the side walls fell in. The minister, the Rev. H. B. Lewis, had his skull fractured. Mr. Savage, who rushed out of the church, was instantly killed, a falling limb breaking his neck. Two or three others were injured. The large congregation had a miraculous escape, with these exceptions, for they fell upon their knees, and the benches shielding them they escaped with trifling injuries. A negro church near by was also visited by the tornado and destroyed.

A great revival has taken place at Portsmouth, Eng., in connection with services led by Rev. Thos. Cook, District missionary. Those who never entered God's house, as well as the unsaved frequenters of it, were awakened and saved. A public-house and music-hall keeper, with his wife, found Christ. Within a week they had left the house, and both were in the class-meeting, happy in the love of God. Drunkards, wrestling with their foe as in death struggle, on their knees before God gave up drink, and sought the Saviour. The child of eight and the old man of seventy-seven were kneeling at the cross near each other. To use the expression of a sailor of the Royal Navy, "Hundreds wept their way to Calvary."

Good work was done last year by the London Wesleyan Seaman's Mission. According to the report, 12,000 visits had been paid to ships and lodging houses, 120 to sick sailors and homes; 479 services had been held on shipboard and in lodging houses; 3,040 sailors had attended the chapel services; 50,000 tracts had been distributed; 630 total abstinence pledges had been signed; 2,263 sailors had attended the Sunday afternoon tea-meeting; and 1,829 sailors had been conversed with by the Bible-woman. Some were regularly corresponded with, and the names of twenty-three were on trial for Church membership. Mr. Garland (the agent) reported that many souls had been saved, much good had been accomplished by the Sunday afternoon tea, or "spiritual free and easy," as it was termed; and he had met with upwards of fifty sailors who had been converted in the reading-room.

A house of worship, costing, with site, over \$11,000, has been dedicated by the French Baptist Church, Montreal.

The Presbyterian Board has purchased a large and valuable building in San Francisco at a cost of \$22,500, for a Chinese mission.

Lafayette Avenue Church, Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. Cuyler, pastor, received eighty-seven new members on a recent Sunday, bringing its membership up to nearly two thousand.

All the Methodist churches in Chicago, all the Baptist, and also all the Congregational churches except two, have discarded fermented wine, and use in the sacramental services only unfermented juice.

Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., is obliged to curtail its expenses, and consequently the annual appropriation for music is cut down from \$6,000 to \$3,000. The paid choir will be dispensed with.

The year 1882 has been exceptionally prosperous for the Presbyterian Church of England. In every one of her great funds there has been an increase, from the addition of thousands to the income from the foreign missions down to the small gain of between two and three pounds on the fund for day-schools.

On the West Coast of Africa, Missionary Christaller, of the Basle Society, has just completed a large dictionary of the Ashantee language. He had previously published a translation of the Bible in it, and a grammar. The Institute of France has awarded him gold medals for both his grammar and dictionary, and the British Colonial Government has assisted him in publication.

GLEANINGS, Etc.

THE DOMINION.

The Manitoba legislature has been summoned to meet on the 15th inst.

The new Legislative buildings at Fredericton have cost nearly \$120,000.

A Scott Act violator, was fined at New Glasgow, last week, \$60 or 60 days imprisonment.

Seventeen new post offices were established in the Dominion on March 1st, six being in Nova Scotia.

The Allan Steamship Co. is bringing out 130 laborers to load their vessels at Montreal and Quebec during the season.

The wreck of the steamer Cedar Grove, near Whitehead, and all she contains, has been sold at auction for \$650.

On the 29th ult., one thousand British immigrants of the farming class, arrived in Montreal en route for Manitoba.

Halifax is 550 miles nearer Liverpool than New York; 357 miles nearer than Boston; 316 miles nearer than Portland.

The manufacture of cheese is attracting the attention of P. E. Island farmers; and several new factories are starting this season.

In future the steamer Alpha, on her regular trips from Boston to Halifax, will only call at Shelburne, Lockport, Liverpool, Port Medway and Lunenburg.—Lunenburg Progress.

The steamer Valetta, from Halifax for Boston, struck on Black Rock, eastern side of Port Mouton Island, on the 25th ult., and is a total loss. The crew were saved with great difficulty.

A constable named Dryden, in attempting to enter the barn of Lucius Steeves on a search warrant at Elgin, N. B., on Monday, was shot in the breast by the latter and died twenty minutes after.

The construction of the Marysville cotton mill may be regarded as settled, and this enterprise must give a great impetus not only to the village in which it is to be built, but to Fredericton as well.

A young brakeman named Calder, was run over by a train near Stellarton on Monday. He died 20 hours after. A colored brakeman at Truro on Monday was also crushed to death beneath the cars.

In view of the recent decision of the Fredericton Police Magistrate the Board of Education has so amended Regulation 25 as to remove all doubt of the authority of a principal over the pupils of a subordinate department.

The New Brunswick Government have put \$2000 in the estimates to cover the expenses of taking a direct electoral vote of the people on the question of vesting all the power of legislation in that Province in a single Chamber.

The Indian Department has instructed the Assistant Indian Commissioner at Winnipeg to remove three thousand Indians from Fort Walsh to Qu'Appelle reserve. The Indians are not satisfied with the change, as the latter place is not so good for farming operations.

A loss of considerable extent was caused by the injury of a freight train at Truro on Saturday evening. Some miscreant is supposed to have turned open the points and twisted the light back to "all right" before the arrival of the train, which was from Moncton.

The Windsor Mail can claim at least one Micmac subscriber. This is John Phillips, a clever, industrious and steady young fellow, who "went to the States" a few years ago, and is now in charge of one department of a steam saw mill at Port Richmond, Pa.

Three thousand emigrants left Liverpool on the 20th ult for Canada, nearly one half being bound for Manitoba. This nearly doubles the previous record for any one day. Mr. Pope expects 52,000 immigrants in the Northwest this year. 5000 poor Irish families are expected.

The St. John laborers' strike has ended, the stevedores consenting to the demands of the laborers that no steam winches shall be used on board steamers being loaded with deals at this port. Men will have to be employed to do the work of the winches, which will increase the cost of loading steamers.

There have been 41 students at the Halifax Medical College during the past session, the largest number since the foundation of the college. The Faculty have always insisted on a thorough course and a thorough system of examinations, and the result is that though the number of graduates is small they have proved to be worthy practitioners.

GENERAL. Mrs. Lantry's share of profits this season has reached \$90,000.

The appointment of twelve Bishops to Catholic sees in Poland is gazetted.

The expenses of the election and institution of Bishop Benson to the primacy of England amounted to \$150,000.

The bill prohibiting free passes, except to employees of the roads, has passed finally the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Louisa B. Stephens is the first woman to become President of a bank. She succeeds her late husband in the First National Bank of Marion, Iowa.

The entire amount collected and distributed by the New York Herald to the Ohio River flood sufferers was \$52,883.89.

The Queen has definitely abandoned her intention of opening the London Fisheries Exhibition. The Prince and Princess of Wales will officiate in her place.

Many of the Jews in Germany are in favour of transferring their Sabbath to the Christian Sunday, the present style being very inconvenient for business purposes.

Mr. Fawcett, the English Postmaster General, has conferred the badge of merit upon Joseph Kirby, postman, of Deeping, he having during fourteen years' service walked 100,000 miles.

Mr. Samuel Pimmsoll, for his services to seamen in the British Parliament, is to be presented by the seamen of New South Wales, with a solid silver model of a three-masted vessel, weighing forty-five ounces.

Cab driver Fitzharris, on trial on Monday on a charge of being one of the principals in the Phoenix Park murder was acquitted. He was taken back to prison to be tried on a charge of conspiracy to murder.

Two ladies, the last descendants of Amerigo Vesputci, who gave the name of America to the Western Hemisphere, are begging that the pension of ten crowns per month, assigned to their family by the Republic of Florence, in 1690, be restored to them.

Gov. Foster, of Ohio, designated Friday, 27th ult., as Arbor Day in that State, and the papers have been estimating how many trees the State would have in 10 years if one tree were planted each April for every six of the inhabitants.

The enterprising citizens of Denver Col., expect to make at least \$4,000,000 out of the strangers within their gates the coming summer. Several important gatherings are to take place and a host of independent tourists are sure to visit the city.

It is said that the stipends of 159 priests have been withheld by the French government for inciting people to rebellion. The names of 2000 against whom the prefects have made complaint remain to be considered as well as the cases of several bishops.

Among those who have signed the pledge and taken the blue ribbon during the mission Canon Basil Wilberforce has just concluded at Torquay is the Duchess of Sutherland, and other people of the same position have also taken the same course as her Grace.

The French Admiralty are now having thirty-one vessels constructed in the Government dockyards and fifteen in private yards. Fourteen of them are ironclads, and are estimated to cost \$25,000,000. The two principal ships are to cost \$2,209,000 each.

The French expedition to Tonquin has produced such excitement in China that it is deemed prudent to retain several French ironclads at Shanghai and Hong Kong. Therefore only a portion of the squadron in Chinese waters will be sent to Tonquin.

In the United States \$10,575,000 in bonds of a certain issue are not forthcoming and the interest has ceased. About \$15,000,000 of the \$49,000,000 of fractional currency used during the war, and some \$26,000,000 of greenback notes issued since 1863, have been lost, or accidentally destroyed.

During the first two months of this year there was an increase of £1,000,000 in the imports into Italy, and an increase to about the same extent in the exports as compared with the same period last year. The increase in exports has been principally in wine and oil.

Eight officers, including a colonel, have been arrested on suspicion of being connected with Nihilists. Sixteen officers have also been arrested at Smolenski. It is stated that widespread military conspiracy has been discovered. Documents were found at Smolenski showing that the coronation of the Czar would be undisturbed; but that something more severe would happen immediately afterward.

Mr. George M. Pullman has built a city near Chicago which is now occupied by several thousand people. The starting point of the place was the erection of works for the construction of his sleeping-cars. There a car-wheel factory and one or two other large establishments came. Mr. Pullman owns the ground and most, if not all of the buildings, and dictates how and where the structures shall be built. There are no poor or cheap houses in the place. Good water, good ventilation and drainage are all secured by the master, who has, within the past week, given a library of 5,000 volumes to the corporation.