

pay the last tribute of respect to departed worth. She has left an aged partner, three sons and four daughters, to mourn their loss.

I was happy to find my esteemed brother, Rev. M. Ross, had arrived. The funeral services were conducted by bro. Ross, reading a part of 1 Cor. xv. We sung a Hymn, and I engaged in prayer. The procession was then formed, and with silent tread, her remains were conveyed to their last resting place. As the coffin was lowered into the grave that sublime Hymn of Dr. Watt's was sung.

"Unveil thy bosom sacred tomb, Take this new treasure to thy trust," &c. The writer delivered an address at the grave; and brother Ross closed the scene with prayer. The impression produced on the minds of some will not be easily erased, for they seemed to feel that "Though being dead, she yet speaketh."

I trust you will pardon me for trespassing on your patience, and that of your readers; but amidst our discouragements on the Island, owing to our peculiar situation as a denomination, yet, while "the memory of the Just is blessed," I think friends will admit there is room for encouragement and perseverance.

I would just observe that Brother Ross is attending to the mission given him by the Board of the Eastern Association.

I remain dear Brother, Yours in Christian bonds, &c., C. I. BURNETT. Charlottevorn, October 21st, 1856.

For the Christian Messenger.

Organization of a new Baptist Church, at Middlefield, Queen's County.

MR. EDITOR,

In accordance with previous arrangements a council, composed of delegates from Greenfield, Brookfield and Milton Baptist Churches met, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at Middlefield, to consult or advise with the brethren there on the propriety of organizing a new Church.

The council met at 3 o'clock, P. M., and after hearing the reasons why the brethren at Middlefield desired a church to be organized among them, retired to consult together. After a few minutes consultation, the council concluded it would be for the glory of God to comply with the requests of the brethren in Middlefield and organize them into a church. Rev. A. Martell having been chosen as Moderator, and deacon Whitman Freeman, Clerk, the brethren presented the Articles of the Nova Scotia Baptist Association as a declaration of their own faith and practice, which they heartily adopted after having them read distinctly.

Rev. A. W. Barss, in behalf of the council, gave the right hand of fellowship, after which they all stood and solemnly united themselves together in covenant, as churches usually do. Meeting then adjourned until six o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. Martell preached from Romans xii. 5.—"So we being many are one body in Christ and every one members one of another." The object of the sermon was to show that each church member had his or her own sphere of special labour independent of another; yet a wonderful combination of influence and interest among the whole. The brethren followed with very appropriate exhortations, closing up the meeting with a conference, when three candidates offered themselves for baptism. They were received, and the meeting adjourned to meet the following evening for the purpose of ordaining two deacons. On Wednesday, 2 o'clock, we repaired to the ten-mile Lake, whose waters had never before been troubled for so sacred a purpose, when the three persons referred to were baptized into Christ, by Bro. Martell. The season was delightful, impressive, and solemn. We met again in the evening, when Rev. A. W. Barss preached an impressive sermon, from 1 Tim. iii. 8, 9. Bro. Martell gave the right hand of fellowship to the candidates newly baptized and one who had previously been immersed, making the entire number of the church twenty-one.

Brethren Elkanah Morton and Jabez Freeman were then chosen as deacons. Bro. Martell offered the ordaining prayer, and bro. Barss gave the charge to the church. Many warm exhortations followed, after which the meeting closed, all finding it good to be there.

I hope the little church thus formed in the wilderness will bud and blossom as the rose. May the Lord build them up in faith and love!

ONE OF THE COUNCIL.

Milton, October 24th, 1856.

The Religious Herald reports revivals resulting in the conversion of thirty persons at Ebenezer, Va., thirty-two at Oakland, fifty five at Gloucester, and ten at Walnut Grove.

Religious Intelligence.

Hammond's Plains.

DEAR BROTHER,

I had the pleasure of baptizing three willing converts on Sunday last, in the bloom of life—and receiving to the fellowship of the Church, two restored, and one by letter. Today I baptized a man nearly 80 years of age who was recently convinced of the importance of being immersed as a believer, by reading the sixth chapter of Romans. He had been thoroughly trained in a Pedobaptist church, but could not die in peace without yielding obedience to Christ. He went into the water with a firm step, and came out rejoicing in the Lord.

Yours &c.

T. H. PORTER.

October 28, 1856.

New Brunswick.

Rev. T. Todd gives the following pleasing intelligence from Woodstock in the C. Visitor.

Oct. 22, 1856.—Immediately after the Quarterly Meeting at Bro. Harris' Church, (on which occasion we had a marvellous display of divine Power.) Bro. Springer and I proceeded to the above places. The people in prayer and faith were looking for our arrival. God surely met with us. I baptized a goodly number and gave the right hand of fellowship to nineteen, some of whom years ago, I joined hands in happy wedlock. God has certainly blessed the labours of our dear Bro. Springer in that locality.

Oct. 24.—A powerful revival is progressing gloriously in Becaguinic. I have just returned from there, it is truly a pentecostal season. Brother Outhouse the stated pastor is there, and also our esteemed Brother B. Hughes. Ten have been already baptized. Others are received.

From the same paper we copy the following letter from Rev. W. A. Coleman.

DEAR BROTHER.—We truly have great reason for profound gratitude. The Lord is still prospering his cause, and sinners are being converted in our midst. Since I last wrote you twelve have been added to the church, and others I believe are seeking to possess the pearl of great price. Our Sabbath school has been much blessed; both Teachers and scholars have shared in the revival, and are actually engaged in seeking the good of others. "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Yet there remains much to be done. Dear Brethren pray for us that we may be prepared to do the work assigned us.

I sometimes feel weary in the work but not tired of it, and I look forward and rejoice, that the time is not far distant when I shall ground my arms at Immanuel's feet, and unite with the Redeemed family in singing the conqueror's song; but I would not leave the conflict until my work is done.

Yours in Christ,

W. A. COLEMAN.

The good work is progressing not only in the conversion of sinners in the neighbouring province but also in the addition of material edifices for the worship of God. The Baptist Church at Canning and Sheffield have just erected a new Chapel with an area on the ground floor of 49 feet by 26, with posts of 17 feet. The windows are Gothic. The pews will accommodate about 200 persons. It cost nearly £400. The opening services were conducted by Revd's. C. Sparden, I. E. Bill, E. N. Harris, and other brethren.

The house is built on the same site as the first meeting-house erected on the St. John River formerly stood, and is of course a spot having many "reminiscences" clustering around it.

NEW CHAPEL FOR THE REV. C. H. SPURGEON.

—On Monday 6th ult. a very crowded meeting of the friends of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon was held in New Park-street chapel, to consult as to the best means of erecting, in some suitable locality, an edifice adequate to the accommodation of the thousands who now attend the ministrations of that extraordinarily popular young pulpit orator. The Rev. J. Whittemore opened with prayer. From Mr. Spurgeon's statement it appeared that he commenced preaching when sixteen years of age in village chapels, and rooms hired for the purpose. When only seventeen years of age he was appointed pastor of the church at Waterbeach. On accepting the pastorate of New Park-street chapel, it was soon found to be insufficient to accommodate his congregation and he closed it for enlargement. While it was being enlarged, he preached at Exeter Hall, and his popularity so increased, that when his chapel was re-opened it was found to be still by no means large enough. He then took Exeter Hall for his evening services, and that place being no longer available, he came to the determination to become an itinerant evangelist, if a place were not erected of a size more commensurate with the extraordinary congregations which flocked to hear him wherever he went. This determination was communicated to

his church, and they naturally came to the conclusion that a suitable edifice should be erected in some eligible locality, of a size proportionate to the congregations. In promising to continue to minister unto them so long as his ministrations should be acceptable, he reserved to himself the right of a six months' tour in the United States, and an occasional month or so, when he might feel it to be his duty to visit any particular provincial district. He, however, distinctly pledged himself to remain their minister, and not to remove from the chapel they might erect, so long as the church and congregation thereof desired him to remain. Mr. Moore gave an account of Mr. Spurgeon's connection with the church, and announced, that he had a secret to communicate, which was, that a gentleman had promised 2,000*l.*, on condition that a new site should be selected, and that the new building should not be a mere enlargement of New Park-street chapel. He stated, that they had 1,200 at their prayer meetings, and that thirty or forty communicants were added to their numbers every month, till their communicants now numbered nearly 900.

ROMANIST.—A celebrated advocate in Rome, for the third time, has pleaded before his Holiness the claim of a priest who has been dead for a long time, to be raised to the rank of the blessed. The difficulty of deciding who is a good man and who is not in this church, is so great, that it requires years of investigation, an enormous sum of money, and the most powerful eloquence to settle the matter.

SPAIN.—An appeal has been made to the British authorities in favour of De Mora, and the hope is confidently cherished that he will be saved from the power of his merciless foes. The Protestant Alliance has memorialised Lord Clarendon. The sale of ecclesiastical property is suspended for the present, and more cordial agreement is likely to be effected with the Court of Rome.

PERSECUTION IN SPAIN.—The secretaries of the Protestant Alliance have addressed a memorial to Lord Clarendon respecting the imprisonment in Madrid of M. de Mora on a charge of endeavouring to spread the Gospel in Spain. The memorial states that M. de Mora is a Protestant gentleman, and has long been known as a separatist from the Church of Rome; that while quietly walking in the Prado, at Madrid, he was suddenly assaulted and beaten in the presence of several priests, and dragged away in custody by some officers of the police to the civil governor of Madrid, by whom he was handed over to the ecclesiastical authority, to be dealt with according to the royal decree of 1813, which, by reference to the ancient law, still imposes the punishment of death by fire upon heretics; it is apprehended that the punishment inflicted upon M. de Mora by way of commutation will be exceedingly severe, and placing his life in danger; and concludes by earnestly praying his lordship to use his influence with the Spanish Government to procure the release of M. de Mora, since "your lordship fully recognises the right and the expediency of friendly remonstrance upon such cases with foreign governments."

SWEDEN.—The state of religion in this kingdom is in a peculiar condition. Complaints have reached the King from time to time of the unsatisfactory state of the National Church. Luke-warmness, and even worse feelings, mark many of the pastors. A diet is convened, we believe, to meet this month, to take the whole question into consideration. A committee have been appointed, also, to examine the catechism, the liturgy, and to edit the psalms. From their suggestion, doubtless, many alterations will be made, and great and radical changes will probably be made in the ecclesiastical state of the kingdom. Happy would it be it, in these contemplated changes, the spirit of fraternal affection could be breathed into this lifeless mass of mere formalism. Persecution is still manifested, mandates have lately been issued of the most stringent kind, interdicting any religious meeting by unauthorised teachers on the severest penalties.

MADISON U. S.—The precious revival which commenced here in July last, still continues with much interest. The excitement, connected with the Presidential campaign, does not seem to effect the work. All classes are becoming interested in the meetings of the saints. The prayer meetings held during the week are well attended, and our Sabbath congregations are full! anxious ones, more or less, at every meeting, rise with throbbing hearts and tearful eyes and ask the prayers of God's people. We are hoping and praying that this work may still go forward. Twelve were immersed last Sabbath, making thirty since the commencement of the work. Others are expected to follow in the same ordinance soon.

United States.

THE Newburyport Mercury announces the death of Mr. Henry Barber, who worked in the Mercury office sixty-five years, as compositor and died at the age of seventy-six. During the whole of his life Mr. Barber was never five miles distant from his home, and never saw a railroad or a steamboat except from the windows of the office in which he worked.

The cars on the Lackawana and Bloomsburg railroad were attacked by a bull, below the Wyoming depot, on a late morning. He was not on the track, but as the locomotive approached, he jumped on and made at it with his head down. The cowcatcher of the locomotive was broken, and the cars forced off the track. Part of the passengers returned and part got on the tender and went on to Scranton.

A hog exhibited at the Chillicothe (Ohio) Fair weighed 1,185 pounds, and measured 9 feet in length, and about the same in girth. He was two years and three months old.

An elk, with large branching horns, harnessed to a buggy and driven through the streets of St. Paul, Minnesota, one day last week, created some excitement among the denizens of that place. He was well broke and distanced the "fast horses" with ease.

Stewart Ker, Esq., a heavy produce dealer of Liverpool, England, is now on a visit to this city, says the Chicago Journal, with a view, as we are informed, of making arrangements for a direct trade between this city and Liverpool.

Geo. W. Johnston, a large sugar-planter on the Mississippi, below New-Orleans, has recently died, and by will manumitted all his slaves, two hundred in number. They are all to be sent to Liberia in four months from his death, and each one is to be furnished with £50.

It has been proposed to establish a printing press on board the Great Western, the mammoth ship now being built in England for the Australian trade, and to issue a daily paper during the voyage. In connection with this there is to be a reading room well supplied for the use of the voyagers.

The Charleston (S. C.) Standard is responsible for the statement that a wedding took place last week at the court house in one of the districts of that State, in which the bride was one hundred and twenty, and the bridegroom twelve years old. Both were in the prime of life. There was present at the nuptial ceremony a son of the bride older than the bridegroom's father.

GREAT ADVANCE OF SALT AT CADIZ.—A letter received recently in Boston from Cadiz, dated Oct. 1, states that owing to the Salt crop having been cut off by heavy rains, the Spanish Government have advanced the price from \$12 per last (of 72 bushels).

GREAT FIRE AT ST. JOHN'S, N. F.—The Boston Post says that a telegraphic dispatch received in that city on the 24th instant, states that one hundred tenements had been burned in St. John, N. F., on Wednesday, the 22nd Loss, \$50,000.

NEW-YORK MARKETS.—The transactions in Flour and Grain have been unusually large during the week, the sales of flour amounting to 100,000 bbls., and of grain to one million bushels. Reduced to flour, this would make the entire sales of the week equal to three hundred thousand barrels.

The Fruit Market is well supplied with apples at \$4 25 per barrel for good fall, and \$3 to \$5 50 for Newtown pippins; greenings \$2 25 to \$3 50. Pears are scarce, and in demand at \$14 to \$22 per barrel.

The market is well supplied with potatoes, and first quality of Mercers sell at \$2 25 to \$2 50 per barrel; common do. \$1 62 to \$1 75. We regret to learn that there are decided indications of rot in many of the potatoes recently brought to this market.

Butter is plenty. Good cheese is in demand at 9 1/2 to 10 1/2 cts. per pound.

THE NEW AMERICAN STEAM FRIGATE.—The United States frigate Merrimac has arrived at Southampton from New York. The Merrimac is one of six screw steam frigates which the United States Government have recently built. She is 3500 tons burden and 500 horse-power, a crew of nearly 600 persons, and armed with 40 guns of enormous calibre. It is considered that she would be able to encounter the largest ship in the British navy. She was built at Boston of live oak and launched a twelvemonth since. Her pivot guns are Dahlgren's improvement on Fairban. Her screw is Griffiths' patent, and her compasses are adjusted by a secret process, which entirely prevents local variation. The frigate is of immense length, and has a beautiful appearance on the water. Her internal arrangements seemed almost perfect.

A SCIENTIFIC expedition has left this country for the purpose of thoroughly exploring the fauna, flora, and geological character of a region of South America of which we have but a very imperfect knowledge, and which has not been traversed by any intelligent foreigner since the exploration of Humboldt, half a century ago.

A vast deal of genial humour, says Mrs. Stowe, is conscientiously strangled in religious people, which might illuminate and warm the way of life. Wit and gaiety answer the same purpose that a fire does in a damp house, dispersing chill and drying up mould and making all wholesome and cheerful.

It is not often that insects are weighed; but Reaumur's curiosity was excited to know the weight of bees, and he found that 336 weighed an ounce, and 5,376 a pound.

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