

roads almost impassable; yet wherever the tidings spread, friends hastened to the spot to pay the last tribute of respect to departed worth.

The funeral services were conducted in the neat and commodious Wesleyan Chapel attached to the burial ground for the settlement.

Our respected brother, Richard Hudson, Esq., (Wesleyan) offered an appropriate prayer on the occasion, after reading the scriptures and singing a hymn, when the writer endeavoured to improve the event by preaching from Phil. iii. 20, 21.

At the grave the friends united in singing—

"Unveil thy bosom, sacred tomb,
Take this new treasure to thy trust."

Brother Callbeck became the subject of conversion under the ministry of the late Mr. Allen. For upwards of 60 years he adorned his Christian profession. For near 50 years he discharged the important duties of a magistrate with fidelity and honour. Altho' well stricken in years, he retained the use of his faculties to the close of his earthly career.

His family have lost a kind and affectionate parent; the Baptist Church in Tryon their earthly leader; the inhabitants an obliging neighbour and benevolent friend, and the public in that county an honorable and judicious servant. Well may it be said, "The path of the just is as the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

I remain, dear brother,

Yours in the gospel,

C. I. BURNETT.

Ch'town, P. E. I., Feb. 5, 1856.

For the Christian Messenger.

Lectures on Baptism.

MESSRS. EDITORS,

The Rev. William Wilson, the Wesleyan Minister on this circuit, has lately been endeavouring to enlighten his own people at Lawrencetown and vicinity, and as many of the public as chose to attend, by delivering three lectures upon the subject of Baptism. Some of his statements were extraordinary, and I think must have been distasteful to the better informed and more candid portion of the Pedobaptists who were present, as they undoubtedly were to every Baptist who heard them, and perhaps were not wholly acceptable to some of the preacher's own people. He denied faith to be necessary in any case, as a pre-requisite to baptism, but said repentance was required. He also denied anything to be baptism but sprinkling, and said he would join with his opponents (the Baptists) in any censure they might utter, however strong, against the inconsistency of those Methodist Ministers who practice immersion. This puts the Methodist body in this region in rather an awkward position; as a number of that society have been immersed by Methodist ministers formerly on this circuit, and if immersion is not baptism, as according to Mr. Wilson it is not, they are yet unbaptized. Query: Will the minister require them to be sprinkled in order to initiate them into the Christian Church? as, according to him, they are not in the church. It has been intimated, though not by the Rev. Gentleman, that the Methodist conference, or some of the ministers have come to some understanding to discontinue immersion; but we in the country have no reliable information on the point. I for one should like to know if there is any established order in the Wesleyan body, in relation to the matter; whether they mean to abandon the practice carried out to some extent in this country in respect to adults, that is to administer the ordinance in any mode that suited the taste, convenience, or belief of the applicant, or have they determined on one mode, and mean to observe no other. Will you be so kind as to put this in your paper, perhaps it may be the means of bringing us the information we desire, and oblige

Yours, &c.,

A HEARER.

Granville, Jan'y, 29, 1856.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visit.

MR. EDITOR;

We have been blessed with refreshings from the presence of the Lord, and we at times remember Zion, and pray that God will yet revive his work. We have agreed with our pastor, Brother A. Cogswell, to remain with us for the coming year.

On Wednesday, the 23rd January, a meeting was held at his residence. A large number of the leading members of the Baptist church at

Clements, and many of our Wesleyan brethren, likewise members of the church of England, who aided us in our labours of love, all united in carrying into effect this Donation Visit, to minister to the comfort of his family. It was gratifying to know that on adding the items a sum of £38 was found to be the result. We were favoured with an address from Brother G. Spur, which was responded to by our pastor, brother A. Cogswell. A collection was then taken in favour of Mrs. Cogswell, and prayer followed, which brought the interesting visit to a close.

Yours, &c.,
WILLIAM WRIGHT.

Clements, Feb. 8, 1856.

Provincial Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12, 1856.

House met at 1. P. M.

On motion, Henry Oldright was appointed reporter of the debates and proceedings of the house.

The hon. Receiver General, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the table of the house a mass of papers relative to the following subjects:—

New Copper Coinage.—£2000 sterling in copper coin, (consisting of equal amounts of pence and half pence,) were ordered to be supplied by her Majesty's mint to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., for the Province of Nova Scotia.

Railway papers. Railway mission. Imperial Government lands required for railways.—The result of this correspondence was that her Majesty's Government and the Ordnance and Admiralty authorities consented to allow a track to be laid through the Naval-yard at Halifax on certain conditions.

Retired allowance to officers of customs. Halifax poor Asylum.—The sum expended for the Asylum, during 1855, amounted to £4611 18s. 6d. The paupers remaining in the Asylum on the 1st January, 1855, and admitted during the year ending 31st Dec. 1855, were 389 men, 244 women, and 178 children, making in all 811 persons. Of these 229 were from Halifax, and 582 transient. The number of paupers in the asylum on the 31st December, 1855, was 340, of whom 66 were lunatics. Of the whole number there were 150 men, 124 women, and 66 children. The lunatics were 29 men, 32 women, and 5 children.

Electric Telegraph.—Lastly was submitted. A statement showing the gross and net receipts, income and profits, of the Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph Company, for the year ending 30th September, 1855. By this it appeared that the net receipts of the Nova Scotia Company, for 1855 was £4543 4 7. From which, after deducting expenses of the Company, £3657 7 7, the net profits of the Company for the year were shown to be £885 12 0.

Petitions on Education and Temperance.—Hon. Mr. Morton presented a petition on education, from the Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society; and also a petition in favor of the Maine Liquor Law, from the Central Baptist Association of Nova Scotia. On presenting the latter petition, the hon. gentleman remarked that he hoped this House would not be again censured for refusing to pass the Prohibitory Liquor Law; that the country at large was anxious for the Law; and that, from its having been passed by the Assembly at its last Session, but disagreed to here, the censure of the people had fallen on this House. The petition was then read, the purport of which was, that the Association, comprising thirty-five churches, and representing a population of 16,000 persons, considering that Temperance was intimately connected with the diffusion of religion and morality, and that all other means for the destruction of intemperance had failed, prayed that a Prohibitory Liquor Law might be passed,—a Law which petitioners asserted the Legislature was bound to enact on the same principle as that on which they enacted laws for the suppression of gaming houses, &c.

Hon. Dr. Grigor—I wish to know, sir, whether the constituency of the county from which that petition has been sent have instructed their Representatives to support the views contained in the Petition.

Hon. President—The end proposed by the House has been fully answered by the section of the country from which the petition just read has been sent, as not liking the bill previously introduced, they have this session sent a Bill of their own.—(Laughter.)

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12.

Petitions were presented by Mr. Marshall from Mr. Brennan, from R. M. Cutler and from Postmaster of Guysborough. Also from inhabitants of Guysborough, praying that the Municipal Incorporation Act be extended to that County.

By Mr. Whitman, from Overseers of Poor, Clements; and from the —Mills Company. By Mr. Wier, from Jonathan Elliott; and from John McGuire, for excavating Barrack street in this city, which work petitioner duly performed, but at a great loss.

Mr. Wier explained the difficulties with which

petitioner had to contend, and the general benefit accruing to the public at large from the work performed.

By Mr. —, from inhabitants of township of Clements, for a bridge over Bear River.

The hon. Provincial Secretary asked leave to introduce a bill authorizing the sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at Windsor. Also to enable inhabitants of Windsor to provide a Fire Engine.

By Mr. Thorne, from Overseers of Poor of Granville, and from R. James, relating to assessment for support of the poor.

By Mr. Munro, from John Young, respecting county of C. B.

By Mr. Marshall, several petitions from inhabitants of Strait of Canso. Also, from J. B. Hadley. Also, for Ferry from McNair's Cove to Ship Harbor. Also, of Guysborough Agricultural Society, and other petitions.

Mr. Munro asked leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Free Church Congregation at Great Bras d'Or, C. B.

By Hon. Mr. Johnston, from William Banks, for alteration in a road; from Trustees of Baptist Meeting House, Wilmot, praying a Bill of Incorporation.

By Mr. McDonald, from William Murray, Courier, for increase of salary; from the inhabitants of New Glasgow for aid in removing the obstructions in the East River.

By Mr. Munro, from Richard Uniacke and others, for remuneration to Thomas Battersby, Courier.

Mr. Ryder asked leave to introduce a Bill to enable magistrates of Township of Argyle to hold Sessions of the Peace.

By Mr. Parker, from inhabitants of the County of Hants, for equalization of the Representation. Also, a Road Petition.

By Mr. Thorne, from Thomas Spurr.

By Dr. Webster, for return of duties on hay.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a Bill to incorporate Free Church congregation, at —, County of Inverness.

The Hon. Solicitor General laid upon the table of the House the Annual Estimates. Committee of Supply on Friday next.

By Mr. Esson, from D. F. Curry, H. O'Brien, Phillip Hiltz, Isaac McCurdy, H. A. Gladwin, John A. McKee, R. Logan and others, for aid to roads, &c. From A. A. Bredin, for the principle of assessment applicable to education, and from Peter Doyle, for increase of salary.

By Mr. Archibald, from John Fulmore, Esq., and others, for a road; from William Holdsworth, Postmaster; and from Edmund Kent.

By Mr. S. Chipman, from Daniel Porter and others for a Road, a subscription of £50 attached thereto.

By Mr. McKeagney, from Thomas E. Jeans, of Sydney Mines, Surgeon; from Thomas Cullen for keeping a transient pauper; and from Henry Grintwire, praying reimbursement of money.

Mr. Annand presented a petition of Alexander Comer of Sheet Harbour, asking compensation for land granted to him after having been granted to another person. Also, a petition of Anne Comer praying compensation for land taken for a road.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13.

Petitions were presented by Dr. Brown, from Eaton and Rockwell, praying return of duties on articles destroyed by fire.

Mr. Wade presented a Memorial from Board of School Commissioners, Annapolis, in relation to a petition put in on a previous day, by the Hon. member for Annapolis, from Mr. Shipley. Which petition was now read.

Hon. Mr. Johnston made some remarks explanatory of the matter of the petition presented by him, and of the circumstances which originated it.

Also from inhabitants of Paradise, asking for a Way office.

Also, from mail carrier from Digby to Yarmouth.

Also, from inhabitants of Westport, Brier Island, county of Digby, for Bill to alter the Law in reference to laying out roads.

Hon. Att. General introduced Bills to incorporate the Free Church at Whyogomah, C. B. Also, to improve the Harbour of Port Hood.

Mr. Wier presented a petition from the Rev. Mr. Maturin. Also, memorial from Governors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary. Also, from Society for support of a House of Refuge.

Mr. M. I. Wilkins, presented a petition from Samuel Murphy. From inhabitants of Pictou, praying aid to John McLean in establishing a manufactory of bone dust. From James Grant, praying to be indemnified for loss in a Railway contract. On question being put, that leave be given to withdraw petition, there appeared for 22, against 16.

By Mr. Wilkins, from William Hurd of Charlottetown, P. E. I. respecting Steam boat. Also, from inhabitants of Pictou in support of same petition.

By Mr. Esson, six several petitions of publishers of Newspapers in the City of Halifax, for return of duties. Also, from Ex-Mayor and six ex-Mayors of the City of Halifax, and other citizens, praying a change in the name of their City from that of Halifax to that of Chebucto. Mr. Esson introduced a bill authorizing increase of the Capital of the Halifax Water Company.

By Mr. Tobin, from James Neville.

By Dr. Brown, from inhabitants of Lower Horton.

By Mr. Dimock, from parties in the township of Kempt, for aid to breakwater at Chevaee.

Mr. McDonald introduced a bill to incorporate New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou. The same gentleman presented petition from Pictou in support of the Liquor Law numerously signed.

Also, from Dr. Johnston, for services to transient pauper. From David Mathew. From Trustees of Pictou Academy. From W. H. Wadell. From builder of the edifice occupied as Normal School, for loss sustained by him in erecting the same.

By hon. Pro. Secretary, from Overseers of Poor at Windsor.

The hon. Prov. Sec., by command, laid upon table accounts for Public Printing.

By Mr. Parker, for equalization of representation of Hants.

Mr. Marshall introduced a Bill to alter certain Electoral Districts, of Guysboro.

By Mr. Marshall, from J. C. Miller, on subject of his dismissal from the Office of Superintendent of Light Houses, with correspondence attached.

At the close of a prolonged conversation, which lasted nearly two hours, and in which several gentlemen (including members of the Government, and leading members of the Opposition) took part, on motion of Mr. Wier, debate adjourned until to-morrow.

On motion of Dr. Webster, Chairman of Committee on county of Richmond election, leave was given for committee to adjourn over until 21st inst.

THURSDAY, Feb. 14.

Petitions were presented by Mr. Marshall, from Judge Halliburton, praying permission to retire from public life.

By Mr. Wilkins, from Richard Logne, praying reimbursement of expenses on the occasion of the trial of Nicholas H. Martin, for murder.

By Hon. Mr. Johnston, from Annapolis county, praying additional Electoral district. Introduced a Bill for this purpose. Also, an Act, in addition to Act incorporating Margaretville Company.

By Dr. Brown, from the Rev. Dr. Cramp, for the Students of Acadia College and all other Students in Colleges, to be exempt from the performance of Statute Labour.

Mr. Chambers, a Bill to incorporate the Newport Hall Company. Also, petitions from Drs. Dennison and Weeks for service to paupers.

By Mr. Dimock, from Dr. William Dennison. By Mr. Geldert, from Trustees of a Meeting House, Mahons Bay, praying Act of Incorporation.

Chairman of Committee to try Arichat Election, asked leave to adjourn over to the 22nd inst.

By Mr. Wier, from Richard Nugent for drawback upon Paper.

By Mr. Hyde, petition of William Harris, Sheriff of Colchester.

By Mr. Morrison, from inhabitants of Onslow, praying alteration in the tenure of Glebe Lands.

By Mr. McLearn, from Sylvanus Morton and others, for act of incorporation of railroad at Milton, from Rev. Mr. Nichols, for expenses of a pauper, from Rev. Thomas Knowles and others, for a bridge further up the river than the one referred to in a former petition—have subscribed \$230.

By Mr. McDonald, Bill to authorize loan to erect a Court House in Pictou. Also, a petition from Freeholders of Pictou, asking extension of the Municipal Act to that County.

By Mr. Parker, a Bill for a road. Also of John Ellinger, praying equalization of the representation of Hants.

By Mr. Wier, from Charles Carman.

FRIDAY, Feb. 15.

Hon. Prov. Secretary laid upon the table of the House certain papers.

Petitions were presented by Mr. Whitman, from Clements, &c., for road accommodation.

By Mr. McFarlane, from Donald McKay, for payment of Grammar School monies withheld; and several other petitions.

By Mr. Annand, from Alex. J. Richie for return of duties on paper.

Mr. Annand asked leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the "Union" Bank of Halifax.

By the Atty. General, from Postmaster at Port Hood. Also, from Postmaster at Plaister Cove. Also, from John McDonald, of county of Inverness.

By Dr. Tupper, several petitions.

Bill introduced by Mr. Esson to authorize the City Corporation to obtain a general survey of the area of the City of Halifax. Also, to enable the Corporation to make improved side-walks in the City of Halifax. Also, a Bill, the title of which the reporter did not catch.

By Mr. John Campbell, petition from inhabitants of Liverpool, for an Act of incorporation to build a marine railroad; also for grant in aid of the same.

By Mr. P. Smyth, from inhabitants of Port Hood, for tri-weekly mail.

From E. G. Fuller, for cost of certain agricultural implements imported for Industrial Exhibition; From parties in Amherst; From inhabitants of North Shore, Cumberland. Also, from P. H. Burnham, Postmaster.

By Mr. Chipman, from W. Payzant and others, for aid to a Steamboat wharf.

Mr. Wier reported from committee on petition of Willard Minard and others.

By Sol. Gen. from Trustees of St. Francis College at Antigonish. Also, from inhabitants of Tracadie for post office. Also, for further aid to improvement of harbor. Also, from Alex. McPherson, mail carrier, Cape Breton. House went into committee on Bills.