

Argyle, of pious parents, and being the child of many prayers, she early became the subject of divine grace.

During a revival in Yarmouth, while she was still quite young, she was baptized by the Rev. Charles Knowles, and became a member of the Freewill-Baptist Church. Sometime after she joined the Baptist Church at Barrington, where she then resided.

Her christian deportment, in her daily walk and conversation, won the esteem and admiration of all who were connected with her.

In the midst of usefulness and esteem God often calls his people to a higher employment.

To any but a confiding christian, to one in her circumstances, death must have been an unwelcome visitor. Two lovely little girls for whom she felt all the anxious solicitude of a mother; a devoted husband who had just returned from a long sea voyage, together with a numerous circle of friends and relations, seemed to require her to remain on earth. But no sooner did she recognise the Master's call, than with a glad—"Thy will be done!"—she cheerfully resigned her all into the hand of a covenant-keeping God. Her short but painful illness she bore with calmness and resignation.

A few hours before she died she requested her friends to sing—

"There is a land of pure delight."

Raising her hands as they closed the stanzas she exclaimed, "I shall soon be there clothed in white, in the garments of Christ's righteousness."

She gave directions concerning the way in which she wished her children instructed, charging those of her own house to bring them up in the fear of the Lord.

She remained sensible and calm, until her happy spirit took its flight to a brighter and better world.

May we not exclaim with one of old, "Let me die the death of the righteous." &c.

Thus we have been called to dismiss a beloved sister from the church militant to join the Church triumphant above.

May God in infinite mercy sanctify to the living, these solemn dispensations of his providence.

Yours truly,

S. B. KEMPTON.

Barrington, April 15th, '57.

Editorial.

(Continued from second page.)

ARTS AND SCIENCE.—We are informed that the Rev. Dr. Cramp, Chairman of Faculty of Acadia College has been elected Corresponding Member of the London Society of Arts.

But little attention has been given in this province to the objects of this Institution. Why is it that no Society exists here for the purpose of cultivating an interest in such pursuits? It is highly desirable that a Branch Society for the encouragement of Art, Science and Invention be established, so as to bring together gentlemen of talent and arouse a spirit of scientific investigation here, as well as in other parts of the world.

The Fire.—We may inform our numerous enquiring friends who feel so much interest in our unfortunate position, occasioned by the fire, that we are still without redress. In accordance with advice given by the Committee of the House of Assembly, we have commenced proceedings against the HALIFAX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY for the sum for which the house was partially insured, and, for damages, against the parties concerned in pulling it down.

Resting on the assurances made to us by parties concerned, that no doubt existed of our recovering for the injury sustained without difficulty; and as it was important to avoid loss of time and further incumbrance on the property; we obtained the advice of friends, and in accordance with that advice have commenced rebuilding on the same site. Since doing so, however, we have found that the case cannot be brought before the Supreme Court until the Michaelmas Term in December next. In the mean time we are left to meet the demands still due, for alterations and additions to the house previous to its destruction, as well as what will be shortly required for rebuilding, as we best can.

We forbear commenting on the wrong we are compelled to suffer, and the imperfect civilization under which we live.

Even if justice be eventually secured, the tardiness of the process will greatly diminish its value. The inefficiency of the law to afford adequate protection under such circumstances must be apparent to all, and will doubtless have the effect of weakening the respect of the community for our judicial administration.

We shall not fail to give publicity to any subsequent action in the case.

Acadia College.

It will be unnecessary for us to add anything to enforce the judicious and powerful appeals in our present number on behalf of Acadia

College. All that is desired to accomplish the object in view is to secure the services of an efficient Agent for the work. At no former period was there we believe a stronger or more favourable state of feeling in the Denomination both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, towards the College, than at present. Certainly there never was more to encourage its friends in a united effort to lift it out of difficulty and danger and place it on a broad and substantial foundation. Many will say with Brother Barsas Caleb said of old, "We are well able to overcome it." There may be giants in the land still. Giant Hostility and Giant Ignorance have been partially slain. The two we have now to overcome are the Giants Apathy and Hold-your-own. These are both unbelievers and of heathen origin, we must therefore get them removed; we may then go up and possess the land.

Temperance.

"The Abstainer" for the present month comes to us with a full supply of thorough-going temperance matter, reports of what has been done during the past month by the friends of the cause, and a few of the results and doings of the traffic.

The operations of legislation in reference to the trade in liquid fire are freely spoken on.

The Reports presented at the late Quarterly meeting of the Sons, shew that the work is progressing. The Publication Committee state:

"Your Committee, having in view the promotion of temperance, and believing the friends in this Province are able and willing to sustain a periodical for its advocacy, recommend that the Abstainer be published twice a month after October next, each paper to contain half the quantity of matter now given in the monthly numbers."

"Your committee venture to anticipate the commencement of a weekly journal, after another year, with a fair prospect of success. It must be obvious to all that the triumph of our principles will be much hastened by the aid of a weekly organ of moderate size, and adapted for family reading."

FAREWELL ADDRESS.

We have received a copy of an Address presented by "Father Mathew" Division—Sons of Temperance, Lower Stewiack, to the Rev. David Lawson, W. P., on the occasion of his leaving that place for another field of labour in the county of Cumberland.

As the address and reply have appeared in the Morning Chronicle, and as our space is so fully occupied, we must content ourselves with this brief notice.

Both the address and reply, indicate a gratifying state of good feeling existing between the Division and their Worthy Patriarch. The good wishes expressed for each other's future happiness and prosperity, are highly commendable. We sincerely hope they may be realized.

During the late ceremonies at Washington, on the inauguration of Mr. Buchanan, as President of the United States, numbers of persons were taken suddenly ill at the National Hotel, and among them the President himself. Of these, we see it stated in a New York Paper, that as many as thirty-five have died, and that it is Mr. Buchanan's opinion that the occurrence has arisen from an atrocious attempt to destroy him by poison. No discovery however of the perpetrators, if such be the case, appears yet to have been made.

Late accounts appear to confirm the fact that General Walker's great marauding expedition in Central America, is drawing near its close, as he is said to be so reduced in numbers of men, and so hemmed in by his enemies as to afford no rational hopes of escape. An immense amount of treasure and of the lives of U. S. citizens have been sacrificed in this filibustering attempt to establish Walker's usurpation.

A good deal of excitement has just been occasioned in the United States, by the news of the rejection by England, of what is termed, the Dallas-Clarendon Treaty, relating to the adjustment of the serious difficulties that have for some time past existed between the two governments on the subject of Honduras. We trust however that the circumstance is not one that need occasion any serious alarm, but has arisen from some rather formal than real source of disagreement.

Difficulties seem daily increasing with the American Government in the management of the Mormon State of Utah, which with the notorious Brigham Young as its self-constituted Governor, appears to treat all civitas well as military efforts of the General Government to exercise any control over the inhabitants, with contempt. This colony of profligate outlaws, which is still fast multiplying by recruits of

ignorant devotees, from almost all parts of Europe and America, would seem to be ripening for the retribution which cannot be very long delayed, for their gross infraction of the most indispensable of Divine, as well as human laws. Report says that they are organizing a regular army to withstand any attempt of the General Government to enforce the laws of the State.

We hope before going to Press, to report the arrival of our English mails. The latest accounts by way of New York, state a rise in the prices of flour and provisions. There can be little doubt that the vast influx of precious metals from the great gold-fields of the world, is effecting a permanent increase in the price of most of the necessary articles of life, such as is well known to have taken place very shortly after the discovery of America and the opening of the mines of Mexico and Peru.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

A week at St. Margaret's Bay—

BAPTISM—ORDINATION OF DEACONS.

DEAR BROTHER,

Last Saturday I went to Black-Point, on the West side of St. Margaret's Bay, to attend the protracted meeting, as noticed in the last week's Messenger, at the special request of the Church, as stated in my last. We hoped to meet some of the Brethren from other churches, but were disappointed. I suppose the notice not appearing until a week after they expected, and there being no particular request in the notice as sent by the Brethren, may have led to this result.

We had an interesting conference on Saturday. Three were received for baptism. Sunday I preached twice to large and attentive congregations. Monday and Tuesday, preached and lectured at Mason's Point, and baptized one. Wednesday preached and baptized one on the East side of the Bay. Thursday, lectured at Black Point, to a large assembly, on the order and discipline of the Church, and character and office of Deacons, when six persons gave a satisfactory relation of their conversion to God, and desired to be baptized and join the church.

We then repaired to the water and immersed nine happy candidates—one had not had the use of his legs for nearly two years. This is the first christian baptism that was ever attended in this part of the Bay, and consequently a large number of the people never witnessed the ordinance before. There was generally solemn attention—but some mockers.

We then returned to the house, and the church unanimously chose five deacons, viz:—Brethren John Hubley, Frederick Hubley, on the east side—James Mason, and Henry Fader, at the head of the Bay, and James Hubley at Black Point, on the west, whom we ordained to the office—as the church has had no ordained Deacons for years.

We then received by the hand of fellowship, ten, and administered the Lord's Supper, which had not been attended to for some years.

I then took my leave with a heavy heart, as duty called me home. I bless God for what I saw, heard and felt while there. The church is awake and doing what they can. Sinners are crying for help from God, and all cry for ministerial instruction. The field is white unto the harvest. O! who will come to their assistance.

In haste. Yours in Christ,

T. H. PORTER.

Sackville, N. S., May 16, '57.

YARMOUTH COUNTY.—REV. J. V. TABOR, writes:—Dear Brother, I have been privileged to baptize eight persons on profession of faith in Christ, at Chebogue, and thirteen at Tusket, since our protracted meetings. Others have manifested a hope in Christ Jesus.

May 14th, '57.

Great Britain.

THE REV. H. GRATTAN GUINNESS.—FOR some time past the provincial papers have teemed with the most pleasing reports of a youthful preacher of the Gospel, who has been gathering together large multitudes of the people of listen to the proclamation of truth from his lips. The metropolitan papers have republished many of these reports—and have facetiously announced him as the "rival of Mr. Spurgeon."

Mr. Guinness is said to be related to a celebrated family of that name, residing in Dublin, the head of which recently sustained the office of Lord Mayor in that city; but we believe that he was brought up in Devonshire; and is now pursuing his collegiate studies at New College, St. John's Wood, London.

In stature, he is rather tall; but in body, extremely thin, and exceedingly upright. His countenance wears a pleasing, yet studious aspect, and at times, there appears to be a ner-

vous twitching of his dark eyes. He has a very large head of dark hair, divided in the centre, and thrown behind his ears, giving him a somewhat particular appearance. We suppose his age to be about twenty years. His voice is deep and strong, but not musical. His action while preaching, is for the most part appropriate; but there is one great exception—Mr. Guinness has the habit of folding his arms, and in this position, for some minutes addresses his audience.

United States.

THE REVIVAL IN BOSTON.—Rev. Charles G. Finney, President of Oberlin College, Ohio, who has preached in Boston for over four months, closed his labors on the 19th ult. Thousands of Christians have been greatly benefited by his ministry, and it is estimated that from five to six hundred hopeful conversions have resulted from his labors. There has not been so much religious interest in Boston for several years past, and it has extended to all the adjacent places, Charlestown, Roxbury, Chelsea, and others. Very large numbers of members of churches and ministers from distant places, have come to hear Mr. Finney, and then gone home to arouse their own Churches.

Mr. Finney's labors have been very arduous, as he has for a long time past preached seven times a week, and then addressed the enquirers at their meetings after the close of each evening service. His labors have been in the Congregational and Baptist Churches. Park Streets Shawmut Avenue, and Rev. Dr. Neale's, churches, which have frequently been densely crowded. A general prayer meeting was held alternately in the different churches every afternoon during the week, and after that a separate one for ladies and gentlemen, and these meetings have been of great interest.

President Finney is in his sixty-fifth year. His style of preaching is eminently simple and personal. For many years he has spent every Winter in laboring for revivals of religion, and God has greatly blessed his preaching to the conversion of thousands.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The financial year of the American Bible Society closed on the 31st of March. The receipts were \$41,805.57, exceeding the receipts of the previous year nearly \$49,000. During the year, seven hundred and forty thousand copies of the Scriptures were issued, being an excess of one hundred and ninety-eight thousand over the previous year. The issues were Bibles 244,000; Testaments 496,000.

MADAGASCAR.—The Secretary of the London (Independent) Missionary Society, the Rev. W. Ellis, has arrived safe at the metropolis of this island, after a journey of about 300 miles from the coast on men's shoulders! Mr. E. had the honour of a public reception, by order of the Queen. The young Prince was very friendly, and the prospects of re-establishing the mission were cheering.

The New York Herald apprehends a great commercial crisis ere long in the United States. The wharves of the empire city were crowded with idle shipping to the value of twenty-five millions of dollars. Grain has been shipped to Europe at 2d per bushel! Nay, one lot of 20,000 bushels was taken altogether free, merely as ballast.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The canvass in Massachusetts last week resulted in the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, by a very large majority. These amendments are three in number. The first provides that every voter hereafter shall be able to read the Constitution in the English language, and to write his own name. The second limits the House of Representatives to 240 members, to be elected by single districts; and the third provides for the choice of forty Senators, to be chosen by single districts, instead of being elected by counties as heretofore.

UTAH—Utah is in open rebellion against the United States, and the decesses proprieties and moralities of Christendom. Brigham Young holds despotic sway in that Territory, bidding impudent defiance alike to the laws of Congress and of God. These facts have been notorious for years, and yet this old debauchee is permitted by legal authority to hold the office and exercise the functions of Chief Executive; and by usurped power, either directly or indirectly, all other authority whatever in that ill-fated Territory.

The attention of the American people has recently been called anew to the deplorable state of affairs in Utah, by a communication from Hon. W. W. Drummond, late a Justice of the Supreme Court of that Territory, addressed to the Attorney General of the United States, resigning his commission, and stating his reasons therefor.

The Mormon authorities of Utah are organizing and drilling the militia of that Territory, and establishing infantry and cavalry schools, for the alleged purpose of a violent resistance to any movement of the U. S. troops against them.

A STAMPEDE.—At the monthly meeting of the N. Y. Young Men's Christian Association, one hundred and seventy-nine members withdrew in a body, in consequence, it is understood, of the rescinding of Prof. Crosby's resolution, which lately occasioned so much excitement, and which prohibited the discussion of slavery in the meetings. The retiring list contained the names of the mover of the resolution, Prof. Crosby, with Rev. Drs. Spring, Potts, Vermilye, Hutton, DoWitt, Badell, Knox, Ferris, and other clergymen. About a hundred new members were also proposed. Large accessions are expected, we hear, at the next meeting.

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