

demned him to the flames. "When the dear brother Hans reached the place of execution outside the city, he thought upon the church, and called out with a loud voice, in the midst of the assembled people, asking if there was any one present who would have courage to inform the church of God in Moravia, that 'I, Hans Blietel, have been burned for the sake of the gospel, at Riet in Bavaria.' A zealous man, full of piety, then discovered himself. His zeal was inflamed by this question, and as he could not get near Hans, he called out to him and said that he would tell and make known to the church in Moravia that he had been burned at Riet for the faith." (i. 268).

Such were the Baptists, and such their faith, their worship, their zeal, and their sufferings, in the "Reformation Period." The celebrated Munster tragedy will be subject of my next letter, after which we will pass on to another portion of the history. Yours truly, From my Study, MEXNO, Sept. 14th, 1857.

For the Christian Messenger.

Ordination at Liverpool, N. S.

The Baptist church having called brother Thomas A. Higgins, A. M., graduate from Acadia College, to be their Pastor, a council was invited to meet on Saturday the 29th of August, at 2 o'clock p. m. It consisted of the following delegates, viz: Rev. J. Parker from Bill Town, Cornwallis; Rev. A. Martell from Milton and brethren Edward Kempton, Samuel Freeman, and Stephen Kempton; from Portmedway Rev. R. Philp and brother Atkins; from Kempt, Rev. A. W. Barss; from Greenfield, brethren R. Harlow, S. Hunt, and N. Freeman. Delegates from the church of Liverpool—brothers W. S. Jacobs, T. R. Patillo, C. Bill, S. Kerry, J. Hutchinson, and George S. Parker.

The Rev's. John Chase and Stephen DeBlois, and brother John Barss—Strong, Maynard Freeman, and—Belfrey were invited to a seat in council. The Rev. James Parker was chosen Moderator, and S. Parker, Clerk.

Brother Higgins then related his christian experience, and call to the Christian Ministry.

After having received from the candidate his views upon some of the leading points of christian doctrine, the Council retired to the vestry for deliberation, and resolved unanimously to proceed with the ordination on the following day at half-past two o'clock; at which hour the house was filled to overflowing. The Rev. James Parker preached the ordination sermon from Isaiah liii. 7.—"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publishes peace, that bringeth good tidings of good things, that publishes salvation; that saith unto Zion thy God reigneth."

The Rev. A. Martell asked the usual questions which were promptly and satisfactorily answered. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. R. R. Philp. The right-hand of fellowship was given by the Rev. A. W. Barss. The charge to the candidate by the Rev. J. Chase. The charge to the church by the Rev. S. W. DeBlois, concluding prayer by the candidate. Service closed by singing the choir being accompanied by the organ.

The services of the occasion were all highly interesting, and the Rev. Mr. Higgins, will enter upon his labours with fair prospects of success, and it is expected the cause will prosper under his able administration. By order, and in behalf of the council, Geo. S. Parker, Clerk.

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HALIFAX, SEPTEMBER 23, 1857.

Ordination of the Rev. R. D. Porter at Dartmouth.

The Baptist Church at Dartmouth having solicited the Granville Street and North Baptist Churches, at Halifax, and the Sackville Church to send Delegates to consult with them respecting the Ordination of Brother Robert D. Porter, who had been for some time labouring in that locality under the direction of the Home Missionary Board, the following delegates accordingly met at Dartmouth on Thursday the 17th inst.—Revds, R. McLearn, D. Freeman, S. N. Bentley, and F. H. Porter, and brethren Nating, Creed, McCully, T. McLearn, Selden, Robinson, and Crandall. The Council was organized by choosing the Rev. R. McLearn, Chairman, and brother Creed, Secretary. Bro. J. H. Porter, junr., was invited to sit with the council. After a short time being spent in devotional exercises, the Chairman requested the candidate for ordination to give a brief relation of his Christian experience and call to the work of the ministry. Mr. Porter then made a statement before the Council and congregation assembled, of his conversion, and the means by which God in his providence and by his grace, had shewn him it was his duty to engage in proclaiming the gospel to his fellow men. He also, at the request of the council, gave a brief view of what he believed the more prominent doctrines of the word of God. The Council then withdrew for deliberation and unanimously agreed to advise that Mr. Porter be ordained to the service of Christ in the ministry of the Gospel,—the Ordination service to commence at 7 o'clock. A large congregation assembled in the evening, when the Rev. D. Freeman preached the Ordination sermon from Mark xvi. 15-16. 'Go ye into all the world, &c.' Rev. S. N. Bentley asked the Questions, as a public examination of the sentiments of the candidate. Rev. J. H. Porter offered the ordaining prayer. Rev. D. Freeman gave the right-hand of fellowship. Rev. R. McLearn presented the candidate with a Bible, and gave him the charge as a minister of the gospel. Rev. J. H. Porter gave the charge to the Church. After which, the Rev. R. D. Porter closed the meeting by prayer and the benediction. It may be thought invidious to refer to any one part more than another of the exercises, yet whilst all were highly appropriate and presented a most delightful combination for the occasion, we may refer to the charge given to the newly ordained minister, as a most striking exhibition of the duties, privileges, responsibilities, and joys of a Christian Minister. The locality in which Mr. Porter is called to labour, is one of no small importance. Ground has been lost at various stations in the neighborhood for want of ministerial aid. The people, in many places, being too much scattered to maintain services constantly, have in many instances almost disappeared. We trust that they may be again encouraged to assemble, and that they may see the work of God reviving around them, and that many souls may be saved and added to the Lord and his Church.

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Death of Mrs. Skinner.

It is with much sorrow we inform our readers of the melancholy death of Mrs. Skinner, wife of the Rev. I. J. Skinner, of Bridgewater.

She had been suffering severe illness for a short time, which had produced temporary derangement, but on Friday evening appeared somewhat better, and desired the nurse to retire to rest by her side, believing she would sleep well, Mr. S. being in an adjoining room. At her request the nurse left the door open. When the others were asleep, it is supposed she arose from her bed and went to the river-side. She was discovered in the river by her husband on the following morning, with a shawl pinned down close over her head and face. Whether she by accident or otherwise fell into the river is, we believe, a matter of uncertainty. We trust that our brother may be sustained under this deep affliction: that with so crushing a grief he may have the assurance that what is so mysterious now, shall be made plain hereafter, and that our God who is judge of all the earth, directs our affairs in infinite wisdom and love.

Sudden Death of the Rev. R. H. Emerson.

The following Telegraphic message was received by the Editor of the Visitor on Friday evening, the 11th inst. "Brother Emerson just dead. Haste here by steamer. Ten minutes past six."

The Rev. J. Davis, of St. George, N. B., being on his way to P. E. Island, left St. John immediately for Moncton.

On Sabbath morning the following note was received from Brother Davis: "Bro. J. H. Porter, 5 o'clock, P. M. Monday, 13th Sept. 1857."

Dear Brother, Brother Emerson preached last Lord's Day week for the last time. His text, which he left also for the text of his funeral sermon, was Mat. 13: 43. His complaint was typhoid fever. His widow is graciously sustained. A heavy cloud covers the people. There is much sickness in the place, and much solemnity. The good man prayed earnestly that the event might be sanctified. He was full of peace. He died like a man, a christian, and a minister. Mrs. R. deeply feels your brotherly sympathy. In haste, Yours in the Gospel, J. DAVIS.

Mr. Emerson was a young man of great promise and talent, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He studied at Acadia College, and had been settled at Moncton, but a short time. His loss will be deeply felt. The suddenness of this mournful dispensation is a loud call to all to stand in readiness for we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh.

THE WESTERN N. B. ASSOCIATION held its annual session at Nashwaak, on the 5th Inst., and following days. The meetings appear to have been of a highly satisfactory character. The reports from the churches shewed a clear increase of one hundred and sixty-four, about five per cent upon the whole number of members.

The report in the Visitor, remarks:—

"Our Educational interests occupied much and anxious attention. The question, as to the removal of the Seminary from Fredericton was put upon this basis. It seemed to be generally allowed, that St. John is the place for our Male Educational Institute. Yet it cannot be moved hither without a large pecuniary outlay. If, then, the St. John brethren want it, they must make up their minds to pay accordingly. That done, the institution is theirs. There that matter rests for the present, as it is likely so to do for some time. The subject of Female Education was by no means forgotten, though the brethren were not prepared with practical measures in regard to it."

THE New Chapel at Marsh Bridge, St. John, N.B., was opened on Lord's day, the 13th inst. The Rev. E. B. DeMill preached from Luke xv. 10., on the occasion. Revds, Messrs. Robinson, Bill, and Ring, attended and redereed assistance.

Rev. John Davis of St. George has gone on a mission for a few weeks to Prince Edward's Island. The most of his time will probably be spent in Charlottetown and vicinity.—Visitor.

WINDSOR.—The Rev. Daniel M. Welton writes:—

"I feel already quite encouraged in laboring for the cause of God here. Two were baptized on the first Sunday after my ordination, and I trust that others will soon follow."

The Board of Foreign Missions as given in the C. M. of the 9th inst., we find was obtained from an incorrect report. The Board, as voted by the Convention, is as follows:—

Rev. G. Armstrong, Chairman; Dr. Tupper, Secretary; S. Wheelock, Treasurer; Revds. W. G. Parker, C. Randall, I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, E. B. DeMill, Rev. N. Viditoe, A. Stronach, A. Martell, T. McHenry, Esqr. A. McL. Seely, Elisha Harris, Ambrose Dodge.

The Abstinence has completed its first year. The last number states that its success has been "as encouraging as might have been expected." There should be a wide circulation given to this Temperance periodical. When the friends of the cause are fully alive to its claims, they will arise in their strength and with the aid of all friends of good order, and sobriety put down the abominations around us. The Editor remarks in reference to the Temperance cause:—

"It is a noble cause. Is it not identified with all that is dear to man? Is it not conservative of health and happiness, and liberal in the bestowment of manifold benefits? Is not Temperance one of the surest safeguards of youth? Does it not crown age with honour? Is it not married to virtue and religion? Has not God's blessing marvelously rested on the efforts of its advocates? Should not all who bear the Christian name hold themselves under solemn obligations to sustain Temperance Institutions? Can they be worthy of that name if they treat such Institutions with neglect or indifference? The cry of ten thousand victims resounds in our ears. The wail of the forsaken—of beggared wives, of destitute widows and orphans, is heard on every hand. The demon-laugh of the trafficker, derisive and defiant, reproves our sloth. On, brothers, on!"

A correspondent writes from North Sydney, C. B., that there have been several public meetings held in that locality, and a warm interest is taken in the subject. Temperance is certainly progressing. The Divisions are increasing, and the public are becoming more deeply interested in the work.

A warning and some good advice.

The Southern Baptist says: "Thousands of professed Christians are dishonest, and the printer's book will tell fearful tales in the final judgement. In the words of another of our exchanges we would add to the above, 'All who owe for their paper, call or send to the Editor's office and pay up. You'll never regret it, never.'"

DYER'S HEALING EMBROCATION.—We acknowledge the receipt of a bottle of this remedy, from G. E. Morton & Co. When troubled with pains of any sort, cuts, bruises, or burns, we shall test its virtues, till then we shall be willing to believe all that is said of it.

The bottle of SPALDING'S ROSEMARY sent us a short time since, from the same firm, we handed to a lady of our acquaintance, who says it is a first-rate article for the hair, superior to many of the preparations used.

Our latest English dates give no further news from India, although they contain details of some of the latest events which had occurred at certain localities in the upper Bengal Provinces. The general view of circumstances from these accounts is any thing but cheering, and our news from India for some time to come, and until a large amount of the troops now on their way shall have arrived and be marched into the mutinous districts, a long distance from the coast; is likely to be any thing but satisfactory. We only trust that it may not be in some cases a repetition of the harrowing accounts of murder and violence which have marked this fearful tragedy from its commencement. The point from which the greatest danger on this respect is to be apprehended is Lucknow, the capital of the kingdom of Oude, where the fortress is held by Col. Inglis, a Nova Scotian; and son of the late Bishop Inglis, with a scanty garrison comprised of the 32nd Regiment and a few uncertain native troops, hemmed in by a numerous body of Sepoys. The place is said to have had but a short supply of ammunition or provisions, with a considerable number of English females, among whom were Col. Inglis's own wife and family. Sir Henry Lawrence, the Governor, died of wounds received in the siege. The only hope was that Gen. Havelock, who had just retaken Cawnpore, about 40 miles distant, would be able to relieve Lucknow. Our expected mail will bring us a few days later news.

General Intelligence. Foreign and Domestic.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, Sept. 12, 1857.

APPOINTMENTS.

In the County of Victoria: To be Custos Rotariorum—John Cambell, Esq., in the place of M. McCaskill, Esq., deceased.—To be Justices of the Peace: Roderick McKenzie, Esq. (Cape North); Rupert Zwicker, Esq., (Bay of Saint Lawrence). In Queen's County: To be members of the Board of Commissioners of Schools—The Rev. John S. Adly, and the Rev. A. Martell, in the place of the Rev. J. Sutcliffe, and the Rev. Samuel N. Bentley, removed from the County. In the County of Sydney: To be Warden of River Fisheries—Robert N. Henry, junior, Esq. In the County of Lunenburg: To be an additional Justice of the Peace—Joshua Kaulback, Esq. To be Health Officer for the Port of Halifax—John Slayter, Esq., M. D.

We learn from an authentic source that on Monday, the 63rd Regiment, after marching from the Common to their Barracks, in the Citadel, formed a square, when their gallant Colonel (Hill) addressed them in a very feeling and pathetic manner—touching on topics that made human nature revolt at the bare mentioning, shewing forth the cold blood atrocities committed upon their fellow countrymen and fellow beings by the inhuman inhabitants of the East, who have neither spared father, mother, nor the dear innocent babe suckling at a mother's breast,—after which he propounded the question:—"Will you volunteer for the East?" Yes! was the response proclaimed with three rounds of royal Huzzas! This speaks volumes in favour of the gallant and noble Corps; and shows that each one is inspired with a feeling towards their Queen, their country, and their fellow beings; and we sincerely hope, if the services of this gallant Regiment are required that they may march gallantly into battle and victorious out of it.—Com. to Morning Journal.

At a meeting of the Board of Health for the City last week, Dr. DeWolf introduced and moved a resolution which was seconded by Mr. Fall, and passed as follows:—"Resolved, That the Board deeply regret the early and premature decease of the late James Allen, M. D., Health Officer of the City, believing his loss is, in a great degree, attributable to infection received while in performance of duty in the former office, in visiting H. M. Ship Oriole, in which there were many cases of fever, eighteen whereof terminated fatally."

One of the prisoners confined in the Penitentiary, named Charles Sairs, made his escape on Sunday night. The city constables, Gailfield and Roderick, found him in a house in town, on Monday morning.