

had a very superior early education. He puts every word in its proper place and never uses a wrong verb or case. It is a common saying that "every man has his day," but Mr. S. must continue to be popular. He draws his figures from every day life, makes much out of little, allowing his hearers to carry away the major part of his discourses. There is little sameness in his preaching or reading. Repeating the hymn, meeting with a verse very striking or elevating, perhaps he will throw both arms above his head, and speak upon it, raising his voice to the highest pitch. A speaker that can so completely chain the attention of his hearers and at the same time have the conversion of their souls paramount to all other things must and ever will be the people's preacher.

Doctor Cumming has been lecturing on the 2nd chapter of Revelations. He occasionally reads parts in the original, for the purpose of showing errors in the translation. The Doctor and Mr. S. are the preachers of the day; but the contrast is great. If the former could start the tear, it would be feverish indeed if the latter did not cause them to flow.

THE LEVIATHAN.

The "Leviathan" Company wish to borrow £200,000 to finish her, making the Stock preferential. It is said she will make some trial trips to America. Lately one of her chains broke, she swung round, and was brought up by the other. Had she not touched bottom she would have smashed a number of small shipping at the wharves. When the chain broke it was calculated that the pressure of wind on her beam was equal to 500 tons.

MURDERS IN SCOTLAND.

The most tragical event that has lately come to light took place in the North of Scotland. A Linen-draper during the night took the life of his wife, four of his children, and his own. One child, dreadfully mangled, and a servant, escaped. One of his children was at some distance with a friend, he had written, but in vain, repeatedly, for its return. A hammer and a razor were his weapons. The evening previous he had been visited by two commercial travellers, and gave them orders for goods. He was inclined to talk to them about the easiest kind of death,—talked of Bark and other noted murderers. He was in easy circumstances, and kind to his family. Commercial travellers in this country usually drink freely; he had been drinking with them. The mother and her four children were buried in one square grave, and he in another.

DR. BERNARD.

The most pleasing event is the acquittal of Doctor Bernard. In his speech to the jury he said he had always been a conspirator and would ever be one against tyrants; but the grenade that he had procured was not to destroy the Emperor but for other purposes. To fire the grenade it is stuck all over with percussion caps, when the subject for destruction arrives it is thrown violently on the ground, and the caps cause the ignition.

DR. LEES AND MR. GOUGH.

The celebrated Dr. Lees and Mr. Gough are at variance. It appears that Dr. Lees repeated the story, and offers to prove that Mr. Gough takes stimulants in the shape of opium, &c. Gough charges Lees with defamation, while the latter offers to substantiate his statement.

If I have time to see some of the sights here I will give you an account of them.

I am, yours truly,

London, April 23.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

[Some of the facts respecting the following death appeared in our last, yet as this notice is sent by a near relative and contains some further particulars we give it insertion.—ED. C. M.]

JAMES BENTLEY.

James Bentley, of Upper Stewiacke, son of the late Noah Bentley, has been suddenly called at the age of 33 to exchange worlds. On the 29th April he was travelling to Halifax by railroad in the morning train, and just as the train stopped at the Richmond Station, while stepping upon the platform, he slipped and fell betwixt the car and platform, and was instantly crushed.

The next day his lifeless body was conveyed to the residence of his afflicted relatives. The "wife of his youth" and three young children, together with mother, brothers and sisters, and more distant kindred, were sorrowfully awaiting the arrival. To all it was a most painful bereavement. He had left them in full health, and now he was robbed for the grave.

The funeral occurred on the 2nd Inst. The large assembly was very appropriately and impressively addressed by Mr. T. H. Porter, Junr., from Psalm xii. 1.

Our brother had professed faith in Christ at the age of seventeen, and though young was

chosen Deacon of the Baptist Church soon after the death of his father. He was a warm friend and a devoted christian, and was generally beloved. To the younger members of the Church he was specially endeared. By constancy in his religious duties he had instructed and encouraged them. And though now his voice will no longer be heard in the prayer meeting, the vacant seat and the memories of the past will remind them of duty and cheer them forward towards heaven, where he "rests from his labors."

The dear ties of family enjoyment are severed, the circle of brothers and sisters is broken; but heaven seems nearer, and there only can those "Now parted, meet again."—Communicated. Upper Stewiacke, May 3rd.

ABRAHAM MARSTERS.

Dear Brother,—Our Church has been much afflicted in the loss by death of two of its valued members.

Brother Abraham Marsters was suddenly called away on the 25th of January, 1858, in the 61st year of his age, leaving a large number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss; yet they can bless God that they mourn not as those without hope. Our loss is his eternal gain. May we be prepared to meet him at God's right hand. Bro. Marsters was a member of the Baptist Church of Kempt from the time it was first organized and will be much missed.

JEREMIAH MACUMBER

Was called to his rest above, February 17, 1858, aged 48 years, after a long affliction which he bore with Christian fortitude, and God's Holy Word was his support. Bro. M. has been one of the deacons of the Baptist Church of Kempt from the time it was organized. His family, the Church, with many other friends, are left to mourn his loss. May his prayers be realized that he and they may meet, no more to part, at God's right hand where there are pleasures for evermore.—Com. by Joseph D. Marsters.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

PORT MEDWAY.—Extract of letter from the Rev. R. R. Philp, dated May 4th:—

"Since I last wrote, I have baptized seven persons,—one at East Port Medway, two at a small village called Charleston, and four at Greenfield. The prospects there are still encouraging."

SOUTH YARMOUTH.—Dear Editor,—A happy feeling is prevailing with many in South Yarmouth Church. At Central and Chebogue Point, God I trust is evidently reviving his cause. A few Sabbaths past I baptized a promising young man. Impressions seemed to deepen and a solemn work appeared in progress. Last Lord's Day, I baptized another young man and a young woman, and gave the band of fellowship to their father, mother, and another sister. A large number of members sat down at Communion. Truly Christ's presence was manifested. In the evening at Central a deeply interesting meeting was enjoyed. Fifteen members after sermon, testified of the grace of God, and many faces were bathed in tears. Evening meetings during the week are still held in different sections of the Church, and many both middle aged and young are manifesting hopeful signs of bowing to Christ. Christian readers pray for us. I am dear Editor, sincerely,

JAMES V. TABOR.

South Yarmouth, 27th April, 1858.

At East Chebogue, on the first Sabbath in May, I baptize two more, and others in different sections have experienced, we believe, the salvation of the soul. Yours,

J. V. T.

YARMOUTH.—"Since my last letter to you we have added seven by baptism, others have been restored to the fellowship of the Church. Bro. Tabor baptized two yesterday at Little River, and two the Sabbath before at Chebogue."

Yours truly,

May 3rd.

HENRY ANGELL.

CAPE BRETON.—Mr. Editor,—It may be interesting to some of your numerous readers, to know what the Lord is doing in this part of his vineyard. I have been travelling as a colporteur of the American Tract Society during the last twelve months, among the destitute on the shores of Cape Breton. I have visited nearly all the out harbours on the Southern Shore, many of which had seldom, if ever heard the Gospel preached. Since that time the Lord has poured out His Holy Spirit in an extraordinary manner, so that the revival has spread through Loran, Louisburg, Gabarus, and Forchet, a distance of about forty miles, and many souls have been brought to hope in Christ. Mr. Moore, (Wesleyan), visits some of these places once a month, and a large number have joined the class, others have not yet united with any society. I think if some faithful minister of Christ could be sent among them, there would be a large ingathering to the fold of God.

About 200 have professed faith in Christ, and the good work is still spreading. I have lately visited Mainadie, with encouraging prospects of good. May the Lord pour His Spirit upon them and turn them from darkness to light. I have also visited some other settlements lately, where there is an appearance of a work of grace. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Ministerial labor and Christian effort are much required. The people around these shores have much need of instruction, the larger portion of them being destitute of learning. While on my mission I have circulated about \$500-worth religious reading, in the different parts of

the Island, which I hope will, by the blessing of God, prove of much benefit to the people.

Yours, in the bonds of the Gospel,
BENJAMIN SPENCER.

Mira, April 26th, 1858.

BILLTOWN.—Extract of letter from Rev. James Parker, dated May 7th.—"Brother James A. Moore has accepted a call from the church in this place to become co-pastor with me. He commenced his labours on the 1st Inst. He wishes all letters and papers to be sent to his address at Billtown.

We had baptism last sabbath, making sixty-four in all, since the revival commenced. I am very much encouraged in my labours, and hope to see many more precious souls brought to Christ."

HILLSBURG.—Extract of letter from Rev. Obed Parker, dated May 5th.—"The Lord is blessing us with a revival in both churches with which I labour. There were four added by baptism to the second Hillsburg church on the Sabbath before last, and six to the first, last Sabbath. The glorious work is still increasing."

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, May 3, 1858.

House met at 11 o'clock.

Hon. Sol. General gave notice of a resolution to authorize the government to make certain disbursements for shipwrecked seamen. Laid on the table.

The following bills passed a third reading:

A bill to secure the independence of the Legislature.

A bill to provide for the Consolidation of the Laws.

Hon. Mr. Young moved the amendment to the last bill previously laid on the table as a notice in accordance with the views expressed by him in committee, to delay the publication of the consolidated acts for another year, so that an improved and revised edition may be prepared and submitted.

Mr. Henry moved an amendment to the effect, that as the commissioners were only authorized to consolidate the statutes without altering the same, and they had performed that duty—that therefore it was expedient to print the new edition during the ensuing summer.

The house divided—for Mr. Henry's amendment, 21; against, 14.

The bill relating to certain public lands in Lunenburg, was brought up, discussed, and various motions made respecting it.

The bill passed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Annand from committee on land damages reported at length, recommending a number of grants, which report was read and received.—The committee recommended that in future one half the expense of land damages should be borne by the counties.

Mr. Henry as the chairman of the Railway Committee, reported in favour of the contractors being paid for the actual amount of extra work performed by them, at the schedule price. They recommended that the amount of work should be measured and ascertained by an engineer to be appointed by the government, whose decision should be final, subject to the control of the government.

Mr. Howe enquired whether it was considered that the contractors should receive relief until they had finished their contracts.

Mr. Henry replied that that matter had not been decided upon by the committee.

Mr. Howe moved that 100 copies of the report be printed.

Mr. Henry suggested that the evidence taken by the clerk of the house be printed also. The report was ordered to be printed.

The Legislative Council, by message, informed the house that they had agreed to the following bills:

A bill to regulate the License Law, for the sale of intoxicating liquors, as amended; also bills relating to the Municipal Government of counties, with an amendment, which amendment was concurred in by the house.

The house in committee of supply passed a number of grants.

TUESDAY, May 4.

The House in committee of supply. A number of grants pursuant to recommendation of Committees passed.

WEDNESDAY, May 5th.

Mr. Wade moved that a grant of £25 each be given to J. Barnaby, Susan Kelly, and John Gully, to complete their education in the deaf and dumb institution in the United States.

Mr. Chipman moved that £500 be granted to assist in rebuilding the Cornwallis bridge. The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. McLearn moved that £490 be granted to clear the Bar in Liverpool harbor. The vote was lost.

Mr. Henry, chairman of the post office committee, reported at length. The report was received and laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Howe moved a lengthy resolution on the subject of the report of the railway committee.

A number of members having addressed the house and adjournment was moved.

Mr. Wade moved that the report of the committee be received and adopted. After some further discussion, the house adjourned until the next day at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, May 6.

House met at 11 o'clock. Hon. Speaker stated that His Excellency would prorogue the Legislature on the following day at 3 o'clock.

Debate on Hon. Mr. Howe's resolution was resumed. The Hon. Provincial Secretary addressed the House.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hon. Mr. Young addressed the House.

A message from the Legislative Council announced that they had agreed to the bill to repeal the act for the Municipal Government of Counties, as far as relates to the township of Yarmouth with amendment.

Hon. Attorney General addressed the House till about 3 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The house resumed at 3 past 9 o'clock.

Mr. Wier and the hon. Sol. General spoke. Mr. Henry followed in support of the views of the Railway Committee; moved an amendment to the hon. Mr. Howe's resolutions.

Hon. Mr. Howe addressed the house for three hours.

Mr. Henry made some explanations. Mr. Henry's amendment was then read and put, when there appeared—22 for it, and 12 against; so the amendment passed.

For the amendment: Killam, Ryder, Borneuf, Martell, Sol. General, Robichau, McLearn, Bill J. Campbell, Caldwell, White, Moses, Shaw, C. Campbell, McFarlane, Fin. Secretary, Henry, Atty. General, Prov. Secretary, Tobin, McKeagney, McKinnon—22. Against: Webster, Bailly, Parker, Geldert, Young, Chambers, Annand, Wier, Howe, Chipman, Robertson, Munroe—12. The house adjourned at half-past one o'clock, until 12 o'clock noon of the same day.

FRIDAY, May 7.

The house met at twelve o'clock. A long discussion ensued on the dispute between the members for the county of Kings as to the road scale for the county.

On motion of Mr. Howe, the Solicitor General and Mr. Robertson, were appointed a committee to adjust the matter.

Hon. Mr. Young from the committee of privileges reported, in reference to Lord Stanley's despatch on the subject of the power of Colonial Legislatures to commit for contempt, recommended that the Lieutenant Governor be requested during the recess to procure copies of the three cases referred to in the despatch, and for want of time, the committee passed no opinion on the important point raised.

Mr. Henry moved that the report of the Post Office committee be adopted. The report was received and adopted.

Hon. Attorney General moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That expenditures on roads and bridges, not sanctioned by the Legislature, shall be strictly confined to cases of necessity, arising in the recess and previously submitted to and sanctioned by the Government, and the money shall be laid out under the guards and in the manner required by law in the case of road expenditure; otherwise the advances shall not be recognised by the Government or the House. The house adjourned until 3 o'clock.

At three o'clock, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod informed the House that His Excellency commanded their attendance in the Council Chamber.

The House attended when His Excellency gave assent to 64 bills, and was pleased to prorogue the Session by the following

SPEECH:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Necessarily protracted as your labors have been by the magnitude and importance of the subjects upon which you have been called to deliberate, it gives me much pleasure to release you from further attendance.

The final settlement of the vexed questions in connection with the Mines and Minerals, which have so long agitated the country, will distinguish the history of this Legislative Session, and will, I believe, be found highly advantageous to the best interests of Nova Scotia.

The discussion which has taken place upon the proposed measure to alter the constitution of the Legislative Council, will have the effect of bringing that question more fully under the consideration of the people.

Your deliberations have resulted in maturing and perfecting a number of useful laws which will, no doubt, contribute to the happiness and prosperity of the country at large.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I thank you for the provision you have made for the Public Service, which, although less than that of the preceding year, is, I am satisfied, as large as a due regard to existing liabilities would warrant.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

As this is the first opportunity I have had of addressing you since I assumed the Government of this Colony, I cannot refrain from assuring you how anxious I shall be on every occasion to co-operate with you in all measures calculated to promote the interests of this Province.

Allow me, in parting with you, to express the hope that you may enjoy individual happiness and prosperity, and that each succeeding year may find us a country advancing in all that tends to elevate us in the Colonial scale.