

Having a business agency to perform during the autumn I proposed to Elder J. to accompany me, to which he immediately agreed and we left here on the 25th of October intending to be absent about six or eight weeks. We accomplished our journey in about two months, and found our families well on our return, for which we desire to praise the Lord, and take courage, for while absent we witnessed the ravages of death in many family circles. We visited Brier and Long Islands, Bear River, Clarence and Wilmot Mountain, Nietaux, New Germany, Bridgewater, Mill's Village, Liverpool, Milton-Sable River, Lewis Head, Eastern side of Ragged Islands Bay, Hayden settlement, Lock's Island, Shelburne and Bargington. In all these places our coming was joyfully received, especially as Elder J. had preached the glorious gospel of Christ to the inhabitants of these places in years past.

Brother Jackson preached twenty four times during the journey, and every where the word was listened to with marked attention. The Lord appeared to be near to bless, and to shed down the gracious influence of his Holy Spirit upon the churches and congregations. In different places there seemed to be strong indications of a general ingathering of precious souls to Christ and his church, if we could have remained. When our brother preached to Elder Murray's church, the pastor, the church, and congregation were apparently with one consent filled with the deepest emotion. This was the place where the revival of religion commenced under Elders Ansley, Bill and Cunningham—that extended through Clarence and different parts of Wilmot. In which work of grace Elders Yidifoe, Jackson, and many others that have been useful in the cause of Christ, experienced the influences of our holy religion. Calling to mind the time when our brother first professed religion, and commenced when a mere boy—seventeen years of age, to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, produced the strongest feelings of christian excitement. We witnessed two baptisms during our tour, one at Long Island, and the other at Ragged Islands.

Elder Bars baptized last sabbath at Ragged Islands, two interesting young men. Others had manifested a hope in Christ, and we expect to hear that brother Bars has buried many with Christ in baptism who may rise to newness of life. Elder Jackson was very kindly received, and cared for at Locke's Island and vicinity. He preached in the large new meeting house on Locke's Island to the largest congregation that was ever known to assemble there. I hope the sermons which he preached at Liverpool, and Milton will be productive of great good to the people. Their kind and timely offerings to his temporal support will not be readily forgotten by Elder J. and family. I could go on and fill many pages with what I witnessed during our visit amongst christian friends, but would just say further that we were every where received with the friendship that could only be expected from such as love our Lord Jesus Christ, and are looking for eternal redemption in Him that was dead, and is alive, and lives for evermore. Our prayers shall ever be offered to God our heavenly Father, in behalf of those amongst whom we travelled and laboured, that blessing temporal and spiritual may be abundantly vouchsafed unto them, both in time and eternity, and may God our Saviour pour out of his Holy Spirit on all people, that the ends of the earth may be converted unto God.

I remain yours, &c.,
WILLIAM S. RAYMOND.
Beaver River, Dec. 20th, 1861.

For the Christian Messenger.

New Church at Brookfield, Colchester County.

RECOGNITION SERVICE.

Pursuant of letters missive from a number of brethren and sisters residing at Brookfield and Forest Glen, an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the former place, on Wednesday the 8th inst., to consider the propriety of recognizing them as a distinct Church.

The Council organized by appointing Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Moderator, and Rev. T. H. Porter Junr. Clerk.

Upon investigation of their dismission from Lower Stewjacke Church, and of the circumstances which had led to organization, it was unanimously agreed to advise the measure.

The Church Covenant was read by Dea. D. Blair, Delegate from Onslow. Prayer of Recognition by Elder Dimock. Dea. Page addressed the Church, and Elder Porter, in behalf of the Council, gave the Hand of fellowship.

Brethren Archibald Hamilton and Jacob Sto-

vens, previously chosen as Deacons, were then separated by imposition of hands. Ordaining prayer and hand of fellowship by the Pastor.—Charge, by Elder Dimock.

In the formation of this Church we have but another illustration of what can be accomplished through strong faith, and united, persevering effort. Four years ago there were scarcely a dozen persons in all this region, who called themselves Baptists, it is very doubtful if, previous to that time, more than half that number could have been induced to unite in a Church. There was no room but in a barn for the birth-place of their infant cause; but He whose first cradle was a manger, hallowed it with his presence, and the Holy Spirit there presented them with the rich gifts of His grace. And though possessed of neither wealth, talents, nor influence, enjoying heretofore but little ministerial and no pastoral labor, and contending against not a few opposing influences, the interest has gone on steadily increasing, until now, they have a neat and commodious place of worship soon to be completed, we hope, a Church of more than forty members, and support the stated preaching of the Gospel six months of the year.

We trust they are only entering upon their work, and that the present is but an earnest of the future.

T. H. PORTER,
Clerk of the Council.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

Mrs. SARAH ELIZA BANKS.

Wife of Ambrose L. Banks, and eldest daughter of John and Sarah Whitman of Ingleside, Annapolis Co., died on the 30th Nov., in the 24th year of her age.

In early life she was convinced of her sinful state by nature, and of the need of her sins being forgiven, and her heart renewed by grace. At the age of twelve years she embraced Christ, and was baptised by the late Rev. James Park, on 28th April, 1850, with four others, the first administration of the sacred ordinance in this place, and united with the Church at Nietaux, of which she lived a consistent member until called to join the church triumphant. About five months ago she contracted a cold which produced a cough. All efforts to stay the progress of disease failed, and it soon became apparent that consumption was doing its work upon her mortal frame.

On the near approach of the grim monster, she was calm and resigned, and deliberately made arrangements for a disposal of her effects for the benefit of her children and friends, chose the hymns to be sung at her funeral, and the text "Prepare to meet thy God, Amos iv. 12." She wished the sermon to be addressed particularly to young people, and those unprepared for an exchange of worlds, she also embraced every opportunity to exhort and warn such to seek an interest in Christ the atoning Lamb. The day before her death she was, as it were, on the wings of faith the greater part of the day, and more than once rejoiced aloud, clapped her hands, and praised God that she was not passing through the valley of death alone, but she felt her Saviour was with her there and his love was her light through the gloom.

In the evening her father, who had been away some days arrived at home. After some conversation, as to the state of her mind and future prospects, she said she wished to hear her father pray once more.

She exhorted her brother to hold fast the profession he had made, and live for God, this exhortation she had charged her sister to deliver in her name in case she should not see him again. To all that came in, as much as her strength would allow, she spoke of the importance of religion, and of the necessity of living for God, and thus she lingered until ten minutes to three o'clock P. M., on Saturday the 30th ult.—The last words she was heard to say, were (on looking upwards) Oh! Happy, Happy, Happy, and soon expired without a sigh.

The funeral services were performed by her Pastor the Rev. W. G. Parker, just four years from the day he had performed the marriage service; Dec. 3rd., a solemn discourse as she had requested.

Our Sister has left a beloved companion, two small children, and a large circle of relatives to mourn their loss.—Communicated.

JERUSA AND EMMA GIFFEN.

Died at Lewis Head, of Dyptheria, Nov. 30th. Jerusa aged 17, and on the following day Emma, aged 15 years, daughters of George and Mary Giffen. Their attention was early directed to the things above, and prayer was answered in their behalf—in a manner far from the way human reason would have chosen. So mysterious are the ways of God, while a dark cloud was gathering around the head of sorrowing friends, those loved ones were being fitted for a more genial clime where clouds and storms are no more.

Emma was attacked with the fatal malady on Monday, 25th inst. She seemed to be progressing favourably and hopes were entertained that she would pass safely through it. These hopes were doomed to bitter disappointment, this lovely flower, the joy and pride of the whole family, was nipped in its opening bloom.

Jerusa was taken ill on Tuesday night, she

could get no relief from medicine or change of position, friends could only be witnesses, with out being able to relieve her sufferings. Her mother felt she must tell her, however painful, that she feared she would not recover. The announcement produced a startling effect. After a short time she exclaimed: "It is impossible, can it be that I am dying?" Then commenced a mental as well as physical struggle, from which it was feared she would not recover. When spiritual deliverance came bodily strength came with it, and it was evident that a mighty change had taken place. Instead of fear and dread, joy and peace beamed from her countenance. She exclaimed: "My sins are pardoned, now mother, I am not afraid to die, O! no, Jesus is lovely." She asked her mother and other members of the family to forgive all her disobedience. She was heartily forgiven, although there was nothing to forgive but what is common to youth. Her anxiety to be forgiven, we hold as good evidence of the genuineness of the work in her heart. She then seemed to be in an ecstasy although suffering as those only suffer, who die under the most malignant form of this dread malady. She would stretch out her hands and say: "Come, sweet Jesus, I am ready to go." Her father being from home she wished much to see him to tell him what God had done for her soul.

While Jerusa was passing through this dreadful suffering, dear Emma was a witness to it all. Deeply anxious for salvation, she called on the Lord with strong-crying and tears. After she had endured great distress her mourning was turned to joy.—By faith in the Saviour, she was enabled to believe with the heart and make confession with her lips. She spoke of meeting a dear sister who had died in the Lord, as well as the one just gone, with other young friends, who had died with this malady.

After this she seemed to recover a little more strength, and said "Dear Mother, I shall not die but live, I am so peaceful and happy God will spare me to warn sinners, I shall live to praise my God and live to his glory, I shall be a comfort to you." This effort to speak was too much for her strength, and her last and final conflict with the King of terrors commenced, but her Help was nigh, to succor and her triumph was glorious. She named the person she wished to preach on the occasion of her burial. The text, Col. iii. 2, she wished improved, and the hymns to be sung.

After the long weary night of suffering ended, the day broke but brought no relief, she noticed it and exclaimed "How beautiful! this is Sabbath morning, how delightful to go to Heaven this morning." She was in great distress all day. Once she aroused and said I thought to take comfort with George when he got home, while we sung the hymn he taught me, "Home in Heaven how sweet the thought," but it will not be so, we shall sing in nobler strains above. And shortly after her happy spirit took its flight to God.

Mrs. MARY ANN FRENCH.

In New York, on Nov. 13th, after a brief illness, Mrs. Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Mr. John W. French, and eldest sister of Rev. Henry Angell, of Yarmouth, N. S., aged 27 years.—The deceased was born in Halifax, N. S., and at a very early age, evinced those elements of a serious, thoughtful mind, which so remarkably characterized her after life. At the age of 14, she was baptized into the fellowship of the church of Christ, and soon after her removal to this city, connected herself with the Sixth street Baptist Church, of which she remained a consistent member until her death. Meek, humble, and retiring in her natural disposition, and possessing a large measure of grace, she moved like an angel of light in her home, and among her acquaintances dispensing comfort to the distressed, and joy and hope to the disconsolate. By her kindness and gentleness she won the love of all who knew her. In her death her family have experienced a loss which will not easily be repaired, and the Church mourns a devoted consistent praying member. Her end was truly peace. Without a struggle or a fear she fell asleep in Jesus.—New York Chronicle.

Religious Intelligence.

RAWDON.—A few lines from Rev. James Stevens inform us "Our religious prospects are still encouraging. Since I last wrote you nine have been baptized, one added by letter and one restored; amounting in all to forty-one added to the Church since the revival commenced."

GUYSBORO COUNTY.—Rev. Albert F. Porter writes under date Jan. 2.—"I have visited Sand Point and New Harbour, and preached to large and attentive congregations. A great field is open there. The longer I remained the larger the attendance became. They have been greatly neglected, have never heard much of Christ and him crucified. I think the Lord has a people there."

THE FRENCH MISSION.—Mr. Editor.—The numerous friends of the Mission will be pleased to hear that the mission is being blessed, One more has been added to the fold of Christ, but not without the severest persecution. It seems to be the lot of these Christians to suffer for Christ's sake, but these light afflictions that endure but for a moment, work out a more exceeding weight of glory. With this hope the Christian is made strong, leaning on the Lord. This makes five that I have baptized, all happy in the Lord.

Yours in the Lord,
M. NORMONDAY,
French Missionary.

Canada.

We find by our Canadian cotemporaries that occasional signs of progress are exhibiting themselves in the Baptist denomination in the sister province.

MONTREAL.—The following is a description of a new Baptist house of worship, taken from the Pilot.

Among the many attractive and beautiful additions lately made to the architecture and adornment of our fair city, the erection of the new Baptist church on Beaver Hall, if the latest is certainly not the least. The members of this church are now a congregation of long standing in the city, having been first organized somewhat over thirty years ago. The style of architecture is the early English Gothic. The size of the church is 55 feet wide by 80 feet deep, with a projection of 10 feet in front, and 8 feet in rear making the total depth 98 feet, not including projection of buttresses. The projection in rear is to be used for speaker's platform, baptistry, &c., with vestries underneath.

The entrance to the basement is through the side porch, and contains one school-room about 44 feet square, and four classrooms, with rooms for door-keeper, coal-celler, &c.

The building is entirely of stone, rock-faced, and cut-stone dressings. The roof is to be covered with green and purple slate, in ornamental patterns. The total cost is \$17,000.

The principal windows are to be of beautifully stained glass, with appropriate religious symbols and emblems, and with notices from the Bible corresponding, in old English. It is expected the church will be opened by the first of May next.

NEW CHURCH AT CALEDONIA, C. W.—On Sunday, November 24th, a Baptist Church was organized in Caledonia, C. W., and designated "The Baptist Church of Caledonia." The exercises were conducted in the Town Hall of the village, as follows: Reading of the Scriptures by Rev. A. Slaght, of Waterford, and an address to the throne of grace by Rev. E. Ryerson of Simcoe.

This body of believers is, at present a small one, but its prospects are favourable, as there are in that section of the country many holding Baptist sentiments, and not a few who have been waiting for an opportunity to unite with a Baptist Church.

ORDINATION AT LONDON, C. W.—In accordance with a request from the coloured Baptist Church, London, a Council met in their meeting-house, on Horton Street, November 18th to examine, and, if thought fit, to set apart Brother Benjamin Millar to the Gospel ministry. There were present brethren from eight churches.

Several hours were spent in the usual examination, which resulted in a unanimous vote for ordination.

This church has been destitute of a pastor for about a year, since the death of the much esteemed Daniel A. Turner, who was a devoted and laborious minister of Jesus Christ. In securing the labours of Brother Millar, they are expecting a prosperous future.

American and European News.

Latest from the States!

The following are items from telegrams to the News-room and Evening papers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Gen. Burnside's fleet was inspected to-day at Annapolis.

Destination of expedition remains as much a mystery as Gen. Sherman's, before the latter landed at Port Royal.

Special Washington dispatches say that committee of ways and means will ask for issue of one hundred millions treasury notes, payable on demand.

There has been a destructive fire at Richmond. General Lee has informed President Davis that he is confident of being able to repel the Federal advance on Charleston.

NEW YORK, 6th.—Steamer *Vanderbilt* has arrived from Port Royal with four thousand bales of cotton.

General Stephens' brigade advanced on the 1st instant further inland, driving the Confederates from their fortified positions with considerable loss.

Federals were awaiting reinforcements. The Confederates number seven thousand, the Federals five thousand.

NEW YORK, 7th.—Cincinnati dispatches state that the Federals have attacked Confederates near Huntersville, Western Virginia, driving them from their position, and destroying large quantities of rebel army supplies.

WHEELING, VIRGINIA, Jan. 8th.—A detachment of General Kelly's force, under the command of Colonel Dunning, left Romney last night, and attacked the Confederate forces, two thousand strong, at Blues Pass, completely routing them, killing fifteen and taking twenty prisoners.

FREDERICK, MARYLAND, Jan. 8th.—Intelligence reached here yesterday that the Confederate General Jackson had suddenly reappeared before Hancock, with five thousand men, and had ordered General Lander to evacuate the place, and had commenced shelling the town.

At last advices Federals had lost no men.—Some buildings were slightly damaged and several brigades ordered in readiness for General Witham's brigade, marched last night to General Lander's assistance.