

ca likely to be the result of Capt. Wilkes' proceeding? No, King Cotton and his abject, weightless subjects bid fair to have a little longer time in which to grumble and bluster before the smoke of battle and Southern breezes satisfy their greed. England's people and they of the Northern States possess, as yet, too much common sense, the hearts of both these people beat too nearly in unison and in the harmony of peace, to permit them to go to war over such an act as the late seizure from the Trent. I rejoice that England has men who in the recent excitement there, showed themselves calm enough, and large-hearted enough, and bold enough to ascribe some deference as due to law-officers in the United States as well as those of Great Britain, and to advise the suspension of "indignation-meetings" and of judgment until international law and usage had, through diplomacy or arbitration, settled the matter. Has, however, the British Press, secular and religious, "gone mad" that it should suppose the Cabinet at Washington, through its Secretary of State, has for some time past been desiring and inviting war with England? How absurdly insulting to the sense of Abraham Lincoln and his official advisers to insinuate such action on their part at this present crisis in their own country.

Why all this crazy rant which has lately appeared in the English and in the British Colonial press about Mr. Seward? He has in one or two instances indulged a little, since his appointment as Secretary of State, in the "manifest destiny" style; he has perpetrated a few official indiscretions; but where is the proof that that statesman has of late been guilty of having pursued an "utterly reckless" and anti-English policy? His recently published official correspondence with Lord Lyons and Mr. Adams upon the international questions to which the rebellion has given rise, does not in the least evince the malignant hostility the English press charge against him. "But," says the *New York Chronicle*, "we imagine that Rebel agents in England have had very much to do with encouraging and nursing this phantasy." There is, however, a *Manchester Examiner and Times*, in England "probably with the largest circulation of any local paper in the Kingdom" which "thus calmly states the case," of the Trent: "The proceeding comprehends two questions: first the right of stopping and boarding the British vessel, and second, the right of capturing the Commissioners. The first is the less important, though probably the more galling. \* \* \* Yet nothing is more certain than that the Americans had a distinct right to do both. The right to visit and search all neutral vessels, not being vessels of war, belongs indefeasibly in time of war to every belligerent." "One half of the alleged offense therefore disappears." "It has no foundation at all except in patriotic but ignorant prejudice.

And "upon the other points," says an English correspondent, "the decision" of the Editor of that paper "is in justification of the seizure of the Commissioners"—on the ground, of course, that they were "contraband of war." It is to be presumed that this *Manchester Examiner and Times* has neither "gone mad" about Mr. Seward. I rejoice also that the pen of "Justice," and it might with almost as much truthful commendation and joy be added, the pen of *Ratio* has again been allowed a column in the *London Times*, all which, together with the calmer and more friendly tone of the press of France, are surely auguries of returning sanity towards a President and Cabinet whom an impartial history will place high on the world's roll of statesmen and patriots.

This is to me a fertile, as it seems also a very important theme. If you, Mr. Editor, will allow this lengthy, and I fear desultory, Introduction a place in the *Christian Messenger*, and will extend to my pen a further license in one or two future issues of your paper, I hope to show somewhat clearly the nature and character of the civil war now raging so near to us, and our proper position in relation to it. A. C. Kings County, Nova Scotia.

For the Christian Messenger.

Formation of a New Church in Cornwallis.

At an Ecclesiastical Council convened at Canning, on the 13th of January, 1862, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering the propriety of organizing a new Church in the districts of Pereaux and Canning, the following churches were represented:

- 1st Cornwallis.—Rev. A. S. Hunt, Deacons J. Ellis, J. Chipman, W. Thomas, Brethren R. Eaton, M. Beckwith, H. Lyons. — Griffin.
- 2nd Cornwallis.—Rev. L. M. Saunders, C. Norwood (Licentiate).

- 3rd Cornwallis.—Rev. Jas. Parker, Brethren S. Sweet, David Wallace.
- 1st Horton.—Rev. S. W. deBlois, Bro. Henry Borden.
- 2nd Horton.—Rev. E. O. Read, Deacon J. Payzant, Bro. A. Dorman.
- 3rd Horton.—Rev. R. S. Morton, Bro. Wm. Faulkner.

The Council was organized by the appointment of Rev. A. S. Hunt, Moderator; Rev. S. W. deBlois, Clerk.

The following documents were then presented by the Rev. D. Freeman, on behalf of the brethren and sisters who contemplated the new organization. 1st. A request from certain members of the same to the 1st Cornwallis Church requesting a dismissal for the above purpose.— 2nd, The Letter demissory granted by said Church, in accordance therewith. 3rd, Letters demissory granted by the Churches to their members residing in the vicinity for the same purpose. After which fifteen members presented themselves. Enquiries were then made and satisfactorily responded to. The "Articles and Covenant of the Associated Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia" were then read and assented to.— Whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council those brethren and sisters present who have signified their assent to the Articles and Covenant, together with those at Pereaux, who shall manifest the same assent should be organized into a Church to be called the fifth Church of Cornwallis.

Adjourned to meet at Pereaux. Met at Pereaux, at 3 o'clock. Revs. J. Parker and R. S. Morton unavoidably absent.

After some enquiries and explanations sixteen brethren and sisters presented themselves. After having signified their unanimous assent to the Articles and Covenant, it was voted that the Council do now proceed with the public services of recognition which were accordingly transacted in the following order:

Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. A. S. Hunt.— Prayer of Recognition, by Rev. E. M. Saunders. Addresses to the Church, by Revs. E. O. Read and S. W. deBlois.

Interesting remarks were made by various brethren, after which the Union Hymn was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

By order, STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Clerk of Council.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visits.

TO REV. JAMES REID.

Dear Brother,— On New Year's eve, I was favoured with a very agreeable visit, from my beloved people and other friends. Though money is scarce and the times rather hard, a considerable number attended, and manifested their love to me and my family. Notwithstanding the bad roads the Rev. Mr. Balcom and his amiable partner, came from Great Village. My dear brother gave a very suitable address. Other brethren spoke remarkably well. We were entertained with delightful sacred music, and with an excellent tea from our generous and noble-minded sisters. Best of all, that blessed One whose I am and whom I serve gave his gracious presence. A spiritual and holy feeling, seemed to influence every heart. I was stimulated to labour with greater energy. My people were more united to me and to one another, and more determined to hold up the Redeemer's cause in this present evil world. About eight pounds in money and other useful articles, were presented to me at the close of the meeting. I pray that the Lord may bless the people and their families, and that each may at last hear it said. "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

Yours sincerely, JAMES REID.

TO REV. DAVID FREEMAN.

Dear Brother,— I have gratefully to acknowledge a very pleasant donation party at our house, from the friends in my field of labor, on the evening of December 17th ult. Good speeches were delivered by Revs. Mr. Smithson, (Wesleyan), A. S. Hunt, and James Parker. The purse was presented by Dr. Freeman who delivered a neat and appropriate address. We were much cheered by the exercises of the evening, and we find ourselves richer by the sum of One Hundred and Forty Dollars,—sixty-seven dollars in cash and the rest in useful articles, including a new sleigh, and a splendid buffalo robe. May the Lord bless the donors and reward them a thousand-fold.

To day, by the assistance of a Council who met with us, a church was organized in this section, to be called the Fifth Cornwallis Church.— We begin with thirty-two members. We have a large field to cultivate, and hope that the Lord will add to our number, of such as shall be saved. Having been laid aside by lameness for the last five weeks, I have not been able to make much effort to increase your list of subscribers, but hope to be able to do so soon. May you be cheered in your labors of love.

I am, yours in the Lord, D. FREEMAN. Canning, Jan. 15th, 1862.

TO REV. JAS. SPENCER.

Mr. Editor,— I beg to acknowledge through the *Messenger*, a Donation visit made on the tenth of last month by my friends of Digby, and Digby Joggins.— Our house was pretty well filled with friendly visitors who brought with them all the necessaries for a sumptuous tea, which after having been partaken of, Deacon Bacon, in an appropriate address announced the amount of articles brought, which in cash and other useful things for the family amounted to eighteen pounds. The presence of Rev. S. T. Rand, who entertained the company with a good speech, added very much to the interest of the evening.

JAMES SPENCER.

Digby, Dec. 7th, 1861.

TO REV. J. M'KENNE.

Dear Editor,— I wish to acknowledge through the *Christian Messenger*, a Donation visit made me and my family, by the members of the Church and Congregation at Greenfield, on the 11th of December. After partaking of a bountiful tea prepared by the ladies, cash and valuable articles to the amount of \$37 30 cents, were presented.— Appropriate speeches were delivered by Samuel Hunt Senr., and others, closed by singing and prayer. May the Lord bless the donors in this life, and may we meet them all in Heaven is the prayer of

JOHN F. M'KENNE.

Greenfield, Jan. 8th, 1862.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notice.

ALBERT S. LAMSON.

Died of Typhoid fever, at Camp Griffin, Virginia, on the 23d Nov., in the 29th year of his age, Sergt. Albert S. Lamson, of West Windsor, Vermont. He received his first awakening religious impressions in Cape Breton, where he leaves many sorrowing relatives and friends, when having found "peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ," he followed his Saviour, in his ordinance of baptism in Halifax and became a member of Granville Street Church; from which he received a letter of dismission, and united with the Baptist Church in West Windsor, where he resided until he obeyed his country's call to arms, and fell a victim to the scourge of war. A warm friend, a kind husband, a dutiful son, and loving father, but above all a faithful, consistent christian, he has been called from all his earthly endearments and duties, to receive that "crown of righteousness which fadeth not away." His body was embalmed and sent to his aged parents and bereaved wife, in Vermont, where it is committed to the dust, in hope of a joyful resurrection. When will the time come when "the nations shall learn war no more?" The Lord hasten it, in his own good time.—Com. by H. G. Geener. Grand Mira, Jan. 2nd, 1861.

HOME MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

Members present: Rev. A. H. Munro in the chair. Brethren S. Selden, W. L. Evans, D. McN. Parker, M. D., and Secretary. Communications received: From Rev. John Davis and Rev. P. A. Shiels. Monies received: From Allen McKinlay, P. E. I., \$1 00 " William McKinlay, do., 1 00 Amount of Funds in the Treasury - - \$33 21 Liabilities of the Board, about - - 200 00 R. N. BECKWITH, Sec. H. M. Board. Halifax, January 6th, 1862.

Religious Intelligence.

MARGARETS BAY.—A correspondent writes:—"Our new Meeting House was dedicated in October last. We expected to have seen an account of the services in the *Messenger*. We are still without a pastor. May God, in his good time, send us one of the right stamp."

ISAAC'S HARBOUR.—A series of meetings is being held in the Baptist Church here. We have not heard of the probable results.

Prince Edward Island.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN CHARLOTTE-TOWN.—We learn from the *Protestant* that during the meetings the interest had "been well sustained" and adds, "The spirit of prayer, happily, is not quite extinct among us;—its enlarged bestowment in these latter days is one of the most hopeful among the "signs of the times." We see it hinted, that the meetings of this week may possibly be followed by some others, in which private brethren may more largely engage. Be it so. "Ministerial dignity," and "officialism" will surely interpose no obstacle, nor wish to do so. It may be hoped, however, that those who set on foot such meetings, and attend them, will be animated by a more kindly spirit than is discovered in the notice to which we here refer."

New Brunswick.

EXPECTED ORDINATION.—An Ecclesiastical Council is expected to convene with the First Baptist Church, St. George, on Sunday evening next, to take into consideration the propriety of ordaining Bro. Henry Vaughn to the pastorate of said Church. If the Council approve of the request of the Church, the ordination will take place on Sabbath morning. Several of the City Churches send delegates.—Visitor.

HILLSBORO.—Mr. S. Stevens writes to the *Visitor*:—"God has been pleased to bless the labours of our esteemed Pastor, Elder John Fillmore, in the Lawson Settlement, by adding eighteen willing converts to the second Baptist Church of Hillsboro. In the midst of deserved wrath the gracious Lord has remembered mercy. The church has been revived, and has engaged heartily in this blessed work. A deep solemnity pervades the minds of the people.

Good confirmation is given to the above by a contribution from that church to the Home Missionary Board.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF ST. JOHN.—The following is given as a correct return of the Religious Census of St. John,—the City proper, exclusive of Portland, which added, will swell the population to about 40,000.

Roman Catholics.....	10,697
Episcopalians.....	5,966
Methodists.....	3,511
Presbyterians.....	3,417
Baptists.....	3,336
Congregationalists.....	282
Others, and not given.....	108
27,317	

The numbers of Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists being so nearly alike is a little remarkable.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN ST. JOHN.—The Union religious services during the week were attended by members of the different churches, and addresses were given by the ministers of the various denominations. A spirit of fraternal union and christian love seems to have prevailed through the whole of the meetings.

Canada.

REV. MR. GUINNESS AT MONTREAL.—We learn from our cotemporary *Le Semeur* that Mr. Guinness has been preaching in the large public places of the Canadian metropolis almost every evening for the past month. His labors appear to have been attended with considerable success in awaking the people to an interest in religious matters.

On Thursday the 2nd Inst., ten persons, some of whom had been converted under the preaching of Mr. Guinness, were baptized by Mr. Barnes in the presence of an immense audience. The occasion was one of great solemnity, and calculated to convince all that immersion is the scriptural mode of administering that ordinance.

WEST LINE OF BROCK.—A New Chapel on the West Line of Brock was opened for public worship on the 20th ult. It is a commodious and attractive edifice, considering its price (\$800), and the small number of contributors towards the funds for its erection. The debt does not exceed \$50, and by the new year will probably be wiped out.

ELDON CHURCH.—A portion of the Brock, Mariposa, and Eldon churches have been recognized as an independent Baptist Church. Prior to the separation, the church, with the zealous co-operation of their indefatigable pastor, Elder A. McIntyre, erected two comfortable houses, one in the village of Manilla, the other in Woodville. The brethren constituted as the Eldon Baptist Church have received the Woodville meeting-house from the other, on being responsible for half the whole debt.

There is abundance of room for the two churches in the fine district of country in which they are located. They are eight miles apart. May they both prosper.

The Haldimand Association seems to be putting on some of the strength of her youth. The churches at Uxbridge, Whitby Town, and 6th Concession are worshipping in new houses. The church at Stirling is engaged in building. A new baptist chapel is to be opened in the township of Reach; and we may expect similar intelligence ere long from Fenelon Falls, Second Cramahe and King; for if the brethren have not already commenced, they doubtless soon will commence to build.

A WELSH missionary in New York makes an appeal through the *Advocate* and *Journal* for aid, he says:—"There are in the United States not far from three hundred thousand Welsh people. The number in the city of New York is estimated at from ten to twelve thousand.—Of these there may be one thousand who have connected themselves with English congregations, and one thousand more who attend divine worship in the Welsh language, leaving from eight to ten thousand Welsh people in the city who may be considered worthy objects for missionary labor.

THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT PENSIONING A MISSIONARY'S FAMILY.—*The London Standard* invites attention to an interesting communication from the Rev. John Rogers, of Comber, Convener of the General Assembly's Jewish Mission, announcing the grant of a pension of £150 a year to the family of the Rev. William Graham, Missionary at Damascus, who was cruelly murdered during the late insurrection in Lebanon.