

friends; the solemn occasion was improved by the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, of Truro, from Rev. xxi.—Communicated.

JOHN STUBBERT,

Died at Boularderie, C. B., Feb. 25th, in the 64th year of his age. Brother S. was among the first who received the truth through the ministry of Rev. John Hull, in 1825. He was baptized by Elder Joseph Dimock, Oct. 15th, 1826 when on a missionary tour. Shortly after this he was chosen to the office of Deacon, which he endeavoured to honour to the end. In fulfilling his duties, he was faithful, punctual and sincere. Few men had his strength of mind or body both of which continued till within a few months of his death. The love of God which often made him rejoice in God his Saviour during the years of his pilgrimage, was richly experienced by him in his illness. It was my privilege to see him before he departed this life: and never did I witness such composure and joy manifested on a deathbed. He had no doubt or misgiving about his acceptance through the Beloved. His cup was full, his sky was clear, and like the sweet singer of Israel, could say, "Yea, though I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Bro. Stubbert left an afflicted widow and 12 children, two brothers in the Christian ministry and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. May God sustain the afflicted widow and the bereaved children.—Com. by Rev. Augustus Shields.

North Sydney, C. B., April 8th, 1862.

MRS. HETLY CHUTE,

At Weston, Feb. 20th, Mrs. Hetly Chute, wife of Mr. Silas Chute, and daughter of the late Luther Morse of Nictaux, in the 25th year of her age.

Mrs. C. united with the 2nd Cornwallis Baptist Church about three years before her death. Being constitutionally timid, her trust in Christ at the time she professed religion was not of that unshaken character that many believers enjoy, but by associating with the people of God and enjoying the ordinances of the gospel it became somewhat strengthened. She was highly esteemed both by the Church and the community.

A husband has been bereaved of a faithful and affectionate wife, and two young children of a kind and devoted mother.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation

TO REV ISAIAH WALLACE, A. M.

Granville Ferry, N. S., April 26th, 1862.

Dear Editor,—

Last evening at the close of the usual exercises of the Bible Class, taught in this place by the Rev. Mr. Wallace, the following Address was read by one of the young gentlemen present, and accompanied by a handsome Donation of valuable books, viz.: "Neander's History of the Planting and Training of the Christian Church" in two vols. "Jahn's Biblical Archaeology" and "Eadie's Analytical Concordance of the Holy Scriptures."

At the close of the address Mr. Wallace made an appropriate extempore reply.

You will please give these facts a place in your excellent paper that other Bible Classes may be prompted to go and do likewise.

Yours &c.,

ONE PRESENT.

To the Rev. Isaiah Wallace, A. M.—The members of your Bible Class at Granville Ferry take this opportunity to express their appreciation of your valuable efforts for their intellectual and spiritual improvement. So pleasant and profitable have been the interviews we have enjoyed in the class, that we feel that we would not be doing justice to ourselves or to you did we not give some expression of our regard and esteem for you, and of the interest we have taken in the studies we have been pursuing.

We wish to thank you for the gentlemanly and courteous spirit you have manifested while conducting our studies, and for the much valuable information you have given us. This information we feel assured will, with God's blessing, make us better fitted both intellectually and spiritually for usefulness in that state in which man only finds true happiness.

Will you please accept these books as a token of our regard for you, and as an expression of gratitude for your efforts in our behalf.

Hoping that we may often have the pleasure of listening to your words of instruction and exhortation, we all join in giving you our best wishes for your spiritual and temporal prosperity, and that you may be blessed with an abundance of the help that alone can fit you for the many and arduous duties you have to perform.

JAMES HALL, ) Committee  
J. H. HEALY, ) in behalf  
GEO. MILLS, ) of the Class.

Granville Ferry, April 6th, 1862.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

NEW CHURCH AT NEW HARBOUR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Guysboro, April 15th, 1862.—Dear Brother,—The friends of Zion will be rejoiced to hear that another addition has been made to our Churches in this eastern part.

On the 10th of April a number of brethren from the Guysboro Church met at New Harbour for the purpose of considering the propriety of organizing a Church there.

A Council was formed consisting of Rev. A. F. Porter, Brethren John G. Cunningham, Thomas Jones, John Hill, James Hull and H. R. Cunningham, also Rev. Josiah Hart of Margaree being present, united with us.

After the usual preliminary services 23 persons united in Church fellowship. Two Deacons were then ordained and a Church Clerk elected, the services throughout were quite interesting.

Nine of the above had been baptized a few weeks since by Bro. Porter, and four on the day of the organization, the others had been baptized some years ago. Hope is entertained by us that the little one will increase and multiply an hundred fold.

Yours sincerely,

H. R. CUNNINGHAM.

GUYSBOROUGH.—Brother H. R. Cunningham informs us, in addition to the above, that "we had baptism here again last Sabbath and more are enquiring the way."

NEW MEETING-HOUSE AT KEMPT, APRIL 24TH, 1862.—Dear Brother,—Two years ago,

last fall, the friends in this place commenced to build a new house for the worship of God.—In a little over a year we had succeeded in finishing the outside, and commenced work on the inside, when the war broke out in the States, spoiling the Plaster trade, and throwing many men out of employment, making such hard times that we were brought to a stand still, and our Bazaar was postponed. Although the times are still hard, yet as we need the new house so much we have concluded to try to finish it this season.

JOSEPH D. MARSTERS.

LOWER GRANVILLE, &c.—Dear Brother,—

The Baptist Church in Lower Granville has recently enjoyed some revival influence. The Pastor has lately baptised three, and prospects are hopeful.

Bro. Achilles has encouraging indications at Parker's Cove and Hillsborough, and expects to baptise next Sabbath.

Yours in the Lord,  
I. W.

Granville, N. S., April 16th, 1862.

CHESTER.—The following is a postscript to a letter from Rev. I. J. Skinner:

We have had of late some indications of revival. At a Conference last Saturday on Windsor Road two persons were received for baptism, and there are several cases of hopeful conversion besides. Pray for us.

Yours &c.,  
I. J. S.

Colonial and Foreign News.

Prince Edward Island.

We learn from the *Charlottetown Islander* of the 18th inst, that weather had been exceedingly fine for the few days previous, and the ice in the harbour was fast breaking up. The P. E. Island Legislature was prorogued on the 17th inst., An act has been passed making the Legislative Council elective, which is likely to receive the royal assent.

Among the grants passed during the sitting of the Legislature, was one of £60, proposed by the Hon. Mr. Pope, for a prize Cup to be competed for by the Volunteers of the Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

New Brunswick.

GOLD.—It is reported that Gold has been discovered in a small stream on the South Branch of the Oromoto.—*Empire*.

DROWNED.—Two young men were drowned by getting through the ice last evening near French Fort Cove, Newcastle. Parties are now in search of their bodies.—*Gleaner*.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.—A poor little boy, named John Taylor, whose parents reside in Queen street, had one of his arms crushed off yesterday in the Bone Mill of Mr. Crosby, East end of Queen street. He is not expected to recover.—*St. John News*.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—The *St. John Globe* understands "that unfavourable accounts were received by the mail from England, which arrived here this morning, as to the prospects of the Intercolonial Railway, but that no decisive conclusion has yet been arrived at."

PAUPERS ARRIVED AND SENT HOME AGAIN.—The *St. John News* says that a number of paupers arrived by the steamer *Forest City* on Saturday morning having been shipped to St. John by the Boston authorities. They were all women, some of whom have husbands in the Federal army, and complain that they could not procure any part of their husband's pay for their support. The Emigrant agent had his eye on them, however, and on the refusal of bonds that they would not become dependent for a living on the public were re-shipped on Monday morning.

Canada.

THE GUARDS TO RETURN HOME.—The rumor in the city of Montreal is, that the battalions of the Grenadier and Coldstream Guards, stationed in that city, have received orders to hold themselves in readiness to embark for England as soon as the navigation of the St. Lawrence is open. It is surmised that the two regiments at present in St. John, New Brunswick, will relieve the Guards, and that no further additions will be made to the military force of these Colonies for the present.—*Quebec Gazette*.

DANGEROUS FEAT FOR A WAGER.—About half-past eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon a large crowd lined the wharf, their attention being attracted by a young man engaged in the perilous enterprise of crossing over from St. Lambert's. Sometimes he would entirely disappear from view and every second step he took would either stumble over the ice, or plunge up to the knees. The spectators were horrified at the sight, and were relieved to see him, after a great many narrow escapes, reach this side in safety, although wet and greatly exhausted, his face and hands scratched in several places. His name is McEnroe, and it seemed he had performed the fool-hardy enterprise for a wager of ten dollars. The time occupied in crossing was less than half an hour.—*Quebec paper*.

Quite a number of young men have lately left Canada for the gold diggings of British Columbia. They go by way of Council Bluff and the south pass of the Rocky Mountains. Some of them intend "prospecting" as they go across the Rocky Mountains.

QUEBEC TO SHEDIAC, N. B.—We understand that the steamer *Arabian* will be on her route again during the approaching season, running between Shediac and Quebec, touching at intermediate ports.—She will leave Shediac about the 13th of May.—*Eastern Chronicle*.

Latest from the States!

[By Telegraph to Morning and Evening papers.]

April 25th.—The Senate has unanimously ratified the Seward-Lyons treaty recently negotiated, for suppression of the slave trade. The French Minister has returned to Washington, and had a long interview with Mr Seward, at the State Department. Deserters represent the Confederate Army at Yorktown to be one hundred thousand strong, and busily employed in constructing works in rear of their present lines. The steamer *Nashville*, now the "T. L. Wrag," had returned to Nassau, N. P., after an unsuccessful attempt to run the Charleston blockade. The iron-clad steamer *Galena* had arrived at Fortress Monroe. General Halleck has received large reinforcements. General Mitchell occupies Tusculum, Alabama,—and two hundred miles of the Memphis and Charleston railroad. The keels have been laid down for three large "Monitors" at Greenpoint, New York State.

The Seward-Lyons treaty provides for mutual right of search, and summary punishment of slave traffickers. Tremendous bombardment of Fort Jackson below New Orleans progressing; garrison think they can stand it. Confederates prepared to obstruct Norfolk approaches.

APRIL 26th.—A despatch from Cairo says that heavy and continuous firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Pittsburg.

The flood caused by the Confederates cutting the Levee, overrun all the plantations and caused great distress.

McDowell's forces occupy Fredericksburg, and the flotilla had reached the city.

Federals are rebuilding the bridge and railroad leading to Acquia Creek.

Richmond papers say that Gen. McLellan has cut the canal between York and Warwick Rivers.

April 28.—Federal army advancing towards Corinth.

Other reports are that Corinth was being evacuated, and that Confederates would make next stand at Columbus, Miss.

Great excitement exists at Norfolk from apprehension of attack from Burnside.

New Orleans surrender conceded there. "Merrimac" expected out shortly. Has a new iron prow.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—ABOLITION OF SLAVERY.—Washington, April 16.—The following message was sent to Congress to day by the President:—

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives: The act entitled an Act for the release of certain persons held to service or labor in the District of Columbia has this day been approved and signed. I have never doubted the Constitutional authority of Congress to abolish slavery in this District, and I have ever desired to see the National Capital freed from this institution in some satisfactory way. Hence there has never been in my mind any question upon the subject, except the one of expediency, arising in view of the circumstances. If there be matters within and about this act which might have taken a course or shape more satisfactory to my judgment, I do not attempt to specify them. I am gratified that the two principles of compensation and colonization are both recognized and practically applied in the act. In the matter of compensation it is provided that claims may be presented within ninety days from the passage of the act, but not thereafter, and there is no saving for minors *femmes covert*, insane or absent persons. I presume this is an omission by mere oversight, and I recommended that it be supplied by an amendatory or supplemental act. (Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Washington, April 16, 1862.

President Lincoln has been notified by the Russian Government that the appointment of Ex-Secretary Cameron as Minister to Russia, is objectionable.

GAS OR KEROSENE?—The authorities of Newburyport are making inquiries into the relative cost of lighting the streets and public buildings with Kerosene instead of Gas, with the expectation that the former will supersede the latter.—*Col. Empire*.

The receipts from Customs during the past month at Boston and other eastern ports are reported to have been three times as large as during March, 1861, while those at New York have more than doubled.—There has also been a large increase at other ports.

ALLIES IN MEXICO.—By a telegraphic despatch on the 25th we were informed that, "There is trouble reported among the Allies in Mexico. The French commander has decided to march upon the city of Mexico and take the responsibility. But the British and Spanish plenipotentiaries have decided to withdraw their troops."

GLOOMY.—The *Boston Traveller* takes a very desponding view of the Northern cause. It says; "That the secessionists do not think of giving up the contest is so palpable to all intelligent observers, to state it is to secure its admission. They are just as determined to-day not to submit as they were on the day after the battle of Bull Run. Our troops hold no ground in any one of the seceded States but that which lies within their camps."

IMPORTANT WILL CASE.—The trial of one of the most important will cases ever contested in the tribunals of this State was commenced in the Supreme Court yesterday morning. It came up on appeal from a decree of the court of probate of the town of North Providence, admitting the will to probate. The testatrix was Miss Eliza Angell, a grand-daughter of Commodore Esek Hopkins, of Revolutionary fame, and a large portion of the property bequeathed consists of the estate on which he lived and died, embracing two hundred and thirty acres of valuable land situated in North Providence, just beyond the city line. The will also devises lands and houses in Taunton, Mass., of considerable value, which came to this decedent through her half brother, John Burroughs Hopkins Leonard, who died about a year previous to the execution of the will now in suit.

The whole property is supposed to be worth \$200,000. The will is dated April 25, 1854, and has attached to it two codicils, bearing date July 9 and August 14, 1855. Miss Angell died on the 12th of October, 1860, aged about 77 years. She makes a few bequests to her relatives, one of which is an annuity of \$600 to her cousin, Mrs. Caroline Manning Gregg—and her two daughters after her—of Columbia S. C., the mother of Gen. Maxcy Gregg of the rebel army. Mrs. Gregg is the daughter of Rev. Jonathan Maxcy, D. D., the second President of Brown University, and subsequently, and at the time of his death, President of Columbia College in South Carolina.

After these private bequests, the whole property is devised in trust to Rev. Francis Wayland, D. D., Rev. Alexis Caswell, D. D., and Rev. James A. Granger, D. D., for the purpose of erecting a stone church and parsonage in Taunton, and supporting ministers of the "Orthodox Baptist" faith to preach therein. The sittings in the churches are to be forever free. The will is contested by a portion of the decedent's heirs on the ground that she was not of sound disposing mind and memory at the time of its execution. No that she was a maniac, or incapable in life of judiciously managing her great estate, but that she was a monomaniac on various matters, but especially in regard to her relatives, toward most of whom she ever bore a strange and unaccountable animosity, amounting almost to hatred. The trial will probably occupy all the week, as a great crowd of witnesses are in attendance. Some of the ablest lawyers in the State are engaged in the cause.—*Providence Journal*.

The Imperial Government have agreed to issue a royal Commission to inquire into the best means of promoting the efficiency and permanency of the Volunteer service.

An Australian firm has offered Mr Charles Dickens 10,000l., or 5,000l. they bearing all his expenses, travelling, house, servants, a liberal table, carriage, &c., if he will go and read in that colony.

A MINISTER THREATENING TO HORSEWHIP SLEEPING MEMBERS OF HIS CONGREGATION.—A worthy clergyman in a village not one hundred miles from Dunfermline has been much annoyed for some time past by a number of his audience falling asleep during the sermon. The Rev. gentleman had tried several times to reason with his sleepy hearers, but all to no purpose—no sooner had he recommenced his discourse than they were at it again. He was perfectly at a loss how to keep them awake. Probably he never heard the following story of how a brother minister acted under similar circumstances.—He said to one of his congregation who had fallen asleep—"Can't you take a pinch of snuff? that will keep you awake." "Do ye no think, sir," was the answer, "ye could pit a wee thing o'snuff intil yer sermon." In the present case, however, the minister proposed a stronger remedy. He had recommended them rather to sleep an hour longer at home, and tried various other plans, but without success. So, on Sabbath last, to the consternation of some of his hearers, he stopped in the middle of his discourse and said, "If I had coachman's whip, I think I could use it to advantage on some of those near me."—*Dunfermline Press*.