

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

MRS. ANN HOOPER.

Died at Annapolis, Sept. 20th, Mrs. Ann Hooper, the beloved wife of Mr. Thomas Hooper, aged 64 years. Mrs. H. had many years ago professed faith in Christ, and was baptized about 30 years past by the late Rev. Wm. Elder. She was a member of the Annapolis and Upper Granville Baptist Church; and aimed to honour her Saviour and promote the cause of truth and holiness in the community. During her protracted illness she manifested much patience and resignation to the divine will; and in death was greatly sustained by the presence of the Lord. May her parting admonitions be made a blessing to Bro. Hooper, her children and friends.

MISS OLIVIA HOOPER,

daughter of the above, died suddenly at Boston, Mass. in the 36th year of her age. She had been on a visit to her parents, and having seen her mother depart from earth, returned to Boston, where she died on the 7th of November. She was a member of one of the Baptist churches in that city. She had peace and hope in death. May the sorrowing parent and friends be sanctified and comforted in their afflictions. "Be ye also ready."—Com.

MR. DAVID CHUTE,

of Granville died on Oct. the 18th in the 70th year of his age. Brother Chute's illness was protracted; he was patient and submissive to the will of God. Deprived by his afflictions from attending the sanctuary of the Lord he highly prized the visits of Ministers and other christians. He expressed unshaken reliance on the sacrifice of Jesus for acceptance with God and eternal life. May his bereaved companion and family be greatly blessed in their affliction.—Com.

ELENOR M. STARRAT,

Daughter of Handley Starrat, Esq., died October 6th, 1863, in the 25th year of her age.

Sister S. experienced religion and joined the Baptist Church in Lynn, Mass., in 1860. Since that she returned home to her parents, but her health being poor, at the advice of her physicians, she took passage again to the States, hoping that it might be beneficial to her health, but she became so ill, that it was evident that her end was near. Her parents were sent for. They conveyed her home to wait her appointed time, which proved to be very near. Her last sickness she bore with christian resignation, and had a firm hope of entering that rest that remains for the people of God. Her death was improved by the Rev. B. Vaughan, from the words of Luke ii. 29.

IRA BRADSHAW

departed this life, October 25th, 1863, aged 40, after a short illness of 2 weeks, which he bore with a firm reliance on his Saviour. He has left an affectionate wife and 2 children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. Brother B. professed religion and was baptized by Rev. Henry Eagles, about 26 years ago, and united with the Baptist Church in this place, of which he continued a member till his death.

The solemn occasion was improved by Rev. B. Vaughan, from "Write blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."—Communicated.

Kempt, November 8, 1863.

Religious Intelligence.

[We must apologize to Rev. G. F. Miles for delaying to insert the report of his mission so long. It has arisen entirely from accident, in first taking it to the Home Missionary Board to be read there. Indeed we thought it had been published, until, at the request of the Secretary of the Board, we looked over our back numbers and found it had not. Brother Miles knows that we would not intentionally do him wrong or indeed anything but the greatest kindness. If we had nothing else to love him for, we should be under obligations to do so for his work's sake, but we have other reasons that should prompt us to meet his wishes and endeavour to serve him. We hope our friend will overlook this deficiency on our part, and rejoice in the opportunity of exercising the noble trait in his character of a readiness to forgive injuries.—Ed. C. M.]

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Mission to Antigonish, &c.

In compliance with an appointment of the Missionary Board, I visited Antigonish, and the region round about, and spent five sabbaths from home on missionary ground.

Part of my labors were in Pictou County, where our faithful missionary and his devoted wife are laboring for the good of the Redeemer's kingdom. In the Co. of Guysborough I had the privilege of preaching in the church at Goshen to a few, yet faithful, warm hearted Baptists. Also at Isaac's Harbor where we have a membership of sixty-five persons, yet no Pastor.

The Presbyterian friends at Antigonish, and River John, kindly offered me their place of worship, which offer I readily accepted, and showed my willingness to preach to them also the Gospel of Christ.

In the places visited the want of vital godliness was apparent, and I may say with all respect to other denominations who are occupying the field, that we as Baptists are verily guilty in not supplying the wants at least of our churches scattered through those counties. We had the happiness of hearing a number for the first time tell of God's salvation, and express their willingness to follow the Saviour in the ordinance of Baptism. Ere this reaches you Bro. Chipman will doubtless have had the pleasure at River John, of burying a number with Christ in Baptism, and adding such to the church as I trust will be eternally saved.

I preached twenty-six times, held two Conference meetings, and visited two divisions of Sons of Temperance, and visited over eighty families, travelled over five hundred and fifty miles, expenses three dollars, collected for the Mission twenty dollars and sixty two cents.

Yours in hope of eternal life,

G. F. MILES.

Amherst, Oct. 5th. 1863.

P. S.—Yesterday, Oct. 4th, I baptized one into the fellowship of the Church at Amherst.

A subsequent letter to the above from Brother Miles, informs us:—I have been absent one week from home, have preached eight times and visited a number of families. Dr. DeWolf supplied my pulpit last Lord's day, and I came here to aid your Pictou Missionary at his request, and our meetings have been very interesting on Cape John. The people seem moved in reference to the necessity of a change of heart. Bro. Chipman has gone to Amherst for next Sabbath, and I expect here to remain, and baptize an aged man (seventy-three,) to-morrow. Forty three years ago, Rev. John Shaw labored here and sowed the seed of the kingdom. A number of souls were led to the Saviour but as his labors here were of short duration none of the converts publicly professed their faith in Christ. Bro. Chipman had baptism on two Sabbaths last month in this place, and there seems to be a disposition to know the truth and obey it.

We held a number of special meetings last month in our stations around Amherst. On the first day of November I had the pleasure of baptizing two persons on profession of faith into the fellowship of the Amherst Church—mothers of interesting families; I also preached last week at Pugwash on my way here, they seem anxious to secure the services of a Pastor. And as I hope to hold a few special services with them next week, I will try to urge them to secure some one to break to them the bread of life. Your Missionary in Pictou has now secured a horse for the winter, and will be better prepared to visit some of the out posts of his interesting field of labor. He is faithful, earnest, and persevering in his work."

Many of our readers doubtless will think, and perhaps say that we do deserve a little scolding for keeping back these facts from them so long. We shall not attempt to dispute that opinion, but shall try in future to avoid a repetition.

KEMPT, HANTS CO.—Dear Brother,—We have had a few baptisms in this and in the lower branches of the Church. Since I last wrote to you 6 more have been baptized and added to the Church, making ten since last February. Thus have our hearts been made glad in seeing some souls brought nigh by the precious blood of Christ.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH D. MASTERS.

Kempt, Nov. 10, 1863.

MONTREAL, C. W.—We rejoice to learn of the spiritual welfare of the Baptist church in Montreal. Bro. Alexander was privileged in baptizing three candidates into the communion of this church on the Sabbath of the 8th instant.

PERTH, C. W.—Two young men, and one aged man, 76 years of age, who had spent some of his best years under Wellington as a dragoon, were recently received into the Perth church by baptism.—Canadian Baptist.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—On a late Sabbath, forty-four persons were baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church on St. Helena, S. C., by Rev. W. S. Phillips. This makes 400 baptized here by the pastor the year past.

CHINA.—The missionary news of the past month has some items of unusual interest. Mr. Knowlton, of the Ningpo Mission, reports fifteen applicants for baptism, which is a remarkable number for a single Chinese mission. Mr. Ashmore and wife arrived at Hong Kong July 10th, and received a joyful welcome.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Nov. 25, 1863.

APPOINTMENTS.

Colchester Co.—To be Commissioner of Sewers for Truro Marsh, on east side of Salmon River—George U. Cock, in place of S. Archibald, (resigned.)

Halifax Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Francis Webber, Sackville, John E. Shatford, Hubbard's Cove, George J. Richardson, Indian Harbor, Wesley Hays, Hammond's Plains, Geo. Sheils, Dartmouth, George Dauphiney, Hagget's Cove, James E. Shatford, Indian Harbor.

Kings Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—John Belcher, John E. Ellis.

Pictou Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools, to constitute the School Board for the Northern District of Pictou County, (former Commissions revoked)—Reverends Charles Elliot, James Bayne, A. W. Hredman, Andrew Sutherland, Alex. McKay, West River, and James Crichton; William Gordon. To be a Justice of the Peace—Donald Cameron, of west side of East River.

Shelburne Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—William Patterson, James C. Clark, G. A. Crowell, Vincent Nickerson, Michael Wragton. To be a Coroner in the said County—Dr. Clarke.

Yarmouth Co.—To be a Commissioner of Schools for the District of Argyle—Rev. John Moody, in place of the Rev. P. Tocque, (removed from the Province.)

The above appointments were crowded out last week. Others have been made but we have been obliged to defer them till our next.

SERVICE MEDAL.—Her Majesty's Commissioners have awarded the Rev. D. Honeyman a very handsome Bronze Medal for his services in connection with the International Exhibition. On one side is Her Majesty's effigy and on the other side a wreath of oak leaves with the appropriate inscription "For Services." On the rim is "Rev. D. Honeyman."—Witness.

BUTTER.—For the benefit of our country friends it may be well to state that complaints are frequently received from Newboudland and the West Indies about the quantity and quality of the salt used in making butter. A little care taken would not only sustain a good character for our butter in those markets, but would also increase the price. And though the latter consideration is important, the former is much more so.—Citizen.

The Citizen informs us that the audience to hear Dr. Lawson's first lecture on Chemistry, at Dalhousie College, though select was hardly sufficient to repay the evident care, thorough knowledge, and masterly handling of the subject evinced by the learned lecturer."

The cold weather of the past week, has put a coating of ice on the small ponds around Halifax, there was some good skating on Friday last.

Our Legislature will probably meet early in January.

The harbor is now pretty well cleared of shipping, the war steamers went out last week.

The "Nightless World" was the subject of the sermon advertized for the "Tabernacle" on Sunday evening last.

A requisition, signed by upwards of thirty respectable residents of Dartmouth, handed to Andrew Shiels, Esq., to call a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the street question in that town, has been refused.

Our Halifax vessels are returning from West Indian ports in ballast—not being able to procure cargoes of sugar or molasses.

Gold, in nuggets, to the value of about \$800, was received by Mr. A. Forsyth, Secretary of the Metropolitan Company, a few days ago—the proceeds, it is stated, of three weeks' labor on the Company's claim at Goldenville.

New Brunswick.

The navigation of the St. John river is reported closed for the season.

Horses for the Federal army are being purchased in St. John.

St. John is not to have a Rink this winter after all. The ladies are promised one for next seasons' skating.

A Roman Catholic Reformatory is to be erected in St. John shortly from funds bequeathed for that purpose.

Latest from the States!

[From Telegrams to morning and evening papers.]

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 2.—Weather frightfully cold.

Reported that 20,000 Confederates were threatening Memphis and Fort Pillow. Order issued closing lines back of town and drafting all able bodied men for defence.

Chattanooga despatch says, sufficient reinforcements have been sent to Burnside to ensure his success.

Evening.—Report that the enemy attempted to cross River on Sunday, bringing on general engagement, resulting in defeat of the enemy, with the capture of General Wheeler's division of five thousand.

Richmond papers have reports of continued

bombardment of Fort Sumter, and falling of several shells in city.

THURSDAY, Dec. 3.—News from the army of Potomac states that no General engagement had occurred up to that time. The field is 40 miles from Rappahannock station, both armies are confronting each other, Lee being protected by entrenchments.

Chattanooga despatches report the campaign against Bragg as closed. Hooker evacuated Ringold, first destroying the railroad to Chickamauga mills, depots, etc. The total number of the prisoners will reach 7000. The mountains are filled with Kentucky and Tennessee deserters.

Bragg with a skeleton of an army is retreating Southward.

Scouts report that large cavalry force, supposed to be the flanking column of Longstreet's main body, are advancing on Maynardsville.

General Banks reports that on the 18th Nov. he was in occupation of Brasher's Island, Fort Isabella, and Brownsville, and that his most sanguine expectations were more than realized.

Three revolutions occurred in Mattamoros respecting the government of Tamaulipas.—Everything now favorable.

Gen. Stone took Avangos city, 100 prisoners, and 3 guns.

Guerrillas are again troublesome on the Mississippi, erecting a battery below Vicksburg and firing into steamers.

Wheeler repulsed at Kingston on the 25th and retired towards Knoxville. This probably originated the report of the capture of Wheeler's division.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4.—Campaign in Virginia closed.

The army of the Potomac in consequence of the strong position of Gen. Lee on Mine river, and the difficulty of supplying the army over bad roads, the intense cold, and other prudential reasons, have retrograded to their old base along the Orange and Alexandria railroad, Brandy station, and Rappahannock bridge.—The movement was made in safety with interference by Confederates. The whole loss in the advance is 700, in killed, wounded, &c.—Meade will probably be superceded.

Burnside routed Longstreet in his attack last Sunday. Gen. Foster left Cumberland Gap to intercept Longstreet's retreat, which must require over 100 miles to connect with Railroad to Richmond.

Evening.—Longstreet's loss in Sunday's assault on Burnside's works, is stated at about seven hundred in killed, wounded and prisoners. Union loss small.

Deserters and citizens report that General John C. Breckenridge died of wounds received at Ringold. His son and cousins are prisoners.

SATURDAY, Dec. 5.—The bombardment of Fort Sumter ceased, and attention has been turned to the other forts in the harbor.

Refugees from St. John's River, Florida, represent the people of that state to be in a starving condition.

Secretary Chase, without further legislation has at his command eleven hundred million dollars.

Charleston advices to Tuesday report that Gilmore is throwing about 20 shells per day into the city, causing considerable damage. The inhabitants are being removed to the rear of the city.

Evening.—Fighting between Foster's and Longstreet's cavalry. In attempting to cross Clinch river, the Federals were repulsed with fifty loss, but captured four guns.

Refugees report reign of terror in Southern Georgia. General conscription of men and supplies,—citizens escaped to mountains. Hardee relieved Bragg and endeavouring to patch up shattered army to resume the offensive.

MONDAY, December 7.—Herald's despatch says that the loss of Army of Potomac in recent campaign will reach thirteen hundred.

Letters from Gen. Banks' officers report large quantities of cotton being discovered daily by reconnoitring parties, and preponderating sentiment where army has traversed represented Union.

Hooker's battle at Ringold was a hardly contested one.

Latest from Europe!

The following are some of the principal items of European intelligence received by telegraph from Cape Race and New York since our last.

The proposed Congress continues to create discussion. Great Britain and other Powers seek for further information. The question does not appear to be gaining popularity.

The Great Eastern was advertised for sale at auction on the 14th January next, by order of the Mortgagees.

Successful experiments have been made at Sheburness with Armstrong guns, throwing shot 559 lbs. in weight.

Parliament has been prorogued until Jan 13. A bill has been submitted to the French Council of State for supplementary credits of 91,000,000 francs, to meet Mexican expenses.

A great fire at Portugal destroyed the Municipal Chamber and other buildings. Several lives were lost.

The advices from Japan are unfavorable. Prince Satsuma, and others, are preparing for war.

The London Times justifies the sentence of the suspension of Capt. Stone of Africa.

The Russian ambassador has communicated Gortschakoff's reply, in substance that Russia will take part in Congress, but not until after the pacification of Poland!

It is reported that Portugal has resolved to accept conditionally.