

some improvement among us in this respect. The organization of the Sons is rapidly spreading. The Temperance cause is thus taking a new hold upon our population, hereby it stands nearly related to the cause of godliness. May both prosper more abundantly among us!

While I have been writing brother Ross has called. He is on his way to Uigg, to spend a few more days there. His visit will be acceptable; and more, if Heaven smile. He brings sad tidings from Bedeque. Deacon Solomon Schurman has just lost three children by diphtheria; and five others of his family are down with it. Yet at present the malady is confined to his house. When God puts forth his hand, who, can stay it? But oh! to be ready for death, and for all else that may befall us!

In and around Charlottetown we have been making another effort on behalf of our Burmese Missions, and have already accomplished something respectable.

Your fellow laborer,
J. DAVIS.

Prince Edward Island, April 17th.

For the Christian Messenger.

Ordination of Brother John F. Tooker.

DEAR BROTHER,

It will interest some of your readers to hear of the Ordination of Brother John F. Tooker, to the work of the Christian Ministry, and to labour with the Baptist Church at North Sydney, C. B.

It has been the desire of the Church for some time past to have him thus qualified to administer all the privileges of the Church. But the occasion had been deferred on account of the infirm state of health of two of the Fathers in Israel to whom we looked to perform such service.

At the Conference meeting on April 4th, it was found that the two Ministers referred to, viz. Rev. George Richardson and Rev. David P. McQuillan were accessible, and it was arranged, that, on the following day, the Ordination should take place.

On Sabbath morning, April 5th, Rev. George Richardson in the chair, the candidate was called upon to relate his christian experience and call to the Ministry. He did so and gave much satisfaction to all present. Brother Richardson preached from 2nd Tim. iv. part of 2nd verse—"Preach the Word," in a very earnest and impressive manner.

Again at 3 p. m., Brother Tooker was questioned on points of Christian doctrine, the foundation of his belief, &c. &c. After which a faithful charge was delivered by Brother McQuillan Text, 1st Tim. iv. 16. After the laying on of hands and prayer, the Doxology was sung by the congregation and the benediction pronounced by the Pastor.

GEORGE MUSGRAVE.
Bras d'Or, C. B., April 5th, 1863.

For the Christian Messenger.

Donation Visit.

TO REV. W. G. PARKER.

Dear Brother,

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of the members of the Baptist church and congregation of Nictaux who made us a donation visit on the 19th day of February. The old and young came to cheer us with their presence and contributions. After the tea was over, which the good sisters had prepared, the donations were presented with a good speech by Deacon W. C. Felch, which, with some additions since, amounted to \$82.18 in cash and other very useful articles for family use.

We were favored with good speeches from Revs. N. Vidito, Geo. Armstrong, P. F. Murray, Obed Parker, W. H. Porter, James Parker, Henry Sanders and R. S. Morton. May the donors share largely in the blessing of God.

Yours in hope of eternal life,
W. G. PARKER.
Nictaux, April 10th, 1863.

For the Christian Messenger.

Obituary Notices.

MRS. CATHERINE BECKWITH.

Died, at the residence of her son Mahew Beckwith, Esq., Upper Dyke Village, Cornwallis, on the morning of the 19th ult., Catherine, widow of the late Handley Beckwith, aged eighty-eight years.

Our aged sister was extensively known and beloved in the community and Church, of which for many years she was an esteemed member. From the time of her conversion in early life, she ever manifested that meek and quiet spirit, which made her emphatically a christian companion, a christian mother, and a victor over the last enemy.

Her life was a confirmation and a living illustration of the truth she loved and professed. Sister Beckwith was one of the five, who in conjunction with the late venerable Edward Manning formed the first Baptist Church in Cornwallis. She lived to see five churches proceed from this small beginning and multitudes within the circle of her influence brought to a saving knowledge of Christ.

The deceased was the mother of thirteen children, five of whom survive, she also leaves forty-one grandchildren, and twenty four great-grand children.

Doubtless the family will long cherish the memory of this aged parent and beloved disciple. Often was she made glad by the conversion of members of her family. May the influence of her piety descend and bless even unborn generations.—Com.

JOHN EDWIN REED.

Died, at his residence in Lower Granville, on the 10th of March, 1863, after a lingering and painful illness, John Edwin Reed, aged 56 years. The deceased was or many a worthy member at the Baptist Church. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of sympathising friends. A sermon was preached on the occasion by his pastor the Rev. Isa. Wallace from Rev. xiv. 13. May God graciously sustain the sorrowing family in their present grief! By this dispensation they have been bereft of an affectionate husband and a tender and faithful parent, but their loss is his eternal gain.—Com.—[N. B. Christian Visitor, please copy.]

DEACON ZACHARIAH FOOT,

was born in Yarmouth March 4, 1790. In the great revival, with which this county was favored in 1806, he was brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. His convictions of sin, of righteousness and of judgment were very clear and pungent, and his deliverance from condemnation and sorrow, by beholding the Lamb of God who taketh away sin, was joyous indeed. It appears, from his own relation of his christian experience, that soon after this he was led to doubt that these emotions were the result of a genuine work of grace in his heart; He looked upon himself as being deceived and ruined. For many weary months he lived on the borders of despair, but God who is rich in mercy was pleased to deliver him, by giving him more clearly to understand his great method of salvation. He was enabled to cast himself wholly upon Christ, and in obedience to his commands was baptized by the late Father Harris Harding, some four years after his conversion.

In 1816 he removed with his family to Digby Neck, and very properly at the same time removed his church membership, and united with the church there, under the care of the late Father Crandall. During his residence there his companion was constrained by the love of Christ, to publicly profess her attachment to his cause by uniting with his people. After an absence of nearly ten years he returned to Yarmouth, and on the 23rd of November 1827, was admitted with his companion to membership in the church which was at this time enjoying a precious season of refreshing, in which the faithful labors of the late father Ainsley were very conspicuous. He was among the number of those who requested and received a dismission from the parent church for the purpose of forming the West Yarmouth Church. In 1859 he was set apart to the office of deacon, the duties of which he very satisfactorily performed till his Master was pleased to call him to his eternal rest, on the 4th of November 1862, in the 73rd year of his age.

Our departed brother was enabled in his day to clearly exemplify true Christian firmness—He knew in whom had believed, and what he believed. Diverse and strange doctrines did not entice him. He grasped the great principles of the gospel with an intelligent faith, that raised him far above the sullen sphere of stubbornness. Though not the most stirring in his habits; yet his pastor and brethren were sure of his aid, when the cause of God demanded it. In Zion's darkest hour he was at his post. His presence was not an ornament of a coming storm among the brethren, as is the presence of some men who are very active, at times, in the church—like the coming of the Stormy Petrel to the seaman—but his discretion was such, that his moderation was known to all men." In his life he enjoyed much of the presence of the Saviour, and in death he rejoiced in his power to save.—Com. by Rev. J. H. Saunders.

WILLIAM CORBETT.

son of James Corbett, of Amherst Point, died of consumption, at Great Village, March 23rd, aged 29 years.

Mr. Corbett had for several years been a successful School Teacher, in Colchester County. He was a young man of unblemished character, and well calculated to make warm friends of those with whom he became acquainted. Several months previous to his death it became evident that he was consumptive. When first confined to his room, he indulged the hope of recovering, but it was soon apparent that disease had marked him for its prey, and medicine could not stay its progress. When the appointed time arrived, he "fell asleep in Jesus."

When he was sixteen years of age, during a violent thunder storm, in which he felt his life to be in danger, he saw he was not prepared to meet God, and was led to call upon Him for mercy. In answer to prayer, he felt peace take possession of his soul, such as he had never known before, but did not tell any one, for two reasons—1st, Although conscious of possessing feelings such as he never had before, he thought it could not be possible he had so suddenly

passed from death unto life, and said nothing about it, lest he should deceive himself and others.—2nd, Those with whom he was most closely connected, were not religious, and there was no influence thrown around him, to give him confidence to mention the subject of salvation—the result was, he did not grow in grace, and soon gave up all hope that he had experienced religion, in which state he lived about thirteen years, but the seed of grace implanted in his heart could not be lost. After several weeks of deep heart searching, and godly sorrow for past sins and neglect of God he again found peace, the first of last December. The first time the writer visited him after it, he said to him—"I know that Jesus is my Redeemer, and that he liveth." During the remainder of his life, he had a firm trust in Christ. Death was not to him the "King of Terrors," but a welcome messenger to release him from earth, that he might join the redeemed in heaven.

"How blest the righteous when he dies
When sinks a weary soul to rest!"

Com. by the Rev. J. E. Balcom.—
Great Village, April 10th.

Religious Intelligence.

WOLFVILLE.—Since the brief extract of a letter in our last, we have had other communications concerning the work in progress at Wolfville. One of the brethren informs us:—"A marked feature of the movement, so far, has been the total absence of anything like undue excitement. A quiet, earnest demeanor, has been a noticeable characteristic of our social meetings, and seldom, if ever, have I witnessed a more general coming up of Christians to the help of the Lord, or more united and whole-hearted endeavor for the good of souls.

"We commend the work to the prayers of God's people, that it may be still more widely extended, and that our separation at the close of the year may be the sending out of some two hundred of 'Acadia's' sons and daughters, sanctified by the spiritual baptism, and prepared for extensive usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord."

ROUND HILL, ANNAPOLIS CO, April 15th, 1863.—Dear Brother,—We have had some very encouraging and gracious meetings here. God is doing a great work for us and for many in this region. Last Saturday our Conference presented a contrast to many previous ones, both in the numbers present and the power of the Holy Spirit who was manifestly operating on the minds of many. Some were deeply convinced of sin,—some comforted in Christ,—some rejoicing in a newly-found Saviour, and cheerfully making confession of his name, and expressing their desire to obey Him in all things. Five happy and willing converts offered themselves to follow Christ in baptism, and to unite with His disciples in serving Him to the end.

On Sabbath morning I had the pleasure of baptizing these believing ones in the name of the Holy Trinity. It was a solemn and impressive scene. God was with us. Jesus spoke in his ordinance, example and word. Oh that the work may be genuine, deep and abiding. Pray for us. We are looking and labouring for a fuller manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power, grace and love to our own souls and to those around us.

Surely it is high time that all should awake to righteousness, and live and act for God, his cause, their own full salvation, and the salvation of sinners. Thanks be to God for the work of revival that is going on in so many places in both Provinces. May it continue and greatly abound to the glory of God and the salvation of sinners in every place!

Yours truly,
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.

WESTPORT, LONG ISLAND.—Rev. W. Hall writes April 13th:—My Dear Brother,—Since my last I have baptized eighteen persons, of all ages,—from the boy of ten years old to the strong man and woman, heads of families,—and many remain entertaining a hope in Christ, who I trust will shortly put on the Lord Jesus by baptism.

There are some features of this revival peculiar,—

1st. It is a praying revival. There is not much rejoicing, but constant intercession day and night. The woods, the barns and the dwellings resound with the language of Prayer. Since I commenced my labours on this Island, I made prayer a prominent theme of my religious training. The want of it was a great defect in this as well as in all our churches.

2ndly. The converts have clear perceptions of the work of Christ, and that salvation is an act of sovereign grace. My preaching has been decidedly Calvinistic, in which the peculiar doctrines of the Cross have been made very prominent.

3rdly. The converts manifest great confidence and self-possession, so that small boys and young men, and likewise young women, exhibit remarkable power in prayer. I attribute this to our monthly Sabbath School Concerts, in which the young people are accustomed to recite before the congregation and answer questions.

Training is absolutely necessary to form useful and consistent christians.

Yours truly,
WM. HALL.

LETTER FROM REV. A. F. PORTER.—Guysborough, April 13th, 1863.—Dear Brother,—When I last wrote you, we were holding a series of religious meetings at the Cove, without any very cheering indications, but soon the faithful came forward to join in the work.—Earnest prayers were offered and the simple truth proclaimed, till at length the "Holy Ghost came down," and great good has been the result. The church is revived, backsliders reclaimed, and sinners have been converted. I have baptised ten, and others are expected to follow soon. To God be all the praise. Bro. M. A. Bigelow rendered us timely and efficient aid. The Lord reward him.

I am greatly afflicted in my family and in my person. Dear Brother, pray for us, that these afflictions may be among the "all things that shall work together for our good." I am now suffering from recent hemorrhage of the lungs, as I was two years ago. Am unable to preach. I offered to resign the charge of the church, but the dear brethren, instead, requested me to take a rest for a few months, which I have consented to do.

Oh, 'tis hard to be laid by when I see so much to do, but I must be submissive and God will be glorified.

We recently buried the oldest member of our church, Bro. Jessie Reid, a coloured man who has lived more than a century, 85 years of which he has served God, and now "he is not, for God took him." The last day of March he quietly went to sleep, but he will awake by and by.

I am, dear brother,
Yours truly,
A. F. PORTER.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—The good work still prospers in Lower Granville. I have baptized six since I last wrote you, among whom was an aged couple, each over 70. Bro. J. Chase has recently spent a week with us to good acceptance.

ISAIAH WALLACE.

New Brunswick.

REVIVAL AT WOODSTOCK.—Brother Williams was at Woodstock when we last heard from there, and the revival was still in progress, fifteen had been added by baptism and one by letter, since the commencement of the work.

We are informed that a powerful revival is in progress at Baltimore, Albert County. Twenty candidates were baptized last Sabbath week by Bro. Irving, the Pastor. May showers of grace continue to descend upon Zion's thirsty hills!—Visitor.

American and Foreign News.

Latest from the States!

[From Telegrams to Morning and Evening papers.]

APRIL 13.—The Federal gunboat Flambeau from Charleston with the officers and crew of the Federal steamer Keokuk, sunk at that place, arrived at Fortress Monroe. The Keokuk received nearly one hundred shots. The engagement lasted three hours.—Fort Sumpter had two embrasures stove into one. Foster refuses to surrender. A number of iron-clads and transports are preparing to run past the batteries at Vicksburg. The entire Tallahatchie fleet, with Ross' and Quinby's divisions, &c. have returned to Helena. Confederates between Washington and Newbern, reported at 20,000 under Hill, and 7000 under Pettigrew. Rumored at Fort Munro that Foster surrendered.

APRIL 14.—Three district lines of obstructions reported in Charleston harbor. Eleven large holes, reported made through the East face of Fort Sumpter.

APRIL 15.—It is reported that the United States Attorney General doubts the validity of the capture of the steamer Peterhoff. Federal Government has purchased a large steam ram gunboat in England. It is believed that the Confederates can concentrate seventy-five thousand troops near New Orleans within the space of twelve hours. A letter from London, published in the New York Herald, says it is probable the direct orders have been sent to Admiral Milne to capture Commodore Wilkes and also the steamer Vanderbilt. Ten new vessels for the Southern Confederacy have sailed from England, and two more were ready to leave. Nine iron-clads, (Federal vessels) with the exception of Keokuk, (sunk) have been seriously damaged.