

The mind of our aged brother seemed happily relieved when he had related to me the foregoing account of a great sin of his life. I may just add that the aged mother still lives—will probably die, within the Roman Catholic Church, although there is some ground to believe that Christ has given her "a good hope through grace" of eternal life.—*Communicated by Rev. A. Chipman.*

## Religious Intelligence.

**ARCADIA, YARMOUTH COUNTY.**—The following communication concerning the progress of the gospel in Yarmouth County has been unintentionally overlooked. We owe our worthy brother an apology for the delay, but the manuscript was accidentally placed with some papers not for publication, and so escaped our attention.

*Dear Brother,*—I wish to inform the readers of the *Messenger* what the Lord has done for the Church at Chebogue, Yarmouth, this winter. I have been laboring there for the past three months, and I have had the privilege of baptizing thirty-eight, all of whom are in the prime of life. The church is in a prosperous state at present, and the people are much united. There will probably be others who will soon unite with the church. We feel much encouraged to labour on, knowing it is "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

The Baptists are about to commence a Meeting-house at Arcadia, and no doubt every effort will be made to accomplish it as soon as possible. May the Lord bless the church in their undertaking.

Yours truly,

W. L. PARKER.

Aylesford, April 22, 1864.

**GASPEPEAUX, HORTON.**—The Rev. E. O. Read informs us he has recently baptized three young persons, and others are expected to follow their Saviour in this ordinance soon.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

**REVIVAL AT LINCOLN.**—Within the last few days the Lord, by his Spirit, has wrought a very wonderful change in Lincoln. Our young brother Marsh commenced a series of meetings there on the last day of April, which have been continued daily since. The spirit of revival has been manifest in an unusual manner, and a large number of persons have found peace in believing. Nearly every family has shared in some degree in the work. On Tuesday we joined our brother in the meetings, and found a most interesting state of things, and a large number were waiting for baptism. We preached to a large congregation on Tuesday evening, also, on Wednesday morning. They were deeply solemn seasons. At the close of the morning service on Wednesday, we baptized twenty-three converts on the profession of their faith. Several more have professed faith, who will probably come forward hereafter. We regret to state that the health of Brother Marsh has become impaired by constant labours, and rest has become necessary for him for a few days. *Intelligencer.*

The above Mr. Marsh, we learn from the *Visitor*, "was formerly attached to the Methodist church, and was preparing for the ministry in that connection. While thus engaged he came to the conclusion that it was his duty to be immersed; but his minister, as we are informed, refused to immerse him. The result was, he applied to Rev. Mr. McLeod, who received and baptized him. Since which he has been actively engaged in preaching with very marked success. At Rushagorish between fifty and sixty have professed conversion under his ministry, and have been baptized by Mr. McLeod and others."

Respecting the revival at Lincoln our brother remarks: "Several lads from the age of ten to sixteen and eighteen, who were ripening fast for ruin, are now warning their former associates in sin to flee from the wrath to come."

The Rev. J. C. Hurd we are informed has left Fredericton and intends to spend the summer in Great Britain. The Baptist Church at Fredericton is consequently without a pastor. Rev. I. E. Bill has been supplying the pulpit.

**GERMAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. JOHN.**—We rejoice to say that the preparation for the erection of the new brick house by the Germain St. Church is progressing very favorably. \$5,600 are already pledged towards it, and the understanding is that so soon as the subscription reaches \$6,000 the business of laying the foundation will be commenced. Success to this benevolent movement. The age of the Baptist church in Germain Street, the success which has attended it in the past, and its present financial ability, demand that it shall have a place erected to the worship of the Most High second in the style, durability, and beauty of its construction to no other place of worship in the city.—*Visitor.*

**AN AGED DISCIPLE.**—A correspondent informs us that Bro. James Herritt has had some additions to his church at North River, Parish of Salisbury. Among the candidates was an aged sister ninety-six years old. Some of her friends were very anxious lest the fatigue might be too much for her, but she determined to go forward, even should death ensue. She dated her first impressions to early youth, under Fathers Harding and Manning, but had delayed decision and duty until the eleventh hour. We understand that the fatigue was only imaginary, no difficulty was encountered in the act of obedience, and she has maintained her usual vigour since.

## Colonial and American News.

### Prince Edward Island.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT occurred On Thursday morning the 5th inst., the dwelling house of Edward Christopher, at Nail Pond, Tignish, was destroyed by fire, and Christopher, his wife, two children, and an old man named Kelly, perished in the flames.

The new speaker of the Prince Edward Island Parliament is said to be the son of Lord Macaulay's cousin.—*Citizen.*

The city of Ch'Town, has made arrangements to light its streets with gas.

Capt. Orlebar, R. N. has returned to P. E. Island, from England, in good health.

### New Brunswick.

The Hon. William Botsford died at his residence in Sackville on Sunday last, in the 93rd year of his age. Botsford was Speaker of the House of Assembly for several years, and was one of the Judges of the Supreme Court from the year 1823 till the end of 1845, when he resigned.

The Steamers between St. John and Fredericton are running daily and doing an unusual amount of business.

Steam communication is also open between Fredericton, Woodstock and Grand Falls.

**NEW BRUNSWICK MUSIC.**—A. Mr. Clear is publishing in monthly parts "a collection of standard and popular vocal and pianoforte music." It is highly spoken of.

The first codfish were taken at Perce, County Gaspé, N. B., on the 27th ult.

Special despatches of American war news had been received by the St. John paper till last week when they were not allowed to be transmitted.

A brutal dogfight took place the other day near St. John for \$100 a side. It terminated in a free fight among the spectators, and a brawny butcher fractured the skull of one of the combatants.—*Ex.*

The steamer *Lady Head* at Miramichi 13th inst. from Quebec, was 14 days on the passage, having been detained 9 days in the Gulf by ice.

**LUMBER.**—Our lumbering friends inform us that the prices rule much higher than last year, and those of them who succeed in getting their lumber to market are expecting remunerative returns. Up River the water has been sufficient to enable some heavy operators to get all out; but the streams at the head of the lakes have not done so well. Logs are now worth \$6.—*Visitor.*

One of the piers of the Suspension Bridge has partially given way, but will be made up in a few days. Travelling over it is not permitted for the present.—*Id.*

## Canada.

**SURVEY OF THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILROAD.**—Mr. Galt, the Canadian Finance Minister stated that the survey for the line of the Intercolonial Railway, ordered by the late Government, would cost a further sum of \$20,000 for its completion, ten thousand already having been expended, and Mr. Fleming estimates that twenty thousand more would be necessary.

**MAPLE SUGAR.**—Owing to the frequent late frosts this year, some of the maple trees in this locality have been "re-tapped," and, in one instance that we know of, a large amount of sugar was made as late as the 23rd of April.—

**THE FALL WHEAT.**—The *Peterboro' Review* is glad to hear from all quarters in that section the most favourable accounts of the appearance of the fall wheat. The general report of farmers is that it never looked better.

**POLITICAL.**—In the House of Assembly on the 17th inst., a test vote was taken when the government was sustained by a majority of two.

## LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to morning and evening papers.]

**TUESDAY, May 17.**—A special despatch from General Grant says that offensive operations are necessarily suspended until the roads become passable. The army in best of spirits. The two armies are now concentrated on the main road from Fredericton to Richmond.

The Evening *Post's* despatch says it is believed a six weeks' campaign will be required to capture Richmond. Grant is reported to have said it would be a 4th of July job.

"Commercial's" special has rumors that Lee has received heavy reinforcements from the South.

Official despatch says that Sherman after two days' hard fighting has forced Johnston to evacuate Resaca Sunday night.

Unofficial despatches place Sherman's loss about 3000.

**WEDNESDAY, May 18.**—Gen. Lee is strengthening his position, and it is reported that Beauregard's force slipped by the beleaguering Federals on Tuesday and probably joined Lee.

Richmond papers say that all the damage done by Federal raiders to railroads have been repaired and that Lee's communications are intact. Butler is reported as having received large reinforcements, his combined force numbering about 60,000, enabling him to march a large force against Richmond. He is gradually overcoming Fort Darling.

General Sherman has established Head Quarters at Resaca. He captured there 1,000 prisoners and eight guns.

*Evening.*—A heavy engagement was going on in Charleston harbor on the 14th between Federal fleet and batteries and Confederate forts. Sumter has been effectually repaired, and heaviest fire came from it.

News from Butler says Gen. Kuntz destroyed the iron bridge across the Appomattox river on Monday morning under cover of fog. Enemy attacked Smith's line, forcing it back in confusion. It rallied and recovered it. Simultaneously the enemy made attack from Petersburg on Butler's forces guarding rear, but were handsomely repulsed. Sigel met enemy in superior force at Newmarket, and forced him to retire with loss of five guns and six hundred killed and wounded, saving all trains, &c.

The Spanish squadron has taken possession of Chinchá Islands, seizing Peruvian war vessel and officials there.

Bogus proclamation from President Lincoln acknowledging Virginia campaign virtually closed, appointing a day of fasting, and calling for four hundred thousand men, was perpetrated to-day in New York World despatches, carrying Gold to 82.

Lee is being largely reinforced.

In Sigel's late engagement enemy is reported to have lost a thousand.

General Crooks fought three battles near Newbern, with Morgan Jones, and Jenkins, gaining a complete victory. Enemy lost six hundred killed and wounded and three hundred prisoners—among them General Jenkins, mortally wounded.

**THURSDAY, May 19.**—The Associated Press offer a reward of one thousand dollars for the conviction of the parties practising imposition of the fraudulent despatch upon New York press.

The *World* and the *Journal of Commerce* also offer five hundred additional. The *Independent Telegraph*, *World*, and *Journal of Commerce* have been seized by the Provost Guard.

Gen. Cook's destruction of bridge over New River is confirmed as previously reported. Confederates have blockaded River below Alexandria, and it is also reported that Arkansas River is partially blockaded, and preparations making to blockade White River. It is supposed Gen. Canby will soon attend to this.

Reported that a negro company in retaliation for murdered negroes, captured and murdered 10 prisoners at enemy's camp near Natchez.

**FRIDAY, May 20.**—On Wednesday morning last General Hancock (Federal) supported by the Sixth Corps, attacked Lee's works, driving sharpshooters from rifle pits through second line and behind an abattis of the most formidable character.—The Federals withdrew in good order under a galling fire from the Confederates, losing about 800 in killed and wounded.

In an attack on Butler on Monday morning Beauregard was reinforced by Longstreet's corps. The Confederates lost from 1000 to 1500. Butler after repulsing Confederates, decided to fall back from Fort Darling, behind a new line of entrenchments, retiring in perfect order, except Heckman's brigade which was badly disorganised and Heckman captured.

Sherman followed up Johnston, the two armies in sight of each other, two miles east of Kingston. Federal cavalry in possession of Rome.

*Evening.*—Late advices say that Wednesday's battle has not been renewed; but Federal lines slowly and steadily advancing on enemy.

*Tribune's* and *Times'* despatches think the next considerable battle will take place on North Anna River whither both armies are tending. Supposed a strong force on hills beyond Spottsylvania Court House, is enemy's rear guard.

*Post's* despatch says Grant is preparing for grand contest.

*Times'* correspondent with Butler says his withdrawal from field on Monday to entrenchments cannot be regarded as a defeat, as the object aimed at was fully accomplished, it being to occupy the attention of enemy garrisoning outer defences of Richmond, while Kautz cut Richmond an Danville railroad.

Federal wounded now estimated at 20,000.

**SATURDAY, May 21.**—Ewell's Corps attempted Thursday evening to turn Grant's right; they were promptly repulsed by Birney's and Tyler's divisions; Federal loss five hundred wounded, and 150 killed and missing; enemy lost 300 prisoners;—over 25,000 troops have been sent to Grant.

Latest from Sherman reports that on Thursday he pushed a column beyond Kingston in pursuit of Johnston. Sherman is in possession of Kingston, Rome, Cashville and line of Etobnah.

**MONDAY, May 23rd.**—Lee occupies Spottsylvania Court House, and his camp is a perfect fortress, being fortified all round. Grant has made almost an entire circuit of the Confederate position, chiefly with the hope of forcing him out of his works.

The raw Federal troops fought furiously in Wednesday's engagement, overwhelming Confederates, but losing heavily nearly 1,000 killed and wounded. They took about 600 prisoners.

The forger of the recent proclamation has been arrested in New York, and confessed he was in the interest of gold and stock speculators. On Friday evening, Grant commenced a movement for the purpose of compelling Lee to abandon Spottsylvania, and so far is working successfully.

Gen. Banks has succeeded in getting gunboats over falls at Alexandria, and would leave for Mississippi river.

Gen. Butler was fighting the Confederates on Friday, endeavouring to close in on his lines. The Confederate iron clad North Carolina totally wrecked near Wilmington Bar.

*Evening.*—Herald's correspondent says in the event of Grant's flanking Lee, which latter, from nervous and undecided movements appear to believe, enemy will fall back, contesting as it goes, to vicinity of Lynchburg which is now being strongly fortified, according to Confederate rumors and then fight decisive battle.

Newbern advices report Confederates burned Washington, N. C., robbing all women and children.

**PORT HUDSON.**—The Rev. Charles Corey under the signature of "Viator" writes to the *Ch. Visitor* from Port Hudson. He is in the service of the Christian Commission, and thus describes this famous strong-hold:—

"It is one of the highest bluffs on the Mississippi, and is about 150 miles from New Orleans. The outer line of fortifications will soon be abandoned, and the garrison will soon be within a new and shorter line of works, which are well nigh impregnable. All around us are to be seen the effects of the bombardment. The trees are scorched; the fields are covered with shot and shell; and from the rifle pits you may gather bullets in abundance. The graves are numerous on every hand, some containing many, but most containing a single body. Thousands are buried in and around the fort, who fell by disease and in action.

**COLORED TROOPS** in the main occupy this post. It was here that the celebrated charge was made by them, on the 27th of last May, a day which settled forever the question whether colored men would fight. When I looked over the ground and saw the difficulties which were in their way, I was filled with astonishment that any body of men should undertake to advance against such formidable obstacles.

There are many arrivals here of colored people—last Saturday several hundreds came. Such a crowd I never saw. Some were trembling with years and clothed in rags; some were infants, destitute of almost any clothing. They came with their effects, mostly carried on their heads, and such a motley, uncombed, unwashed, ragged crowd, I never saw. It seemed that had any one tried to create the comic, the grotesque, and the melancholy, and combine them in one, they could not have succeeded better than in this exhibition. Yet this crowd of four hundred is as nothing compared with the forty-five hundred men women and children who came into Vicksburg a few days since."

**WESTERN WHEAT CROP.**—It is estimated that about 2,600,000 acres were sown with wheat in the West last fall. There was a yield expected of 31,200,000 bushels; but 20,000,000 is scarcely anticipated now.—*Mont Com. Ad.*

The New York Chamber of Commerce have raised by subscription the sum of \$20,500, toward paying the interest on the State debt in coin instead of paper, as provided by the Legislature. A committee was appointed to solicit further contributions.

## LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The steam ship *Persia* arrived at New York on Wednesday last.

The Channel Fleet remained at Deal on the 7th.

London dates of the 7th state that no definite action has yet been agreed upon by the Conference on the Denmark question.

A Cabinet Council was held on the 5th. It is reported Prussia and Austria will consent to an armistice if Denmark will raise the blockade and give up Alsen.

Consols closed 897-8, or 90 for money. Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat slightly advanced. Provisions quiet.

## REPORTED REJECTION OF THE ARMISTICE BY AUSTRIA AND PRUSSIA.

**VIENNA, April 28.**—According to the *Oesterreichische Zeitung* of to-day, the Cabinets of Vienna and Berlin have declined, as inadmissible, the proposal made in the Conference on Monday, for an armistice, with a maintenance of the blockade of German ports.

## THE INSURRECTION IN TUNIS.

**ALGIERS, April 26.**—The tribes in the dominions of the Bey of Tunis are all in a state of insurrection, and refuse to pay the taxes. The city of Tunis is, however, all tranquil.

**PARIS, 28.**—The news that the Bey still occupies Tunis with the necessary force for resistance is fully confirmed. The English, French, and Italian vessels have disembarked troops, who will act in concert and protect the subjects of their respective countries if necessary.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**MRS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AND THE BRADFIELD INUNDATION.**—We are glad to notice that the relief committee have received a letter from Miss Nightingale, enclosing a donation of 10l. As unfortunately Miss Nightingale has marked her letter "private," it is not permissible to publish it; but we are enabled to say that it expresses her very warm sympathy with "her dear townspeople," and recalls her pleasant associations with Sheffield, and the co-operation she received from the town in the Crimean war. All our readers will deeply regret to hear that Miss Florence Nightingale is entirely confined to a sick-bed.

The heir to the throne of All the Russias is said to be on his way to Copenhagen to propose for the hand of the Princess Marie Dagmar, daughter of the King, and of course sister to the Princess of Wales.—*The Court Journal.*