

Providence, to follow two husbands, and all her children to the grave. That grace, however, which sustained our departed brother, is sufficient to bear her safely through her lonely pilgrimage, to that rest which remains to the people of God.—Com. by Rev. C. Tupper.

JOANNA ELIZABETH LITTLE.

Daughter of George and Manetta Little, of Stronach Mountain, Wilmer, who was also a member of the Lower Ayleford and Upper Wilmer Baptist Church, was called hence on the 30th day of November, at the age of 20 years, wanting 3 days.

She professed faith in Christ, and was baptized during the gracious revival of 1859. When attacked with consumption, she naturally clung to life; and entertained a hope of recovery till she was brought quite low.

Her confidence remained unshaken to the close of mortal life. Her decease was improved by the Pastor, for the benefit of the young, from Eccles. xii. 1. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth; while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."—16.

For the Christian Messenger. DONATION VISITS.

Dear Brother,— A social gathering of members of the Fifth Cornwallis Baptist Church, mostly from Perea, and other friends, was held at the house of Rev. J. F. Tooker, in Medford, on the evening of Jan. 5th, 1865.

After some time spent in pleasant conversation, the following valedictory address and reply were read. The pastor then made some appropriate observations as to the cordiality with which Bro. T. and himself had labored side by side during the past year. Elder Norton, Free Baptist minister, then made some pleasing remarks on the occasion.

Yours, &c. D. FREEMAN. Canning, Jan. 12, 1865.

ADDRESS.

DEAR BROTHER,

In behalf of the friends assembled here, permit me to express to you our kind regards as a christian brother and a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. While we are happy to meet with you on this occasion, we regret, that in the providence of God, you are about to discontinue your labors with us as co-pastor in this church.

We would also express our high christian regard for sister Tooker, hoping that amid the cares of life she may be sustained by all-sufficient grace, and that yours may be a household highly favored of the Lord.

You will please accept this amount of cash and useful articles, as an expression of our kindly interest in yourself and family.

In behalf of the church, D. FREEMAN, Pastor.

REPLY.

Dear Brethren and Friends,

Earth's fairest scenery has clouds. This your friendly gathering presents a pleasing picture; and gives exercise to pleased emotions. But Autumn's sombre comes over all with the thought that it is your Farewell. We have deeply felt beneath the thought of being separated from a charge much endeared to our unworthy heart.

As to the character of our labors, it is gratifying indeed to know that you consider them faithful. Our own judgment would pronounce them very imperfect. The decision of the Infinite will appear at the proper period, in lines correct and clear. So far as the word has been preached, it will not fail to produce the effects designed by its Author.

The precious seed cannot be lost. For grace ensures the crop. This tangible token of your regard is appreciated.

But your prayers are accepted as a richer gift. We go forth from you, not knowing whither, but with full confidence and cheerful hope. And we bear with us, care for you. Scenes of sacred peace and pleasure, seasons of affliction and trial. Holy days and Sabbath School, have asked of our affections so much, that memory will not soon release you from her sacred stores.

And now, knowing what a world you are not to be taken out of, till the Father will, our desire for you is that breathed by one careful for his distant and beloved children in the faith: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

Yours truly, J. F. TOOKER.

Medford, Jan. 5th 1865.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger. Letter from Rev. George F. Miles.

Pugwash, Jan. 10, 1865.

DEAR BROTHER,

The letters of Brother Thompson, from St. Andrews, and Brother Grenley, from Newcastle, have cheered my heart. We also have experienced the riches of God's grace. In my own field of labor of late two have found the Saviour precious, and gave a reason of the hope in them with meekness and fear. We hope soon to receive them by the hand of fellowship, after obeying the Saviour in baptism.

By a singular providence I have been permitted to labor nearly four weeks among the destitute in this region. Brethren, pray for us. I expect to baptize here again to-morrow. My church consented to my spending a few days with this people; and they have seen the goings forth of the Almighty in his sanctuary.

I attended the funeral of an aged brother at River Philip, on Tuesday last, aged ninety-three. He died in the faith.

Yours in the hope of eternal life, GEO. F. MILES.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—A letter just received from Rev. W. M. Edwards, informs us that the spirit of revival has visited his people at Blackville and Blissfield. Five have been added by baptism, and the prospect for a large increase is encouraging.

ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH AT ST. ANDREWS.—We learn from a letter in the Visitor that a church having upwards of twenty members was formed at St. Andrews, under the pastorate of Rev. T. W. Crawley, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The Rev. A. D. Thomson, W. Rideout, T. W. Crawley, and B. N. Hughes, were present and took parts in the solemnities of the occasion.

ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH AT GRAND FALLS, N. B.—The Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney and Rev. J. C. Bleakney, the former engaged as a missionary by our New Brunswick brethren united in forming ten believers in the bonds of Christian fellowship at Grand Falls on the 18th ult.

CANADA.—Rev. J. D. Vining, in a note dated 22d instant, sends us the following cheering intelligence.—The church in Simcoe is in a more prosperous state than formerly. Our congregations are good; and, on Sabbath last, I had the happiness of baptizing three willing candidates.

INDIA.—The terrible cyclone by which Calcutta and the adjoining districts have been visited has inflicted an amount of injury which cannot yet be fully estimated.

Two interesting cases of conversion, accompanied by the usual incidents of opposition, are reported from Masulipatam by the Rev. R. Noble, of the Church Missionary Society. It has pleased the Lord to bring out from our third class a fine young Brahmin (Siviramakrishnamma), nineteen years old, to make an open avowal of faith in Christ.

American and Foreign News.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to Associated Press.]

TUESDAY, Jan. 10.—U. S. Senate yesterday passed a bill freeing the wives and children of negro soldiers.

Gov. of Delaware in his annual message takes strong grounds in favor of negro emancipation in that State.

The Herald correspondent says General Butler has been relieved from his command.

The Tribune's Washington despatch says—George D. Prentice, just from Richmond, reports Jeff. Davis' Government had conclusively resolved to free and arm the slaves: that 200,000 of them would soon be equipped and put into the field.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11th.—Advices from Colorado Territory state that a party of 1500 Indians attacked the overland mail and express coach, robbing the mails and express. They then made an attack on Section House near by, and burned it.

THURSDAY, Jan. 12.—Another batch of peace rumors has been started in which it is alleged the rebels have appointed Commissioners and applied to the Washington Government to receive them.

The Missouri constitutional Convention yesterday passed an ordinance of emancipation by a vote of 60 to 4.

Evening.—Late Rebel papers acknowledge that Stoneman and Burbridge's raid in East Tennessee and West Virginia did great damage, and state that they have done all the harm they can do in that region.

The R. b. Senate have adopted resolutions of thanks to their allies the Cherokee Indians.

There is no truth in the story that Sherman has represented to the President that the Georgia Authorities has applied to come back into the Union.

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The remnants of Hood's army are reported to be fortifying at Corinth with a view of going into winter quarters there.

Richmond papers of Monday contain a telegram from Charleston, stating that a portion of Sherman's forces has occupied Grahamville, S. C. 40 miles north of Savannah.

FRIDAY, Jan. 13th.—The United States Senate yesterday by vote of 91 to 8, adopted the resolution requiring the President to give notice of the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty with Canada.

A late number of the Richmond Enquirer has the following: "A call is out for a Convention of the Confederate States. The intention of the authors of the call is to revolutionize the revolution, to depose Mr. Davis, wipe out the Confederate congress, appoint a dictator in his stead, and perhaps surrender to the Federals."

Evening.—The steamer Aργο from Port Royal 9th, brings reports that several counties of Georgia have recently held elections and declared in favour of a return to the Union by overwhelming majorities.

SATURDAY, Jan. 14.—Late advices from the army of the Potomac state that heavy rain have swollen the James River several feet, and the high tide has caused an opening in the bulkhead of the Dutch Gap Canal.

MONDAY, Jan. 16.—The Hon. Edward Everett died suddenly yesterday morning of Apoplexy.

Richmond papers announce the arrival of Francis P. Blair in that city, supposed object of his visit to be on a peace mission.

Senator Foote, late of the Confederate Congress, was arrested by the Confederate pickets while attempting to cross the lines to reach Washington. He is now held in strict confinement.

Confederate refugees confirm the report that General Lee has sent troops to South Carolina to oppose Sherman.

Parson W. G. Brownlow has been nominated for Governor of Tennessee by the Unionists of that State.

A Court of Enquiry is to be held in Washington in regard to the failure of the late expedition to Wilmington.

Richmond Whig says fifty Federal ships of war made their appearance off Fort Fisher, below Wilmington, on Saturday, the 14th inst.

Mr. Blair has returned from Richmond. He had an interview with Jeff. Davis. During the interview Davis said he would either receive or send Commissioners of Peace to Washington, and he inquired if they could be received by our Government. No terms of peace were indicated. Gold 218.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Commissioners of International Revenue had decided that parties selling Drake's Plantation or Foster's Bitters must take out a liquor dealer's license.

ONE OF MANY.—An Irish family in Colchester, Ct., was very much disturbed the other day by seeing their husband and father enter the house, as they had a few days before paid \$150 for the transmission home of his body from the army, and had buried him with tears. It took some time for the live Irishman to convince his family that he was not a ghost, and then they exhumed the dead body and sent it back to the army fearing that it might be the body of a rebel soldier.

At a nobleman's mansion in Sussex the following notice has just been issued:—"From this date forward no women servants will be allowed to wear crinoline while doing their household work. Any infringement of this order will be considered tantamount to notice to quit, and they will be dismissed accordingly."

There is now preparing for publication, in one volume, "An Essay on the History of the English Government and Constitution, from the Reign of Henry VII. to the Present Time," by Earl Russell; a new edition, with an introduction.

Mr. Spurgeon was announced to publish on the first of the present month a magazine, entitled "The Sword and the Trowel; a record of combat with sin and labour for the Lord."

A fall of snow took place at Madrid on the 10th ult., and lasted two hours.

It is stated that a disease stronger pigs is raging fearfully in Bedfordshire, and that many farmers have thereby lost nearly their whole stock of them.

The Bishop of Orleans, now in Paris, went on purpose to celebrate the marriage of a deaf and dumb couple, both belonging to rich and noble families. The bridegroom is a count, and the bride is a Mills, Champagne, the daughter of an author of reputation, whose ancestor received a title.