

His Father Deacon Asa and wife, were the first baptized at Hantsport in 1818 by the Rev. D. Notter, who was at that time pastor of the church in Windsor, they were of large and liberal hearts, blessed of God with strong faith and fervent and persevering piety. They had seven sons and three daughters, the father and six of his children have gone to the spirit world, the eldest son died at the tender age of 7. Of the rest it may be said, "these all died in faith."—Sister D., still survives and is walking with the church in the full vigour of a living faith, saying with Jacob "I have waited for thy salvation O Lord." "The generation of the upright are blessed."

W. BURTON.

Hantsport, Dec. 5, 1865.

Religious Intelligence.

Mission to Tracadie.

Dear Messenger,

Please carry the good tidings that since the Rev. David Shaw's mission here among us two have put on Christ, by publicly professing him before many witnesses; being buried in the likeness of his death, and going on their good way rejoicing in his great salvation. Oh, sirs, we have joyful times here just now, and our prayer is that these happy days may long be continued.

Parents are rejoicing that their children are being converted in answer to prayer. Many are thanking God for bringing them to see themselves lost sinners in his sight. There seems to be a prospect of great revival here.

May God hasten the time when "Ethiopia will stretch forth her hands to him." Brethren pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified among us.

Yours, &c.,

E. H. JORDAN, clerk.

SHELburne COUNTY.—Rev. J. F. McKenne writes from East Ragged Island:—*Dear Brother*—The revival of God's work is always good news to the children of God, I take this opportunity to inform you that the Lord is saving poor sinners at Sable River. We commenced a series of meetings on the 28th of Nov. From the first night it appeared evident that the Lord was about to bestow a blessing upon us. Some who had absented themselves from Conference Meetings and other means of grace for a long time returned deeply humbled under a sense of their blackslidings from God. There are many young men and women at Sable. They make up the larger portion of the congregation. For these prayers ascended almost day and night, and, bless the Lord, it was not in vain. The Holy Spirit was at work in the hearts of the young. O I wish dear brother you could have been there to see those young men and women who a few days before, delighted in serving the devil now lamenting over their past lives, and crying for mercy, a goodly number obtained pardon. It was my happy privilege to lead some down to the baptismal waters.

Brother Thomas Munro, Licentiate, appears to have been providentially directed to us at that time and assisted us much. He is on his way to the College, my humble prayer is, that the good Lord will bless him in his striving to obtain an education, and that he may come out from Acadia prepared for future usefulness. Brother A. W. Basse also came on and preached and did us much good. The good work is still going on and I pray that it may continue to spread until our shores are blessed from east to west.

EVANGELIZATION IN HAITI.—The writer, born in Virginia, but thirty-five years resident in the Island of Haiti, since the year 1849, has been constantly laboring in various localities of that Island as an Evangelist, and part of the time as an American missionary. Through his efforts, as is shown by ample testimony, a good impression has been made upon the public mind in that unfortunate country, hitherto delivered over to Romish superstitions in their most degrading forms, as well as to many pernicious African customs and practices of an idolatrous nature. Indeed, many thousands of them have renounced popery and every form of idolatrous worship, and adopted the faith of the gospel of Christ. Of this number, more than three hundred have already been baptized and received into the little Baptist churches which have been gathered there by him, and the work is still going on. There are seven of these churches already organized on the regular Baptist principle. These churches are located at the Cape (Haitien,) St. Marc, Pt. De Paix, The Mole, Dondon, Raphael and Grande-Riviere, while at two other points, little companies exist, as yet not organized into churches; and in the meantime individual converts who have been baptized, are scattered through a large portion of the country. These churches are each supplied with a teacher and a school, and an exhorter or licentiate from among themselves; all the converts being natives of the Island. The churches organized consist of from fifteen to sixty. The

conduct of the converts has been generally good since their conversion, with a few exceptions.—A. WARING, in *National Baptist*.

Rev. W. F. Stubbert late of Randolph, has accepted a call from the Baptist church in Wattertown.

The *Christian Era* remarks:—

"Mr. Stubbert is one of our most successful men, and we congratulate both him and the people on the union now consummated in his new field of labor."

Mr. S., we believe, is a native of this province.

SHURTLIFF COLLEGE is enjoying unusual prosperity in all its affairs. Over two hundred students are in attendance, and about fifty of these are candidates for the Baptist ministry, and twenty of this number are in the theological department. One of them is also an interesting Karen convert, Thau By Ah, brought to this country by Bro. Brayton. A most hopeful religious interest is also being manifested in the institution. Two students have recently been converted, and others are inquiring. Nightly prayer meetings are held among the students, and also by the church in Upper Alton. The new edifice for the college is slowly advancing, and the old buildings are being thoroughly renovated internally and externally, so that they appear like veritable new ones.—*N. Baptist*.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND.—The annual meeting of this association was held last month, in Glasgow. The operations of the organization for the year past, have been confined almost exclusively to the education of young men for the Christian ministry. Six students have been settled during the year. The Treasurer stated that the contributions of Scotch Baptists for the support of the gospel, are ten times larger than they were twenty years ago. At the Conference meeting, Rev. W. Tullock, of Edinburgh, read an excellent paper on "The chief function or duty to which the Baptist denomination is called in this country at the present time." He held that while first and foremost our duty as Christians was to spread abroad the knowledge of Christ in the world, our special duty as Baptists was to hold fast and hold forth our distinctive principles. As Christians we were to endeavor to make all men Christians; as Baptists we were to seek to make all Christians Baptists.

Mr. Gordon's last Letter to his Wife.

The following is Mr. Gordon's last letter to his wife, written during the hour preceding his execution. Will it be believed that, although he was tried on the Saturday, the finding and the sentence of the court martial—composed of two lieutenants in the navy and an ensign of the 4th West India Regiment—were not communicated to him until one hour before his execution!

"My beloved Wife—General Nelson has just been kind enough to inform me that the court-martial on Saturday last has ordered me to be hung, and that the sentence is to be executed in an hour hence, so that I shall be gone from this world of sin and sorrow.

"I regret that my worldly affairs are so deranged; but now it cannot be helped. I do not deserve this sentence, for I never advised or took part in any insurrection. All I ever did was to recommend the people who complained to seek redress in a legitimate way; and if in this I erred, or have been misrepresented, I do not think I deserve the extreme sentence. It is, however, the will of my Heavenly Father that I should thus suffer in obeying his command to relieve the poor and needy, and to protect as far as I was able, the oppressed. And glory be to His name, and I thank Him that I suffer in such a cause. Glory be to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and I can say it is a great honour thus to suffer, for the servant cannot be greater than his Lord. I can now say with Paul the aged, 'The hour of my departure is at hand, and I am ready to be offered up. I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, and henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.' Say to all friends, an affectionate farewell, and that they must not grieve for me, for I die innocently. Assure Mr. Airy and all others of the truth of this. Comfort your heart. I certainly little expected this. You must do the best you can, and the Lord will help you; and do not be ashamed of the death your poor husband will have suffered. The Judges seemed against me, and from the rigid manner of the court I could not get in all the explanation I intended. The man Anderson made an unfounded statement, and so did Gordon; but his testimony was different from the deposition. The judges took the former and erased the latter. It seemed that I was to be sacrificed. I know nothing of the man Bogle. I never advised him to the act or acts which have brought me to this end. Please write to Mr. Chamerovzow, Lord Brougham, and Messrs. Hencknell and Du Buisson.

"I did not expect that, not bring a rebel, I should have been tried and disposed of in this way. I thought his Excellency the Governor would have allowed me a fair trial, if any charge of sedition or inflammatory language were partly [?] attributable to me; but I have no power of control. May the Lord be merciful to him.

"General Nelson, who has just come for me, has faithfully promised to let you have this. May the Lord bless him, and all the soldiers

and sailors, and all men. Say farewell to Mr. Phillippis, also Mr. Licard, Mr. Bell, Mr. Vihon, Mr. Heary Dulasse, and many others whom I do not now remember, but who have been true and faithful to me.

"As the General has come, I must close. Remember me to Aunt Eliza in England, and tell her not to be ashamed of my death. Now, my dearest one, most beloved and faithful, the Lord bless, help, preserve, and keep you. A kiss for dear mamma, who will be kind to you, and Janet. Kiss also Annie and Jane. Say good-bye to dear Mr. Davison, and all others. I have only been allowed an hour. I wish more time had been allowed. Farewell also, to Mr. Espeut, who sent up my private letter to him. And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

"Your truly devoted and now nearly dying husband,

G. W. GORDON.

"I asked leave to see Mr. Pauther, but the General said I could not. I wish him farewell in Christ. Remember me to Auntie and father. Mr. Bamsey has for the last two days been very kind to me. I thank him."

The dying man encloses this letter in an envelope, addresses it to his wife, and, last of all, jots down on the back of it, "Luke vi. 15 to 26." With his mind dwelling upon the immediate future, he takes small heed of the present, and omits to date his last missive. Mr. Chamerovzow, who sends the letter for publication, adds:—"No unprejudiced person can read Mr. Gordon's last letter without having the conviction of his innocence forced upon his mind. The man who, with the certain prospect of a violent death, within one hour of his fate having been announced to him, could with such majestic Christian calmness and resignation, pen such a letter as the above, was no rebel, no accomplice of treason, massacre, and rebellion. He was a martyr. If I may succeed in obtaining justice for his memory, his dying appeal will not have been made in vain."

We have heard with satisfaction that the directors of the Star Insurance Company, with whom the life of the late Mr. Gordon was insured for £1,500, have unanimously resolved to pay over the amount at once to his widow. The significance of this fact is obvious. The policy would naturally become void in the case of a man executed as a felon; but the directors of the Star Company have, we are informed, justly decided that Mr. Gordon's case is simply that of a man unlawfully slain. The directors deserve the highest credit for this course of action.—*Freeman*.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

SUPREME COURT.—The arguments in the case of John C. Douglas, the mate of the *Zero*, were commenced on Monday. W. A. Johnstone, Esq., argued that the verdict of the jury should be set aside, seeing that there was not evidence direct or circumstantial to prove that Douglas was concerned in the murder of Capt. Bens n. The Attorney General replied yesterday, and the decision of the full bench of Judges will probably be given during the present week. There were present His Honor the Chief Justice, and Judges Johnston, Desbarres and Wilkin.

PICTOU.—The Rev. Mr. Langridge recently delivered an able lecture at Pictou. Subject, "a German Proverb." It was received with much applause by the large intelligent audience present.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT AT LAHAVE.—During a severe storm on Sunday the 10th Inst., as William Christopher was crossing a lake near to his own dwelling, the ice being thin and but recently formed, gave way beneath him, and before assistance could be procured, was drowned. An Inquest was held on the following day by Dr. Randal, Coroner, and a verdict given by the jury of "Accidental Death."

By this sudden event a wife and four small children have been left to mourn their loss. Mr. Christopher was generally esteemed in the community, was a kind, temperate and useful citizen, and his untimely death is much regretted by all who knew him.

On Monday, the 4th, just a week previous, Dr. Randall held an inquest on the body of Mrs. Levi Folkenham, who was drowned in a newly dug well directly by her own door. Her husband, at the time, was from home, and no persons near enough to hear her cries, so the poor woman, after a vigorous struggle and combat, had to submit to the destroying element in which she had fallen. She has left a young child only a few months old, which for the greater part of the day was entirely alone in the house, as the husband did not return from his work until evening.

Bridgewater, Dec. 18, 1865.

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LATEST FROM THE U. STATES.

ST. LOUIS, DEC. 16.—The ice in George's River, below this city, gave way this afternoon. The ice swept past the city with tremendous power, sinking or seriously damaging a dozen steamers and a number of barges, involving a loss of about three hundred thousand dollars.

The New York *Tribune* coins a new word, which we fear will have to be accepted. It is "viaticide," from *viator*, a traveller, and is applied, of course, to the slaughter of railway passengers. The record of the past year unapparently shows that the crime is common that it needs a name,—and this is perhaps as good as any.

NEW YORK, DEC. 16.—A San Francisco despatch says advices received from St. Petersburg by the Western Union Telegraph Extension Company, state that the Emperor of Russia has agreed to complete the telegraph from the Amoor river to Behrings Straits, and it now remains for the Overland Company to complete the line from Fraser's river to connect with the Russian line.

A vessel which lately arrived at New York from China reports having picked up, about six weeks ago, midway between Africa, and South America, an empty half barrel, painted with the name "Vision," and supposed to have belonged to the little brig which sailed for Europe eighteen months ago with two men and a dog, and has never since been heard from.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The *Cuba* arrived on Monday, bringing European dates to the 10th Inst. Nothing of importance appears in the news.

Her Majesty was pleased to declare her consent to a contract of matrimony between the Princess Helena and his Serene Highness Prince Frederic Christian Charles Augustus of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg, which consent her Majesty has also caused to be signified under the Great Seal.

Prince Christian, of Holstein, who is about to become the husband of the Princess Helena, has arrived at Windsor Castle on a visit to her Majesty.

It is understood that the Imperial Parliament will be opened on Feb. 1st, by Her Majesty in person.

The Cattle Disease is still causing great alarm.

An official return shows that in Cheshire, up to the 4th inst., 751 cattle had been attacked by the plague; 483 had died, 73 had been killed, 148 were under treatment, and 17 had recovered.

Various modes of cure have been tried, but none seem effectual. Inoculation is the latest, and different opinions are expressed as to its efficacy.

The jailor who connived at the escape of Stephens the Fenian Head Centre has been committed for trial. Stephens the Fenian Head Centre remained at large. It was believed that he had got out of the country. He effected his escape by false keys assisted by some person in the prison. One warden is under arrest, two others have been suspended from duty and the military police are now stationed in the prison.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A few nights back a portion of the thatch was blown off the house of Patrick Murphy, of Slattery, Queen's County. Upon searching amongst the debris next morning he found an old horn, which, upon examination, proved to be the well-stored savings bank of some former occupant. It is said the horn contained as many as four hundred "golden guineas."—*Freeman's Journal*.

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.—We are authorised to state that the Queen intends, should the state of her health at the time admit of her making the effort, to open Parliament in person. A few modifications will be made in the old ceremonial.—*Daily News*.

A DISEASE AMONGST THE CATS.—A disease has been prevalent in Forres for several weeks among the feline species, which has cut them off in every direction. The animals appear to be disinclined for food for a day or two—then they have running of water at the mouth and nose, dull bleared eyes, and great prostration of strength. They lounge about the hearth or in by corners, and do not touch food of any kind for days. They generally die on the eighth or ninth day.—*The Forres Gazette*.

A model speech, for brevity, was that of the St. Salvador Minister in the Guildhall recently. In good English, though with a strong Spanish accent, he said—"My Lord Mayor, ladies and gentlemen, God save the Queen!"

A monument to Melancthon, the reformer and friend of Luther, has just been inaugurated at Wittenberg in Saxony, in presence of the King of Prussia.

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