

they cannot mistake, and most reluctant to admit that others may do so innocently.

In consequence of almost incessant travelling, and numerous ministerial duties demanding my whole time and attention, while my health was feeble, my studies had been greatly neglected for some time. Ascertaining that Mr. J. Kirkpatrick—since very properly appointed a Magistrate—was an educated man, on the 17th day of September I applied to him to aid me in improving my knowledge of Latin, with a view to obtaining an acquaintance with Greek. He kindly acceded to my request. My obligations to him are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

On Lord's day, 21st, another candidate was baptized at Half-way-river. It was on this occasion, if I mistake not, that a young woman in the settlement, who had been much concerned for a length of time about the salvation of her soul, was exceedingly anxious to attend the meeting, but was necessarily required to remain at home. While thus detained, however, she had recourse to a throne of grace in secret; and, while engaged in earnest prayer, obtained "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Soon after this she professed faith in the Saviour, and subsequently gave satisfactory evidence that it was indeed "the faith of God's elect." Disappointments are frequently thus overruled for good.

ERRATUM.—In C. M., May 24th, No. 1, last paragraph, for "vigorously," read *rigorously*.

For the Christian Messenger.

## OBITUARY NOTICES.

### OLDHAM GATES,

Of Farmington, Wilmot, was called home on the 22nd day of May, 1865, at the age of 67 years, leaving a widow and a number of children, with numerous other relatives and friends, to mourn their loss, indeed, but to enjoy consolation from the assured hope of his gain.

Brother Gates united with a Baptist Church many years ago, and continued to be an esteemed member of it to the close of his life. He was a man of prayer. His demeanor in his family, in the Church, and in the community, was remarkably upright, pacific, and kind.

During his protracted illness the assiduous attentions of the widow now bereft, and the remarkable kindness of his grateful and affectionate children, of whom some came from Boston, Bridgewater, &c. to sympathize with him, and to promote his comfort, tended greatly to console and cheer him. He was enabled to endure his sufferings with much patience and fortitude; and his end may be truly said to have been "peace."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

### MR. CHARLES M. PHILLIPS.

Died, at North River, Onslow, Charles M. Phillips, aged 26 years. He was confined to the house four years and a half, during which time he suffered much from the disease with which he was afflicted. He exercised continued patience and resignation to the Divine will. Having made no public profession of religion, he was not a member of any Church, but his religious views were in harmony with the Baptist denomination.

While in affliction he became more thoughtful upon the great subject of salvation by Christ; and, as a lost sinner, was enabled to believe in Jesus, so as to obtain a blessed hope of a glorious resurrection. A large concourse attended his funeral. A discourse was delivered upon the occasion by the writer from Amos iv. 12.—Communicated by Elder B. Scott.

Milton, May 23rd, 1865.

### MR. EDITOR,

Will you be so kind as to insert the following notice of the death of my father and mother in your paper, and oblige

Yours truly,  
AMOS WEAVER.

### MR. SILAS WEAVER. MRS. SARAH WEAVER.

In Richmond, Wisconsin, May 6th, 1865, Mrs. Sarah Weaver, relict of the late Mr. Silas Weaver, who died in the same place Aug. 25th, 1864, formerly of Cornwallis, N. S., in the 56th year of her age. Mrs. Weaver gave her heart to Christ, and was baptized by Father Ansley about 35 years ago. The profession which she then made she ever adorned. She sought, through her words and her example as well as through the exercise of a strong faith in God, to lead her children and those about her to Christ. She did not labor and pray in vain, for her six oldest children are all walking in the ways of religion. This is a good pledge that the nine will at length be converted to God; a result for which she faithfully lived, and which she said she believed would be realized. For her to live was Christ, but to die was gain.

### MATILDA DOWNING

Was born in Onslow, in the year 1831. She thought little about the blessings of the gospel, till she removed to Truro. There being awakened under the preaching of the Rev. G. O. Huestis, she was led to seek a change of heart, and a knowledge of her acceptance with God through the merits of the Redeemer. She then followed the example of the Saviour, was buried with him in baptism by the Rev. G. O. Huestis, and was united with the Wesleyan Society of Che-

ganais. About this time her health began to fail. In the fall of 1855 she was confined to her bed, and her sufferings became extremely severe, but in the midst of them all she could look with confidence to the Saviour, who had suffered and died for her. Sometimes she expressed an anxious desire to be called home to be with Jesus, but always said that she was willing to wait and suffer till her Heavenly Father saw fit to call her home. She often spoke of the blessing of reason which, with her, remained unimpaired to the last. Her strength gradually failed till the 22nd of February last, when she and those around her became aware that death was approaching. She said she was willing to die—that Jesus was her Saviour. The 23rd Psalm being read by a friend who was with her at the time; with a smiling countenance she said that she could adopt the language of the Psalmist, she "feared no evil." In about an hour after she breathed her last.

An aged father and mother, besides brothers and sisters remain to mourn their loss. May God bless, support, and strengthen the aged parents to bear their loss, and may we all be also ready, for in such an hour as we think not death may come.—Com.

Lower Onslow, 22th May, 1865.

### MR. DAVID W. SHAW

Died in Falmouth May 8th, in the 59th year of his age. Mr. Shaw was led to serious concern for his soul's welfare, in the providence of God, by the death of one of his children, and having obtained a good hope through grace, was baptized several years ago by a Baptist missionary from the United States. His hope in Christ supported him in life and cheered him in the hour of death. The writer preached his funeral sermon to a large gathering of the people, who expressed, by their attendance, a regard for their departed friend and a strong sympathy for our afflicted sister and her bereaved family. Text, 2 Cor. v. 5.—Com. by Rev. W. Burton.

## Religious Intelligence.

HANTSFOOT.—Rev. W. Burton writes May 27th:—"Our church in Falmouth is somewhat increased and a marked attention is paid to the word preached, with a gradual increase in the congregation. Six have been baptized since June last, and others are talking of joining soon. I am overjoyed to see by the last paper that brother Randolph is prospering in Maccan. May his labours be abundantly blessed among that people to which I preached 38 years ago. I am happy to perceive that his talents are appreciated among a people who know their worth."

## General Intelligence.

### Domestic.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor and Lady MacDonnell returned to this city on Saturday last from their recent tour in New Brunswick.

N. S. JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE.—The Reporter of Saturday last says:—"We have received the fourth number of this paltry publication. We cannot expect in this small province to support anything like an agricultural journal that will meet the requirements of the country. We would advise our farmers to take the Canada Farmer, the most ably conducted agricultural paper published on this continent. In it they will find a vast amount of information which will be invaluable to them."

We have not seen the last No. of our N. S. Journal of Agriculture and so cannot vouch for the correctness of the above, but can endorse the opinion of our contemporary respecting the Canada Farmer.

ANTIGONISHE.—The *Casket* says on the afternoon of Monday last, the old suspension bridge across the West River, near the eastern end of Antigonishe, suddenly tumbled down a complete wreck. Fortunately there was no person on it at the time, tho' a few minutes before several carriages, as well as a heavy load of timber passed over it.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.—The *Pictou Standard*, of 30th, says:—"Our obituary list announces the death of a centenarian, Mr. Malcolm Robertson. He was born in North Uist, Scotland, in 1762, and emigrated to Cape Breton in 1830. He left Whycocomah in the summer of 1862, being then 100 years old, to visit his son at the Albion Mines. He performed the whole journey on foot in a remarkable short time. This effort, however, proved too arduous for him, for he succumbed to the fatigue of the journey, and immediately after his arrival at the Albion Mines he took to his bed to which he was confined until his death."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The following gentlemen having been appointed officers for the present year: Hon. M. B. Almon, President; W. Pryor and W. J. Stairs, Esq., Vice Presidents; Jeremiah Northup, Esq., Treasurer; John S. McLean, Esq., Secretary. The Council have appointed Hon. M. B. Almon, Hon. Joseph Howe, and W. J. Stairs, Esq., delegates to represent the Halifax Chamber of Commerce at the Detroit Convention in July next.

KING'S COLLEGE.—The Rev. Dr. McCawley, President of this institution, has recently returned from Europe in improved health, and has resumed his duties.

OUR LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Dr. DeWolf has gone on a visit to some of the Asylums in the U. States. During his absence Dr. Gilpin is placed in charge of the Institution. Important improvements and enlargements of the buildings, are to be made as soon as the Superintendent returns.

THE JUVENILE REFORMATORY at Rockhead is said to be in danger of being suspended, in consequence of the City authorities failing to appropriate funds to its support. There are at present nine boys between 10 and 16 years of age in the institution. It should be sustained.

### New Brunswick.

The New Marriage Law does not appear to give universal satisfaction. The charge for a license is \$5. Too much by half!

Her Majesty has been pleased to confer on Samuel Leonard Tilley, Esq., lately Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, the rank and precedence of an Executive Councillor.

Joseph W. Lawrence, Esq., has been appointed Chief Commissioner of Railways in New Brunswick, vice Robert Jardine, Esq., who has resigned.

The bill for the abolition of the Post-Master General's department was rejected in the Legislative Council on Friday last.

The Admiralty case of the Queen vs. Seely, one of the captors of the steamer Chesapeake, was brought to a close on Friday last, and resulted in a verdict of acquittal.

### Canada.

THE YELLOW FEVER PLOT.—We find that the case of Dr. Blackburn does not improve on investigation. As was said by the pious farmer when asked his opinion of the doctrine of human depravity, he replied, He thought it exceedingly important if one could but live up to it. So we would say of the parties concerned in this effort to introduce yellow fever into the Northern cities and army. They have tried to live up to that important doctrine. The following is the decision of the Police Magistrate at Toronto after the investigation:—

"In the first place, I think there is sufficient evidence of a conspiracy in the country to do an act, which, if done in this country would be looked upon as a crime, and punishable as such. With respect to the point whether a conspiracy to commit a crime in a foreign country be punishable in this country, as law in England is in a very unsettled state, I decline to give any opinion. Upon the whole, I have decided to send the case to the Assizes, for trial, when the parties will have the benefit of judgment of the highest judicial authorities upon the law and the opinion of a jury upon the facts and the credibility of the evidence." Bail was then given.

Late papers represent agricultural prospects most favorable. The weather has been less warm than usual, but there have been frequent showers, and it is said that "if no unfavorable turn takes place in the weather, and the country is spared a visit from the insect brood which sometimes commit such havoc among our grain crops, there is reason to hope for an abundant harvest."

## LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to Associated Press.]

TUESDAY, May 30.—President Johnston has signed an amnesty proclamation; among the classes excepted from its benefits are diplomatic or foreign agents of the rebel Government, military officers above the rank of colonel and Lieut. in the navy, all officers educated by the United States at West Point or at the Navy Academy, judiciary officers who joined the rebels, Governors of rebel states and participants in the rebellion, whose property is worth over \$2000. A special clause is inserted providing for cases of pardon by the President.

Another proclamation appoints a loyal provisional Governor in North Carolina.

Evening.—It will take sixty millions of dollars to pay off the army, and the money is ready. It is believed that Brechenridge has reached Texas.

The *Tribune's* despatch says the letter of condolence from the Empress Eugenie to Mrs. Lincoln, although received some time since by the French Minister, is detained by him, evincing ill feeling on his part.

A despatch from Nashville says Gen. Upton has captured the archives of Tennessee, together with six hundred thousand dollars in specie, which the Confederates were endeavoring to carry off.

WEDNESDAY, May 31.—In the trial of the assassins yesterday, the evidence for the prosecution revealed the spirit in which Davis and Breckenridge received the news of the assassination. The former remarked; "If it were done at all; it were better it were well done and if the same were done to Andy Johnson, the Beas, and Secretary Stanton, the job would then be complete."

Evening.—Intelligence from Hayti says the insurgents have occupied the capital. Havana advices of the 27th inst., state that the *Stonewall* was delivered to the Captain-General as a deposit, to wait instructions from the Home Government as to what disposition will be made of her. She will probably be given up to the United States.

THURSDAY, June 1.—Judge Catron of the U. S. Supreme Court died in Nashville last evening.

One hundred and twenty thousand troops will be paid off and discharged during the month of June.

To day being the national fast all business is suspended.

FRIDAY, June 2.—Reverdy Johnston, one of the counsel for the assassins, is preparing a protest against the jurisdiction of the commission.

Evening.—Southern papers say the country is recovering from its desolation. Planting is going on with energy. The season promises well for all kinds of produce. The people seem to be well pleased with the state of affairs under Union rule.

Governor Brown, of Georgia, has been released on parole.

The Sixth Army Corps has arrived near Washington from Richmond.

The testimony in the conspiracy case is expected to close to-morrow.

The Government has decided to turn Jeff. Davis over to the civil authorities.

SATURDAY, June 3.—Sec'y Seward has officially rescinded the order December 17th, 1864, requiring passports from foreigners entering the United States.

Harris, member of Congress from Maryland, who was convicted by a Military Court of aiding rebels and was sentenced to three years imprisonment, has been pardoned by President Johnson.

A portion of the Texas expedition sailed from Fort Monroe yesterday in 15 large steamers. Gen. Weitzel in command; the fleet will rendezvous in Mobile Bay.

Restriction on the exportation of anthracite Coal has been removed by the Sec'y of the Treasury.

Evening.—The *Times* Washington despatch says, Gen. Longstreet recently took the amnesty oath. He is now permitted to come to Washington for the purpose of making a special application for pardon and restoration to full civil rights.

The *Times* despatch says the trial of Dain will take place on or about the 11th. The trial cannot occupy more than 3 or 4 days in the empanelling of the Jury and presentation of evidence.

The *World's* despatch says Chas. O'Connor, has applied to the War Department for permission to tender Jeff. Davis his professional services, and the President has directed the application to be granted.

The *Herald's* Richmond correspondence says, that Ex-Governor Smith of Virginia is roaming in the wood, back of Stanton. He has a body guard of guerrillas with him.

MONDAY, June 5.—Gov. McGrath, of South Carolina, has been arrested, and it is stated that he will be tried for treason.

Evening.—Gen. Grant has issued a congratulatory address to the United States Armies, in which he says:—"Your marches, sieges, and battles, in distance, duration, resolution, and brilliancy of results, dim the lustre of the world's past military achievements, and will be the patriot's precedent in defence of liberty and right for all time to come."

The Mexican town of Poidras was captured by the Liberals on the 24th.

The blockade-runner *Denbigh*, in trying to run into Galveston with a valuable cargo, went ashore, and was destroyed by the United States steamer *Seminole*.

It is reported that Secretary Stanton has resigned, though nothing official to that effect has been promulgated.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN A TERTOTALKER OF MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS.—It is due alike to the cause of temperance, and to the sacred memory of that illustrious man, the late President of the United States, to let it be widely known that for more than fifty years he had been a rigid abstainer from all intoxicating liquors—neither using them himself, keeping them in his house, nor on any occasion providing them for his friends or visitors.—*Alliance News*.

THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.—In the event of the death or removal of President Johnson, the next in succession is Mr. Lafayette S. Foster, who, as President *Pro tempore* of the Senate by the Act of Congress, is *de facto* Vice-President of the United States. Lafayette S. Foster was born in Franklin, New London county, Connecticut, Nov. 22, 1806. He is a lineal descendant of the redoubtable Miles Standish, who led the ancient Puritans in the early wars of New England. Mr. Foster graduated at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. He studied law and practised in the profession. He was a member of the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1839, 1840, 1846, 1847, 1848, and 1854, and was Speaker of the House in 1847, 1848, and 1854. For two years he was mayor of the city of Norwich, Connecticut. As a senator, Mr. Foster was never celebrated for the high attainments of eloquence, but as a committee-man and in the details of the duties of his office was efficient and energetic.

## LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The *Persia* arrived at New York on Thursday last, and the *Pennsylvania* on Monday, the 5th, with dates to the 24th ult.

Paris correspondents of the London press state that scribbling in the United States for Mexico creates profound sensation in France.

The Empress and Ministers are anxious for the return of the Emperor from Algiers.

The London press generally view the tone of the United States Government towards England as pacific.

The French Government has revoked the measure limiting United States vessels arriving in her ports to 24 hours.