

pointed Clerk. Three candidates were immediately received for baptism. On the following Saturday one more was received for baptism and three others who had formerly belonged to Baptist Churches were received into the church. On Sabbath, three persons were baptized and added to the church. On the 9th Instant three more were received for baptism and one who had previously been baptized was received into fellowship. On the Sabbath following two were baptized and added to the church. On the 19th instant three candidates were received for baptism. Yesterday two of them were buried with Christ, and added to the church. Thus the church has increased to 18 members, and three more received, who have not yet been baptized. There are also about ten other members of Baptist Churches living in town who doubtless will get their dismissions and join the new Church. In view of this Baptist interest in Shelburne we cannot but say "What hath God wrought." The seven who have been baptized are all men, and four of them heads of families. Our special meetings closed last night, having continued four weeks, and I go to Jordan River to-day to commence meetings there. Pray for us dear Brethren, that the work of God may still prosper amongst us.

Yours in the hope of eternal life,  
A. W. BARSS.

Shelburne, April 16th, 1866.

RAGGED ISLANDS.—Dear Editor.—God has refreshed his heritage in many parts of the country. In the month of February we commenced holding special meetings. It was soon evident that the Lord's spirit was amongst the people. Many cold hearts were warmed anew with the love of Jesus. Wanderers were reclaimed, and a number professed to be converted. On the third of March, a conference meeting was held in which about fifty persons spoke of the goodness of God; four candidates were received. On the fourth Sabbath morning they were buried with Christ in His ordinance and received into the church. On the 17th of March another conference was held when three more candidates were received. On the following Sabbath they were planted in the likeness of Christ's death and added to the church. Among those baptized are two of my own children. God has now brought the three eldest of my little family into the church, the first having joined it five years ago. O how good the Lord is; all glory be to his exalted name. Others no doubt will come forward soon. A glorious work of grace is in progress a few miles to the eastward, at Sable River and Little Harbour. May God continue to pour out of his Spirit until "the wilderness shall be turned into a fruitful field and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose."

A. W. BARSS.

Ragged Island, March, 1866.

NORTH RIVER, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald informs us that since the beginning of the year six have shewn their faith in the Lord Jesus and desire to enter the church. Four of these were baptized in February.

The nineteen who had within one year cast in their lot with us, together with many of the older members, felt it to be a precious season of reviving.

Meetings were held at Lot 49 every evening for almost three weeks, commencing about the 18th of Feb. The results proved the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. There is now hope that the church which had for so many years almost lost its visibility, (as alas! for want of shepherds there are too many instances on our Island) of 8 or 9, shall arise again in her strength and zeal for her Master. Last Sabbath we baptized four. Baptism does not save us; but no man can be saved without the spirit of obedience. O for that prevailing spirit to begin with the first dawn of christian hope and to end with the beginning of heavenly fruition.

LAKEVILLE, CORNWALLIS.—The work of the Lord is steadily advancing with us. I baptized five young persons last Lord's day, making nineteen in all since the work commenced. I expect to baptize again next Sabbath.

Lakeville, April 24th 1866.

Out of the large amount of religious intelligence contained in our exchanges, we select a few items as follows:—

ST. JOHN N. B.—Rev. S. Robinson baptized two interesting candidates on Sabbath last. One of the two was a man some seventy-five year of age, anxious to confess Christ at the eleventh hour.

JEMSEG N. B.—Rev. A. B. McDonald, under date the 10th inst., says:—

"We are enjoying a precious revival season at Jemseg; eleven have been baptized, and there seems as yet no abatement of interest in the work. I am all alone. I wish you could come to our help."

EAST OXFORD, C. W.—Brother W. H. Cameron writes, to the *Canadian Baptist* under date of April 13:—"The Lord has been pleased to revive his cause in East Oxford. The church has been aroused, encouraged, and comforted; while sinners have been made to feel their sins, and to enquire, 'What must we do to be saved?' Twenty have been baptized, others have been converted, and some restored. The work is still progressing, some being deeply convicted; and 'prayer is made without ceasing of the church to God for them.'

BOSTON.—The *Christian Era* states:—"In East Boston the good work continues. Brother Foljambe has preached every evening for the last two weeks, and the meetings are still being held. One marked feature of this work is, a considerable number of men and their wives come forward together, and together embrace the religion of Jesus. Every week witnesses new cases of conversion and new inquirers. The work is quiet but pervasive.

In Chelsea there is a work of grace such as has seldom if ever been witnessed there before. The labors of brother Earle have been wonderfully blessed. The number of hopeful conversions has been very large, though we are not disposed to give the number. The meetings have been held in the different churches, and the several evangelical ministers have heartily co-operated in them. Last Sabbath was a memorable day. Dr. Mason baptized ten rejoicing converts; six of whom were prominent business men ranging in age from perhaps forty to sixty years. Two of them were physicians. When such men are brought in, the enemies of the cross have little ability to urge the plea of animal excitement. Among those converted have been some marked cases of the sovereign power of God.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.—The 8th inst. was a memorable day in Springfield, Illinois, because of an open air meeting for the preaching of the gospel by Rev. E. P. Hammond. Some three thousand people stood for nearly two hours to hear the gospel. Mr. Hammond's work has been mostly in connection with the Peto-baptist churches.

In the first Baptist Church, Rev. N. W. Miner, pastor, there has been a revival in progress for nearly three months. Up to this date fifty-six have been baptized, and conversions are occurring daily, and the work seems more powerful now than at any former period. Among the number who professed conversion last week, was the pastor's eldest daughter. This is the twelfth year of Dr. Miner's pastorate in Springfield. During this time he has baptized some six hundred converts, a great and blessed work truly! Heretofore, the city has been like most capitals, fearfully corrupt and corrupting. And now the devil and his servants are organizing their opposition to the revival. The rum-sellers, seeing that their craft is in danger, have bound themselves not to patronize in any way those who attend the religious meetings.

CINCINNATI.—The Baptist churches of the city and vicinity have all been visited with showers of spiritual blessings. The system of visitation adopted by most of the evangelical churches last November was eminently successful. If it could be continued, there would doubtless be many souls won to Christ, which are now in the broad way to death. The great secret of success in the early days of christianity is told in a single sentence—"They went everywhere preaching the Word." When the church comes back to this, then will the Holy Ghost come down in mighty power. Some 300 persons have been added to our churches by baptism; for which we thank God and take courage. There all inquirers in most of the churches. A no less gratifying report could be given of most of the churches in this and the adjoining States.

Some of the Methodist churches have been revived and their numbers increased, and a few of the Presbyterian also.

NEWARK N. J.—In the conversion of sinners God often displays his sovereignty. The most unlikely means are sometimes used to awaken the soul to a sense of its guilt and danger, and to lead it to Christ. During the recent gracious revival in Newark, a gentleman about fifty years of age came forward with his whole household for baptism. His experience before the church was peculiarly interesting and affecting. He stated that he was attending court as a juror, when the Spirit of God touched the springs of thought, and aroused his slumbering conscience. While sitting in the jury-box hour after hour, trying those charged with crime, weighing the evidence, listening to the appeals of the lawyers, deciding on a verdict, and hearing the sentence pronounced by the judge, the solemn scenes of the judgment came flashing upon his mind. He thought of the hour when he should stand before the bar of God—when his actions would be tried by an impartial Judge, and when there would be no possibility of escape through the defect of the law, or the eloquence and ingenuity of counsel. So deeply impressed was he with this view of the judgment to come, that when the court adjourned, he went home weeping and in great distress of mind, and calling his wife to their chamber, he fell upon his knees, and cried for mercy. The prayer was heard, and both himself and companion were soon rejoicing in the pardoning love of God. Then followed in succession the conversion of his daughter, son-in-law and niece. On Sunday, March 25th, they were baptized by Dr. Levy, the pastor of the South Baptist church, all entering the baptistry together, their countenances beaming with the joy of the Lord.

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Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, April 23rd.

The Special grants for road and bridge service and navigation securities were agreed to. The appropriation of \$2000 to the family of the late Dr. Slayter was moved by the Hon. Provincial Secretary and seconded by Mr. Stewart Campbell, and unanimously passed. Mr. Miller introduced a bill to incorporate the Richmond Coal Mining Company. Read a second time. The bills to amend Chap. 89, Rev. Stat., of Harbors and Harbor masters, and to amend the Jury law, as far as it relates to the County of Halifax, were read a second time. House went into Committee, and passing the bills to amend the law relating to Matrimonial and Divorce Causes, and to incorporate the Richmond Coal Mining Company. Hon. Mr. Shannon introduced a bill relating to assessment in the County of Halifax. After which the house adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 24th.

Mr. Archibald reported the bill further to amend the act concerning the City of Halifax. Mr. Locke asked leave to introduce a bill to disqualify members of certain public departments to enter into contracts with those departments. Several members spoke against this measure as calculated to affect a suit at law now pending. On the question being put there were 12 for, and 26 against the bill. Several Acts were received from the Legislative Council agreed to. After some other bills of a local nature had been read. The House went into Committee on the Bill to amend Chap. 25, Revised Statutes of Mines and Minerals and occupied the remainder of the day in its discussion. The object of this bill to extend coal mining leases.

WEDNESDAY, April 25th.

A number of bills were received from the Legislative Council. The House in Committee, passed the bills to authorize the sale of School-houses in certain cases; to incorporate the St. Lawrence Coal Company; to change the name of Little Arichat; to alter and amend the jury law, so far as it relates to Halifax county; and to amend chaps. 125 and 124, Rev. Stat., of the Equity Judge, and proceedings in equity. The bill to amend chap. 45, Rev. Stat., of County Assessments, was taken up and discussed. Mr. Archibald, the introducer of the bill, said that it was based upon the principle that taxes should be imposed according to ability to pay, providing for an income tax. Messrs. Archibald, Allison, Parker, Prov. Sec., Dr. Brown, Tobin, and Blanchard, spoke in favor of the bill. Hon. Atty. Gen., hon. Finl. Sec. S. Campbell, McLellan, MacFarlane, Blackwood, and Campbell, against it. Hon. Atty. Genl. moved an amendment to the clause which provides for an income tax, which amendment was lost, and the clause passed by a considerable majority. The House resumed, and the Hon. Mr. MacFarlane introduced a bill to incorporate the Nova Scotia Salt Works and Exploration Company. Read a second time. Mr. Archibald introduced a bill to amend chap. 55, Rev. Stat. of highway labor. Mr. Charles Campbell introduced a bill to provide for improving certain roads and bridges in the county of Victoria, which was read a second time. After which the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 26th.

The House met in the morning and passed the following bills to incorporate the St. Lawrence Coal Company; to authorize the sale of school-houses in certain cases; to change the name of Little Arichat and to amend the jury law so far as it relates to the County of Halifax. In the afternoon the bill relating to School sections in Wolfville and Truro, was read a second time and referred.

Mr. D. Fraser moved the second reading of the bill to amend Chap. 79 Revised Statutes of Pilotage, Harbors and Harbor masters. Mr. Miller moved in amendment that such reading be deferred for three months. The amendment was carried by a majority of five. Mr. D. Fraser gave notice to rescind. Mr. Blanchard, as Chairman of the Committee on Humane Institutions, introduced a bill to regulate the Pools' Asylum and Hospital of the City of Halifax. Hon. Prov. Sec'y. introduced a bill to authorize the establishment of a quarantine station at the port of Halifax, the Province to provide two thirds, and the city of Halifax one-third, of the funds. It also provides that a duty of one cent be placed on vessels entering the port of over 100 tons. The bill to amend chap. 25 Rev. Statutes of mines and minerals, was then discussed for the remainder of the afternoon. Messrs. Bourinot, Shannon, MacFarlane, Archibald, Tobin, Atty. Gen., Blanchard, Prov. Sec., and Bill, spoke on the subject. The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 27th.

A number of bills were read a third time and passed. The Legislative Council informed the House that they had agreed to the bill to amend chap. 120 Rev. Statutes of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, and other bills. Hon. Fin. Sec. introduced a bill to provide for certain expenses of the Civil Government of this Province. Read a second time. Mr. Blanchard submitted the report of the Committee on Humane Institutions, adopted. Hon. Mr. Shannon, from the special Committee on School lands, reported in favor of the bills to authorize the sale of School lands in Onslow, Truro, and Horton, and against the bill relating to School lands in Digby County. Mr. Whitman submitted the report of the Committee on Crown Lands. Adopted. The House in Committee, discussed the bill to amend Chap. 25 Rev. Statutes of Mines and Minerals. Mr. Blanchard moved that the matter of royalty be left open till 1866, to be then settled, as the legislature of that time might determine, which was carried by a majority of 23 against 21.

Mr. S. Campbell asked the Government if they had received any communications from the Home Government relative to the protection of the fisheries. Hon. Prov. Sec. replied in the affirmative. Mr. Tobin presented a petition from 113 merchants, and other citizens of Halifax, asking that mortgages be relieved from the tax which they now pay. Mr. MacDonnell, as chairman of the fisheries committee, introduced a bill to amend chap. 95, Rev. Stat., of River Fisheries. After which the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 28th.

The House in Committee passed bills to provide for several roads and bridges and other services. Hon. Atty. Gen. presented a petition from the Bishop of Arichat, praying that the College at Antigonish may be enabled to confer degrees, and introduced a bill to secure that object. Hon. Mr. MacFarlane from the Committee on Agriculture, reported up a bill to authorize the Establishment of a stock farm. Several bills were read a second time.

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HALIFAX

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