

sons with countenances sad— anxiously watching for the remains of some loved friend being brought to the shore. Though not personally concerned, I could sympathize with the sorrowing.

Rev. Jas. Parker wishes to acknowledge a Donation Visit from his friends at Lakeville, who left with him the amount of \$163, of which \$108 was in cash.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

MRS. DAVID ROGERS.

On the 28th of Jan., in the 69th year of her age, Sister David Rogers fell asleep in Jesus. Sister Rogers was born near New Castle, in South Wales. At a very early age she was converted to God, and publicly professed Christ 54 or 55 years ago. While in her own native country, she often had the privilege of hearing the celebrated Christmas Evans unfold the truths of the blessed Gospel.

She came, with her parents, to Shelburne, Nova Scotia, in 1818, in the following year she was married to Mr. David Rogers, and in 1821 they removed from Shelburne to Pugwash. About six years after their removal to Pugwash, Father T. S. Harding, on a missionary tour through Cumberland Co., collected together six brethren and sisters, and organized a Baptist Church here. The church increased to the number of twenty-three before Father Harding left the place. Sister Rogers was one of the number. Father H. said "it was a time of love and power, a season to be had in everlasting remembrance." She loved the truth, and by the grace of God, she has always been enabled to manifest her attachment to the church. When the church enjoyed prosperity she rejoiced, and when in adversity she mourned. The last time she met with us, on Sabbath morning, about nine days before she died, she "wept when she remembered Zion." She was a lover of the Temperance cause, and nobly maintained its principles. In October 1829, she was one of eight individuals who formed the first Temperance society in this part of the county. Her work on earth is ended. She has gone home. Her husband and twelve children mourn her loss, may each be sustained by divine grace. A very appropriate discourse was delivered on the occasion by the Rev. E. Clay, M. D., from the words "Our Friend Lazarus sleepeth," John xi. 11.

T. A. B.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

NORTH SIDNEY, C. B., March 5th 1867,—The Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr., wrote as follows: We regret that his note was by some means mislaid—"Last Sabbath was a blessed day here. Six happy converts were baptized in the presence of a large concourse of people, and one restored. We are prosecuting the work of discipline at the same time, with the happiest results, and have now few cases of delinquencies among us. We hope and expect soon to be able to report none. May the Lord hasten the happy day in His time. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord."

The four evangelical denominations, with the sanction of their respective ministers, are now engaged in union services in the Bethel at the Bar. The indications are encouraging, and we are anticipating a large blessing. The set time to favor Zion throughout the whole county seems to have come. Bro. Boggs baptized seven at Mira, as the result of the quarterly meeting recently held there. We crave an interest in the prayers of God's people.

Yours in haste, T. H. PORTER, JR.

REVIVAL PROGRESS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—The special meetings in Portland are still in healthful progress. Rev. E. C. Cady baptized three candidates last Sabbath, and expects to baptize others soon.

The gracious Spirit is descending upon the churches at Springfield, Rev. W. A. Corey, pastor. Meetings have been multiplied, and have been crowned with the Divine blessing. We are informed that seventeen persons have been baptized since the work commenced. The revival is deepening and widening, and many are seeking the way to heaven. Full particulars next week.

Rev. Mr. Rattray, who is aiding Brother Corey, spent a day or two in the city last week, and he informed us that the prospects are highly encouraging.

Bro. Beckwith tells us that a good work at Scotchtown is progressing. It was expected that a number would be baptized there last Sabbath by Rev. Mr. Strang.

Brother S. L. Bishop writes us that Rev. W. F. Corey, pastor of the Hillsboro' Church, is enjoying a refreshing season in that place. He baptized seven candidates a week ago last Sabbath. The religious services are filled with spiritual life, and prospects for a large increase are favorable.—Visitor.

PROVOKING TO GOOD WORKS.—On a recent Sunday morning the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon announced that the friends of Camden Road Chapel had thrown out a challenge to his church to subscribe as much money as they would to the new Baptist chapel at Holloway, being erected by the London Baptist Association. He, Mr. Spurgeon, had accepted the challenge. The church at Camden-road had subscribed £500 and it was necessary that a collection should be made at the Metropolitan Tabernacle to obtain a like sum. They had already subscribed over one hundred pounds, and next Sunday there would be a collection which he hoped would go far to make up the whole amount.

EPISCOPAL.—The General Anglican Council, or Meeting of Bishops, is decided on. It is to take place at Lambeth on Sept. 14.

A lay declaration from 200 male communicants of Reading, expressing want of confidence in the administration of the Bishop of Oxford, has just been presented to his lordship. The declaration refers to the address presented in 1859 to the Bishop, signed by 4,000 lay members of the Church of England in the diocese of Oxford, complaining of the encouragement given by the Bishop to the "High Church system." The declaration concludes as follows:—"Under these circumstances, after close observation of your lordship's episcopal career, and impelled by the deep conviction that the present is the most important religious crisis which has come upon England since the Reformation, we feel it our burden but painful duty respectfully, yet frankly, to state that we have no confidence in the course pursued by your lordship as our spiritual guide."

PRESBYTERIAN.—A meeting of the ministers, elders, and deacons of the English Presbyterian Church in London was held recently for the purpose of hearing an address from the Rev. W. Chalmers, on the subject of public worship. Mr. Chalmers stated that it was his impression that they did not give such a place in public worship to the service of prayer and the service of praise as they ought. He advocated the combination of liturgical to the free prayer, and the use of instrumental music. In conclusion, Mr. Chalmers stated it was an undoubted fact that they did not retain a fraction of their young people with them. He did not know at this moment, though he had been twenty-two years in the ministry in London, half-a-dozen young people who had grown up in the church who, when they became their own masters or mistresses, remained with them.

ST. PATRICK AND TEMPERANCE.—Dr. Manning, R. C. Archbishop of London, issued a pastoral on St. Patrick's Day, in which he says it was a consolation and joy to him "to know last year that hardly any of my flock was found to dishonour the festival of St. Patrick by the sins which he hates." He beseeches them "for the glory of God and the honour of St. Patrick, to take the same pledge again." To all who take and keep this pledge of abstinence from strong drinks, he grants an indulgence of forty days. "Last year has shown us what we can do. What we have done once we may do always. The Archbishop of Cashel writes to me that, for six years his numerous flock in the dioceses of Cashel and Emly have pledged themselves not to set foot in a public house on Sundays. What they have pledged they have kept. The archbishop says their fidelity to the temperance law, by the grace of God, is wonderful. The Bishop of Ferns writes to me that for ten years his flock have taken the same pledge and kept it with exactness. . . . It is my desire and prayer to walk in the footsteps of these great pastors in Ireland; and to see my flock in London like the Catholics of Cashel, Emly, and Ferns. For this end I beseech you for the glory of God and the honour of St. Patrick, to take the following pledge for a twelvemonth. The Feast of St. Patrick this year falls upon a Sunday. Let every Sunday then, be in sobriety like this Feast of St. Patrick."

THE "HOLY PLACES."—The *Moniteur* says:—"The work of construction of the provisional protection under the great cupola of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem has been satisfactorily accomplished. The first floor is finished, and all the ceremonies can be performed without any danger either to the priests or the faithful. The workmen brought from Paris by M. Mauss, the architect delegated by the Emperor, fulfil their task with a calm order and respect for the Holy Place which the clergy of all the worships unanimously recognize." The population of Jerusalem is composed in round numbers, of 7,100 Jews, 5,000 Mahomedans, and 3,400 Christians.—Among the latter the Greeks, as is usual in Palestine, are the largest in number (2,000); then come 900 Roman Catholics, &c. Among the Mahomedans there are eight families only who claim to be descendants of the companions in arms of the proud Sultan Saladin, the conqueror of Jerusalem at the time of the Crusades.

TORONTO, C. W.—Last Sabbath evening another of these delightful baptismal occasions, with which the Bond-street church has frequently been favored during the last few months, was enjoyed by a large and attentive congregation. Five candidates were buried in the likeness of our Saviour's death and raised again to walk in newness of life, three of whom were young men. A number of anxious ones attend the inquiry meetings; and it is to be hoped that many may still be added to the church of such as are saved.—*Canadian Baptist*.

MONTREAL, C. E.—We are glad to learn that the Lord is blessing the Montreal Baptist church with peace, and in many departments of christian effort, considerable activity. The pastor, Rev. J. Alexander, baptized three candidates last month, and again three on the 10th inst.

Last Tuesday evening, at the pastor's inquiry meeting, five precious souls professed an interest in Christ.

Our United States exchanges bring to us news of the Lord's work progressing in many places. The following may be taken as specimens.

CONNECTICUT.—A work of grace such as has not been experienced for a quarter of a century, is now going on in the First Church in Waterford. Extra meetings, commenced with the week of prayer have been continued, and God has blessed them. About fifty converts have been baptized.

The church at Wooster Place, *New Haven*, has got a new organ of remarkable power. The *Christian Secretary* says it contains three manuals, pedal base of large compass, forty-one stops, and 1911 pipes, adapted to all manner of music from a melodious whisper, to an out-and-out hurricane.

ILLINOIS.—On the 28th of February, a very beautiful house of worship was dedicated in *Lamotte*; the offering costing \$12,500. The house is 72 feet by 43, and contains all the modern conveniences and elegancies. In the evening, after the dedication, the house was consecrated by the baptism of twenty-three converts, the fruits of a revival. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Fargo, has been as active and zealous in building the spiritual house as in erecting the material one.

A revival is going forward in *Lenox*. Twenty-eight have been added to the church by baptism, and many others are rejoicing in hope.

Of forty-three lately received into the church at *Fairbury*, eighteen are heads of families. The work of grace still goes on.

For a few weeks a revival has been going on in *Brandon*, and on a recent Sunday the pastor of the church baptized sixteen.

NEW JERSEY.—The pastor of the church at *Cape May Court House*, writes us under date March 11th, and says,—“We report the baptism of twelve converts on the first Sunday in March;—my own son, thirteen years of age, being the youngest of the number; and six more are now approved and awaiting baptism, and the good work is still going on.”

On Saturday, the 9th inst., Bro. Young of the *Lambertville* Church baptized ten converts, making twenty-five since the extra meetings commenced. Many others rejoice in their conversion, and will follow Christ in baptism in a few days.

Bro. Charles E. Cordo of the *Stockton* Church, in Hunterdon county, baptized twenty in the Delaware river on Saturday the 8th inst; about forty have professed conversion. This young and active church, constituted about one year ago, has enjoyed the presence of the Master, and witnessed the conversion of about seventy-five persons, about fifty of whom have united with them by baptism. Their constituent members were forty-five.

The work is going on in *Bordentown*, Rev. J. W. Custis baptized twenty-one last Sunday. There has been no one year since 1848 when so many, as during the present revival, have been added to the church.

The church in *Mt. Holly*, of which Bro. A. G. Thomas is pastor, has recently enlarged and re-furnished its house of worship. It will now accommodate 800 persons, and is a beautiful and convenient church edifice.

NEW YORK.—The pastor at *Warwick*, Orange county, writes us that the Lord is doing great things for *Newburgh*, *Middletown*, *Port Jervis*, and *Warwick* churches. Two hundred have been hopefully converted, and nearly one hundred baptized.

OHIO.—At *Lockport*, a mission station of the New Philadelphia Church, there has been a revival; and as a part of the fruits, seventeen converts have been baptized and gathered into the church.

Provincial Parliament.

MONDAY, March 25th.

The House in Committee on City Bills. The Legislative Council informed the House that they had agreed to the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts.

TUESDAY, March 26th.

Hon. Prov. Secretary laid upon the table a copy of a circular, conveying, officially, the information that His Grace the Duke of Buckingham had been appointed Secretary for the Colonies. The following bills were then read a third time, and sent to the Legislative Council:—To incorporate the capital stock of the Halifax Gas Light Company. To incorporate the Exchange Bank of Yarmouth. To invest in the crown certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg. To incorporate the Wellington Gold Mining Company. To incorporate the Palmerston Gold Mining Company.

Hon. Prov. Secretary also laid upon the table copies of correspondence relating to the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty.

Mr. Ray introduced a bill to legalize the proceedings of the sessions of the county of Annapolis. The Provincial Secretary said he was opposed to legalizing the acts of Grand Jurors. He had received information that the Grand Jury of Annapolis had been illegally drawn, not having been appointed in open court.

Mr. Longley suggested that the matter lie over until further information should be obtained.

After some further conversation, the bill was received and read a first time.

Mr. Pryor presented a petition from Thomas J. Wallace, preferring grave charges against the Chief Justice. Mr. Wallace prayed that a committee be appointed to investigate the statements set forth.

Mr. Archibald thought it unfair to introduce such a petition in the absence of the Chief Justice.

Hon. Provincial Secretary shewed that every person possessed the privilege of petitioning the House. The petition was received, and ordered to lie upon the table.

Mr. Pryor introduced a bill to change the assessment of Blind Bay.

Mr. Longley presented a petition from Annapolis county, for increased mail accommodation.

Hon. Provincial Secretary introduced a bill to amend the law relating to the management of the Asylum for the Insane. The measure provides for the appointment of three commissioners, and of a steward and matron. The bill makes it the duty of one of the commissioners to visit the institution once a week, and provides that they shall be remunerated for their services.

Mr. Stewart Campbell objected to paying the commissioners.

Mr. Annand thought that all action should be suspended until the report of the Committee on Humane Institutions had been received.

The bill was received and read a first time.

WEDNESDAY, March 27th, 1867.

Mr. Bourinot introduced the following bills: to incorporate the Provincial Gold Mining Company; to incorporate the Oriental Gold Mining Company; to incorporate the Eldorado Gold Company; to incorporate the Union Gold Company; to incorporate the Blue Lead Gold Company; and to incorporate the Dominion Gold Mining Company.

Hon. Mr. McDonald laid upon the table the report of the commissioners appointed to visit Mexico, Brazil and the West Indies for the purpose of effecting arrangements respecting trade and commerce.

Mr. Locke presented a petition concerning school lands.

Hon. Mr. McFarlane presented a petition for an increase of postal communication in Cumberland County.

Mr. Miller presented a petition from Richmond asking that the Statute Labor Act be amended.

The Legislative Council informed the House that they had passed the bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Halifax Gas Light Company.

The Provincial Secretary, laid upon the table a communication from the Board of School Commissioners for the city of Halifax. Referred to the committee on education.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary moved the second-reading of the bill to make certain changes in the mode of managing the Asylum for the Insane.

The Bill was read a second time.

The House in committee took up the bill relating to the Halifax Steamboat Company, establishing a line of ferry steamers between Halifax and Dartmouth. The object of which is to renew the act of incorporation which has expired.

Hon. Attorney General moved that the by-laws and regulations made by the company should be submitted to the Governor in Council. Passed.

The bill to legalize the acts of the sessions in Cape Breton, and the bill to incorporate the Exchange Bank of Yarmouth passed; and the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 28th.

Mr. Bourinot introduced a bill to incorporate the Glasgow and Cape Breton Railway Company.

Hon. Mr. Shannon introduced a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Intercolonial Coal Company.

Mr. Stewart Campbell presented a petition from Sherbrooke, for a grant in aid of the construction of a bridge in the vicinity of that village.

Mr. Pryor reported several Gold Mining bills. Hon. Mr. Shannon then introduced bills:—to amend the act relative to assessment; to amend the act incorporating the Halifax City Railroad Company; and to amend the act relative to the measurement of Coal and Grain.

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 29th.

Mr. Donkin introduced a bill relative to floating lumber down streams and rivers, and the removal of obstructions therefrom.

Mr. Bourinot introduced a bill for the erection of a Court House and jail in Sydney, C. B.

Dr. Brown introduced a bill to incorporate the Grand Pre Lodge of Good Templars at Wolfville.

Dr. Hamilton introduced a bill relating to licenses to sell intoxicating liquors.

At 3 o'clock His Excellency the Lieut. Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber gave his assent to the Revenue bill, and four other Acts passed during the present session.

The Financial Secretary laid upon the table a list of all the petitions for money, presented during the session.

Hon. Prov. Secretary moved the second reading of the bill relating to the duration of, and representation in, the Provincial Parliament. He shewed the necessity of the bill and though the measure would commend itself to both sides of the House.

Mr. Locke considered the bill an interference with the privileges of the people, who ought to have the right to decide respecting the measure of representation they should have in the Provincial Parliament.