

model for our imitation. We are safe in following that in any act of our lives. His was a life of sacrifice for the good of others. All that is good, noble or just is the result of the principle that animated him. If we would benefit others we must make sacrifices of ourselves. If all who profess to be imitating that model were really doing so, the Christian church would be as a beacon light, floating far out on the tempest-tossed sea of life, and guiding the weary mariner to the haven of eternal rest, instead of revolving lights shining only periodically, and leaving dark intervals when the confused mariner is wrecked on the rocks of distrust.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MRS. MARY ANN REID,

Wife of Mr. James Reid of South Rawdon, died on the 26th of last March, aged 46 years, leaving a husband, seven children and a large circle of other friends and relations to mourn their loss.

Sister Reid united with the Baptist Church in Rawdon 24 years ago, and continued a faithful member until the close of her life. She was afflicted for some years with cancer in her breast, which fearful malady eventually terminated her earthly pilgrimage. She possessed great fortitude and strong faith, and consequently persevered in attending the public worship of God and other religious duties until a few days before her death. Her communications in the social meetings evinced an extensive knowledge of Divine truth and deep interest in the cause of Christ. She looked forward to the hour of death with calmness of mind and unshaken confidence in the merits of the Saviour. She passed away more suddenly than was anticipated; but peacefully and we trust happily. Her funeral was attended by a large concourse of people, and a sermon delivered by the writer from 1 Cor. xv. 57. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, &c."—Com. by Rev. J. Stevens.

MRS. SUSAN CHUTE.

At Hampton, in the township of Granville, Feb. 19th, 1867. Susan, the beloved wife of Mr. Robert Chute, in the twenty-sixth year of her age.

Sister Chute was early impressed with thoughts of her condition as a sinner before God, and led to seek for pardon and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, but did not obtain peace in believing, until about her eighteenth year, when she gave herself to God and his people, and was baptized by the writer, along with her husband, and a number of others who had in like manner given themselves to Christ. Our dear sister's faith, was of the trembling kind, she was beset with many fears, dark clouds gathered around her path way, and she often expressed her fear that she would never gain admittance through the gate into the city of our God. Indications of consumption early appeared through a long illness, her great anxiety was to be found in Christ. The promise was fulfilled to her: At even time it was light. A few days before her death the clouds scattered, the sun shone forth, heaven opened its portals to her gazes, and when the hour came for her departure, she fell asleep in Jesus. Her husband, three children, a widowed mother, and other dear relatives, besides a number of friends mourn her early removal, but it was the Masters will, and he has promised to comfort all who mourn. May this promise be fulfilled to them.—Com. by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Religious Intelligence.

Prince Edward Island.

NORTH RIVER.—On the 5th inst., I had the pappy privilege of baptizing 5 willing converts. On the 19th the faw wind and driving rain did not hinder from showing their attachment to Jesus in his holy ordinance.

This is nineteen that have been welcomed to our fellowship. We believe there are 15 or 20 more who are looking forward to the same fraternal communion. "He hath sent redemption unto his people, holy and reverend is his name." "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness."

I was gladdened by a stay of three days recently with brother Freeman at Cavendish. It was his great pleasure to baptize seven on Lord's Day, May 5th, and also to organize a Sabbath School of 20 scholars with promise of increase. 21 sat down at the Lord's table, 19 of whom have been baptized since brother F. came to this island. Thus the rod of God in Moses' hand is still making "the flint a fountain of water."

E. N. A.

CHESTER.—We are pleased to learn that additions have recently been made to the church at Chester, and at the Basin.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Brother Davis has recently baptized six candidates. He states,

that things have never looked more hopeful with the church in the city, since he has known it than they look at present.

JEDDORE.—Rev. R. R. Philp writes: In compliance with the request of the Home Missionary Board, I visited the Baptist Church at Jeddore, and spent with them two Sabbaths. The brethren received me cordially. During my visit several families were visited, five sermons preached, two prayer-meetings, a Church meeting for business and a conference meeting were held, two funerals attended, and two happy converts buried with their Saviour in baptism. The congregations were large and attentive.

The Church at this place has for some time past been under a cloud, but we trust that a brighter day has dawned upon them. Brother Meadows, who is highly esteemed in the community, conducts the services on the Lord's day, the Church being too feeble at present to sustain a settled pastor.

Sackville, May 17th 1867.

GASPEREAUX, HORTON.—Dear Brother—Pending the publication of more extended notice of the blessed work of grace now in progress in the Valley Church, Horton, under the pastoral charge of Rev. E. O. Read; it may not be uninteresting to those who desire the prosperity of Zion to hear that yesterday in addition to quite a number who on several previous occasions have been added to the church, twenty-four happy converts joyfully followed the Saviour in the ordinance of baptism.

The day was superbly beautiful and hundreds were attracted from all the region round about to witness the administration of the solemn and impressive rite.

A baptism in this lovely river always recalls the scene that may have been presented at the Jordan when the Great Master led the way which he is well pleased to have all his disciples take,—the soft-flowing river with its banks of green—the solemn stillness—the holy influence that seems to be breathed around, all speak of the days before man had added his own inventions to the written word, or of that soon to come when all shall again see eye to eye.

On leading the last candidate down to the baptismal water, the Pastor alluded feelingly and beautifully to the fact of her having been a deaf mute from her childhood, the voice of her kindred had never sounded in her ear, but God had spoken to her heart and one day in mansions prepared for her the deaf ear should be unstopped and she should join the redeemed in their ceaseless song.

There are also some tokens for good in the Wolfville church and the earnest prayer of believers, is, that the shower that is so blessedly descending upon our neighborhood may extend to us and that God even our God may bless us.

Wolfville, June 8.

SPRINGFIELD N.B.—Rev. W. A. Corey writes to the Ch. Visitor:—"Some of the aged and many of the young have professed their new-born faith and followed Christ in baptism. Last Sabbath I baptized nine, and Thursday (yesterday) seven—making in all sixty-three since the work began, the first of March. Some Sabbaths there was but one baptized, and one Sabbath there were twenty, and still I hope to see others gathered in. God has turned our captivity as the streams in the south. 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.' God has revived his work the whole length of this Bay, the Baptist and F. C. Baptist churches further down have been greatly revived and enlarged. There have been about 130 baptized—up and down this bay, and yet there is room. May God continue to work till all shall know him."

LOWER WICKHAM, N. B.—Rev. J. M. Currie also says:—"The Church here is a united and praying Church. They have gone forth weeping bearing precious seed, and now they are returning with rejoicing bringing their sheaves with them. We have been holding special meetings since the 13th inst., with good effect, as it told yesterday (Sabbath) when it was my inexpressible delight to lead twelve happy believers into the waters of the Washademoack and immerse them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Church and her minister are very happy. Our prospects are encouraging. Brother W. A. Troop has been with us and rendered good service.

The Church in Kars has been much revived, within the past six weeks, and twelve happy converts added to her numbers by baptism.

Dear Brother, while I write, my soul doth magnify the Lord for his great goodness to his people."

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Opening of the Pictou Railway.

On Friday last, the 31st of May, the time appointed for the completing this extension of the eastern line from Truro to Pictou, Sanford Fleming, Esq., with about five hundred Halifax gentlemen, invited by him, celebrated the opening by a trip from Halifax to Pictou. We much regretted that we were prevented by other engagements from accepting the invitation. His Excellency Sir W. F. Williams and staff, with the leading merchants and gentlemen of the city, the city officials, clergymen, army and navy, lawyers and doctors, &c. The rain, which continued through the day, interfered somewhat with the pleasure of the occasion.

Seven cars crowded with Mr. Fleming's guests, left Richmond about 7 past 7, and went on to New Lairg, where a lunch was prepared in the culvert. After a short stay they were met by a train from New Glasgow and Pictou, with guests from those places. Passing on together the company arrived at Fisher's Grant opposite Pictou town, a distance of 110 miles, about 4 o'clock. Here a dinner awaited them. After dinner some time was given to speech-making. His Excellency formally pronounced the road opened for traffic, and passed a high compliment on Mr. Fleming for his promptness and expedition in completing the road. Various patriotic and other toasts were pronounced and responded to.

The following gentlemen were the speakers, Sir W. F. Williams, Capt. Gordon, Col. Lowrie, Archbishop Connolly, Hon. Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Holmes, Avarad Longley, Esq., John Tobin, Esq., Hon. Financial Secretary, His Worship the Mayor of Halifax. After which Mr. Fleming made the following modest speech:—

Mr. Fleming, in reply to the toast of the Mayor, thanked His Excellency and the gentlemen present for the high honor they had all done him, and expressed how much pleasure it gave him to see them all at the terminus of the new Railway on this particular occasion. With regard to the work just brought to a successful issue, he felt that he had only done his duty and what any other gentleman in the same position as himself would have done. He thanked them all again most sincerely.

This was in fine keeping with Mr. Fleming's excellent motto, "Let the deed show."

The company returned to the city at about 7 past 1 the following morning.

The Unionist very properly concludes its notice of the celebration with the following:

"Mr. Fleming has at last and most successfully silenced his detractors, not by words, but by deeds, for at every mention of his name on this festive occasion joyous acclamations rent the welkin from the lips of all present. If Canada has any more such men, we should be glad to see them in our midst, and we faintly hope, when the great Intercolonial comes to be constructed, to see Fleming as its head. He has fairly earned such a position."

POLITICAL.—The campaign is now fairly open, and the two hostile armies are in vigorous activity. In several counties the parties have mustered their forces, and the candidates have been nominated. We are informed that there will probably be no contest in Cumberland County, although it is said by others that Mr. Annand will run against Dr. Tupper.

Hon. Dr. Tupper has written to Hon. Joseph Howe, charging him with having assailed him and offering to meet him in Temperance Hall some day this week "for the purpose of discussing the issues now before the electors of this Province." Mr. Howe replied that he could not do so as he had several engagements in Colchester, and in Cumberland among his (Dr. Tupper's) constituents and took it for granted that he (Dr. T.) would be present. Dr. Tupper in reply, says "I thank you for the invitation to attend the public meetings to be held in Truro, and in Cumberland where it will give me much pleasure to meet you." Mr. Howe replies "As the challenged party, I have the right to choose the ground, and in selecting your own county and that of Mr. Archibald, you must admit I give you every advantage."

The meeting at Truro was to be held yesterday, and we presume there was a great gathering and some tall speaking on both sides.

HANTS CO.—It has been stated that the Hon. Joseph Howe will be the candidate for Ottawa from this county, and Messrs. Lawrence and King, for the Nova Scotia Legislature. But the Unionist states that "it is understood that J. King, Esq., M.P.P. has declined the nomination to run for the Local Parliament, but will contest the seat for Ottawa against Mr. Howe.

SHELburne Co.—The following gentlemen have been nominated for the approaching election:—Robert McIntosh, Esq., for the Dominion, and Robert Robertson and Thomas Johnston, Esqrs., for the Provincial Legislature.

A complimentary resolution to John Locke, Esq. on his expected elevation to the Senate was passed unanimously.

LATEST FROM UNITED STATES.

May 27.—The capture of Queretaro, Mexico, together with Maximilian and all his force, is officially announced. The Liberals had started for the city of Mexico. It is reported that Juarez had ordered Maximilian to be shot.

WASHINGTON, 28.—The news of the capture of Queretaro and Maximilian, and several of his officers, by Juárez, creates considerable excitement in this city, particularly the report that Juárez has ordered the captives to be shot. Although Juárez did not give positive assurance to the U. S. Minister that Maximilian and his officers should not be shot, it is believed in official circles that he will regard the wishes of the U. S. authorities in this matter and spare the lives of his prisoners.

NEW YORK, June 1.—The Herald's New Orleans special says the city of Mexico has certainly capitulated. General Obaran was shot there for correspondence with the Liberals.

Maximilian and all of his officers above the rank of Lieutenants, are reported to have been shot at seven o'clock on the 10th inst. By officers who had arrived at Brownsville on the 28th May, from Queretaro, private letters received state that Juárez had ordered Escobedo to execute Maximilian and his Generals.

The official newspaper at San Louis, after narrating the particulars of the fall of Queretaro, states that the Secretary of War had forwarded orders to Escobedo on the 15th inst., to shoot Maximilian and his Generals.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, May 27.—The question whether the death sentence of the Fenian prisoners shall be carried out or not, engrossed public attention. The press of England and Ireland generally urge that the sentence be commuted to imprisonment for life. A despatch from Dublin states that the jury have brought in a verdict of guilty against the prisoner O'Brien, but coupled with "a recommendation to mercy. It is said the American Minister Mr. Adams will interpose his good offices to save McClure from the scaffold.

May 28.—The clauses of the Reform Bill, providing for a more liberal extension of the franchise have been adopted by the House of Commons.

At the close of the session to-night all the sections of the Reform Bill, as amended, had been accepted by the House of Commons, with the exception of that portion of the bill which provides for the redistribution of seats in Parliament. In the House of Lords to-night the bill containing the suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus in Ireland passed.

May 30.—The unfortunate fate of Maximilian creates intense and painful feeling and anxiety throughout Europe. In the House of Commons to-night, Lord Stanley, in reply to a question as to the safety of the Mexican Emperor, said that the Government had received no official information on the subject.

Despatches received last night from the Continent indicate that fresh complications, the character of which is not definitely known, have arisen on the Schleswig question.

May 31.—The regular weekly statement of the Bank of England, published this morning, shows that the bullion in that institution has increased £753,000 sterling.

The Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount to 2½ per cent. This very favorable financial exhibition shows activity and buoyancy in the money market, and Consols have advanced to 95½ for money.

In the case of the United States vs Biolean, the appeal has been admitted by the court.

In the House of Commons to-night, another discussion took place on the Reform Bill. An amendment was proposed by the Liberals, requiring that a borough shall have a population of not less than 10,000, in order that it be entitled to a member in the House of Commons.—The division resulted in the victory for the Liberals who carried their amendment by a majority of 127.

IRELAND.—Cork, May 28.—The prisoner O'Brien, who was yesterday declared guilty of high treason by the jury, was to-day sentenced by the judge to suffer the extreme penalty of the law. It is thought, however, that the sentence will be commuted to imprisonment for life in common with other prisoners who had previously been condemned to die.

May 31.—The trial of Condon before the Special Commission, has resulted in his acquittal.

FRANCE.—Paris, May 29.—The Government has taken measures to greatly reduce the number of troops in the standing army.

PRUSSIA.—Berlin, May 31.—In the Prussian Parliament to-day the Bill adopting the new Constitution for North German Confederation, passed its second reading.

SPAIN.—Madrid, May 29.—The Spanish fleet in the Pacific Ocean is to be materially strengthened.

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