

For the Christian Messenger.

Revival at Amherst Shore.

Mr. Editor,—

A letter recently received from my eldest daughter, the wife of Rev. Thomas Bleakney— laboring at Dorchester, but his family are still at Amherst Shore—communicates the pleasing intelligence of a gracious work in that place.

Under date of April 1st she writes substantially as follows:—The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. You remember, no doubt, when you were here [in September last] Brother Caleb Spragg came in one evening. Shortly after he came again, and preached to us. I believe the Lord sent him with a message to the people. His services were engaged for a year one half of the time. The Lord has owned and blessed his labors. The gospel has been proclaimed fervently and affectionately. The exceeding sinfulness of sin; the utter inability of the sinner to do any thing toward his own salvation, and the ability and willingness of Christ to save to the uttermost all that come to Him, have been exhibited: and this has had the desired effect of quickening, and enlivening Christians; and of causing sinners to fear and tremble, and call upon the name of the Lord, who has heard and answered their petitions.

Mrs. Bleakney adds, that on the 24th day of March, two of her sons, with three other young persons, were buried with Christ in baptism. On the Saturday following (30th) others were received for baptism: but Bro. Spragg, who had been laboring indefatigably for a length of time, suddenly became very ill. Medical aid was, however, by the Divine blessing, affording encouragement with reference to his ultimate recovery. It seems, indeed, a mysterious allotment of Providence that, just at this juncture, when some had been brought into liberty, and numbers were deeply impressed, our ministering Brother should be laid by: but this is not a solitary instance of the kind. It is to be hoped that ministerial aid will be afforded, and that, by whatever means God may be pleased to carry on His work, it may advance and prosper.

Yours in gospel bonds,  
CHARLES TUPPER.

Aylesford, April 16, 1867.

BRIDGEWATER.—A member of this Church informs us that one portion of the Bridgewater Baptist Church, some 12 miles distant, is enjoying a gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, under the earnest labors of Rev. S. March. Several are to be immersed in LaHave next Sabbath. The Methodists as well as the Baptists, are gathering in the harvest.

DIGBY NECK.—Rev. J. C. Morse says in a prospectus:—There is evidently a revival of religion in progress in the 1st Digby Neck, Baptist Church. Backsliders are returning to God, sinners are being converted. I baptized one a fortnight since. Others are coming. God grant us a glorious harvest."

HOLLAND.—Letter from Mr. De Neui.—On the 20th of October the church in Franeker was organized in due form. At 4 P.M., the brethren met in the chapel. After singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer, the minutes were read, and it was voted unanimously to form an independent church.

The commencement of this church is as follows: In 1857, with another brother, I made a journey to Netherlands, when we made the acquaintance of Rev. Mr. W., who visited us in Ihren in 1859. Our visit to him and his to us, together with our mutual correspondence, led to discussion on the subject of baptism, which led him to bring up the topic for debate at the Synod of the "Seceders," held at Herenveen, Friesland. The preacher here, Mr. Peters, was so much excited that he undertook to publish a book on infant baptism. One of our brethren replied. The reply was read, the truth confessed, and we received a written request, addressed to us in Ihren, inviting us to visit them. On the 18th of April, 1864, in company with another brother, I came hither, delegated by the church in Ihren. On the 21st, I preached for the first time in a private house. The next Sabbath afternoon the minister of the Mennonites kindly offered us the use of his chapel, which has since become our property, and here I proclaimed the gospel. On the evening of the same day I preached again in the private house, according to request, on the subject of baptism. We had a blessed season.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

Died very suddenly at Granville Ferry, Annapolis Co., on the 29th March 1867, aged 25 years, Georgiana, the beloved wife of Captain Robert Wylie, and daughter of the late Jacob Hartshorne Esq., of New York.

The deceased was a native of Norfolk in the State of Virginia, but removed early in life with her parents to the City of New York, when she was married in December 1867 to Capt. R. Wylie of Granville, N. S. After accompanying her husband in a voyage to the Mediterranean she settled at Granville Ferry in June 1865. Here, by her amiability and intelligence she

won the respect and esteem of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. On Friday the 29th ult., she complained of feeling ill and in about 15 minutes afterwards expired, the sad tidings having been communicated by telegraph to her husband, then in Boston. he was enabled to reach the scene of sorrow the day before the interment. The funeral was very largely attended and the services deeply solemn and impressive. This mournful providence has cast a gloom over the community and brought sorrow to many hearts. A fond husband has thus been bereaved of an affectionate wife, two promising children of a faithful mother, parents and grandparents of one they tenderly loved, and society of an intelligent and highly respected member; but the hope is cherished that the loss of earthly friends is the eternal gain of the departed.—(New York and Boston papers please copy.)

Provincial Parliament.

TUESDAY, April 16th.

A number of bills were read a third time, and sent to the Legislative Council. Hon. Prov. Secretary laid upon the table the report on St. Peter's Canal.

Mr. Annand, from the committee on trade and manufactures, reported a bill to further amend chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes of Drawbacks.

Mr. Archibald, presented a report from the committee on laws and privileges, consisting of several bills, one of which was to amend chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes, of license to sell liquor.

Some discussion took place on the bill, so far as related to the county of Pictou. The object is to authorize the sessions to appropriate the funds realized from granting of licenses, irrespective of townships and districts. The committee recommended deferring the bill three months.

Hon. Fin. Sec. moved in amendment that it be referred to a committee of the whole House which was lost, and the bill deferred.

Hon. Prov. Sec. laid on the table the annual report of the Legislative Library.

The House in committee on Bills passed the following:—Relating to dykes and sewers; to amend chap. 127 of the Revised Statutes of Probate; to amend chap. 135 of the Revised Statutes relative to witnesses fees; to incorporate the Pictou Mechanics Institute Savings Bank; The committee then adjourned and the House resumed.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a bill to provide for the holding of a Provincial Exhibition in Halifax in 1868. The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 17th.

Several Bills passed in committee on the previous day were read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Fin. Secretary laid on the table a resolution appropriating \$50,000 to each county extra grant for roads and bridges.

This was of course the signal for a number of members to urge the special claims of their constituents, to a larger portion of this amount. After which and various explanations from members of the government, the resolution passed without amendment.

Mr. Blanchard presented a petition from the Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph Company.

Mr. Shannon presented a Bill to incorporate the Halifax Asylum for the Blind.

Mr. Blanchard, from the committee on Humane Institutions, laid on the table their report stating that they had given the complaint against Dr. Dewoll, as well as the Doctor's reply thereto, a patient and impartial investigation and they fully exonerated the Doctor and the other officials of the Asylum, from any blame, with reference to the case of the young man Harley. They also reported favorably of the management of the Institution of the Deaf and Dumb.

Mr. Pryor, from the committee on Private and Local Bills, reported several Bills.

Mr. MacDonald introduced a Bill to establish a new Polling district in Inverness. The House adjourned until Saturday.

SATURDAY, April 20th.

Hon. Prov. Secretary introduced a bill relative to the examination of school teachers, also a bill providing that all male persons above the age of twenty-one, in the city of Halifax, who are not taxed on property, shall pay an annual school tax of one dollar each.

The House in committee of the whole, passed the bill to provide for the appointment of three Commissioners of the Lunatic Asylum, and an assistant Physician.

The bill to incorporate the Consumers Gas Company of Halifax, was taken up, which after considerable discussion passed.

The House resumed when Mr. Miller introduced a bill relative to the granting of liquor licenses.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition praying for the establishment of a branch of the Provincial Savings Bank at Annapolis. The House adjourned.

MONDAY, April 22nd.

Mr. Pryor introduced a bill to incorporate the Merchants Marine Insurance Company, also a bill relating to rag and junk shops.

Hon. Mr. Shannon, from the committee on city bills, reported a bill relating to the City Market House, also in favor of allowing the City Council to deal with the license question as they thought proper.

Some remarks were made by the Hon. Prov. Secretary and Mr. Annand, respecting the representation of Halifax County.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Provincial Secretary's Office,  
16th April, 1867.

APPOINTMENTS:

Pictou Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—James Cummings, Fox Brook; Daniel McLean; New Glasgow; Alexander McLeod, do.; Donald Ross, do.; William McDougall, Barney's River.

Colchester Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Kenneth McLean, on his removal from Pictou County, John Dickson, Samuel S. Morrison, Harris Fulmore, Daniel Hill.

Antigonish Co.—To be a Coroner—Edmund Corbett, Harbor Bouche.

MONTREAL, HALIFAX AND NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Quebec Chronicle learns that Messrs. George Chaffey & Bro., of Kingston, have arranged to place their steamer Merritt on the line from Montreal to St. Johns, Newfoundland, and the steamer Her Majesty from Montreal to Halifax. Both steamers have been chartered for the first trip, and it is the intention of the owners to keep up regular communication with Newfoundland if sufficient encouragement be afforded.

FIRES.—Five fires have recently taken place in as many different buildings in one block. They have all but the first one been discovered and extinguished before they had made much progress. The first of these was at Kinman's Lathing-house; next at Mr. John Pugh's Grocery; then at the Chronicle's Office; fourth at Heflernans Furniture warehouse; and fifth at Small's Bookbinding in Bedford Row. The origin of each one of these fires appears to be involved in mystery.

THORNFIELD NURSERY.—Mr. T. Leahy has added a tame seal to his collection of animals and birds. His stock of plants is decidedly the finest in this neighbourhood.

A SWINDLER.—A man named Cleveland from Cape Breton, supposed to be deranged, who has contrived by forgery and other means to obtain large sums of money and property from parties in Cape Breton and Halifax, was arrested last week and is now in custody, awaiting trial.

A soldier named Summers came to his death a few days since from injuries received at the hands of a man named Mackassey and a girl named Smith. They are both under arrest.

Thomas Murphy has been committed to prison for robbing Patrick McGuire of a wallet containing \$20, when the latter was drunk.

BERMUDA.—The R. M. S. Alpha, Capt. Hunter, from Bermuda, brought His Excellency Lieut. Governor W. G. Hamley, Col. R. E., lady and daughter, to Halifax, on highly important military business.

THE MINING ASSOCIATION.—Two new pits are being opened at the Sydney Mines Collieries—one for raising coal and the other for pumping water.

A new Bridge is to be constructed by the Government across from Liverpool town to Bristol.

A deaf man named Dimock was walking on the road when the afternoon train for Truro came along. As usual, the engineer blew the whistle to warn the man off the track, but did not stop the train. The "cow catcher" struck him and knocked him off the track, injuring him so severely that he died in a short time.—He leaves a wife and three children.—Chronicle.

THE DOMINION.—A Montreal telegram of the 14th inst., says:—"It is now stated on the best authority, that the royal proclamation formally promulgating the Union, will issue on the 29th of April instant, or 1st of May at farthest."

OUR RAILWAY.—The traffic receipts on the railway, for the month of March, amount to \$14,022,95, being an increase of \$920,96 over the corresponding month of last year.

CIVIC.—At a recent meeting of the City Council, Ald. Nash moved to reduce the number of Aldermen from 18 to 7, and pay them for their services. The motion was lost, only two voting for it.

The City Council has decided to abate or put down the nuisance of boys smoking in the streets. For the first offence the culprit may be released by the Mayor, or an alderman on promise of amendment; for subsequent offences the penalty is not to exceed \$2 or 5 days in jail.

The Committee on City Bills have decided to leave the subject of Liquor Licences as at present, with the understanding that the Council will grant no more licenses for selling liquors in groceries.

Colonial and Foreign News.

New Brunswick.

GAS EXPLOSION.—A serious accident occurred on Saturday at St. John in consequence of a gaselier being pulled down too far and the gas being allowed to escape; a light was applied for the purpose of discovering what was supposed to be a leak, when an explosion took place, doing serious damage to the house.

A woman of dissipated character named Sarah Maria Oliver, killed an old man named Mooney in St. George, last Friday evening.

A fire in the St. John Penitentiary on Friday destroyed \$500 worth of property.

Canada.

TORONTO, April 13.—A special despatch to the Globe says a force of United States troops arrived at Rouse's Point yesterday. The impression on the frontier is that a Fenian raid will be made before a month. The hotel kept by McPhee at Hendringford was attacked the other night by roughs from the other side, who were fired upon and driven off.

A pilot schooner with 75 pilots left Quebec yesterday for the Gulf to await the spring fleet. David Brown was convicted of robbing the mail, and will probably be sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

MONTREAL, April 16.—A large number of counterfeit half-sovereigns are in circulation here and have deceived the banks, as they are full weight. A young man named McDonald has been arrested on suspicion.

April 18.—The ice in the St. Lawrence river is fast disappearing, and it is supposed that the river will be open to-morrow.

Father Point Light-house was destroyed by fire on the 18th inst.

Sophia Berseclar (otherwise Joutras) was sentenced on the 12th inst., to be hung on the 20th November. She says her husband poisoned himself.

The proprietor of a private Powder Magazine within a mile of Montreal, who was found guilty of maintaining it in a dangerous condition a few days ago, has been fined \$200 and ordered to remove the powder immediately.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, April 18.—Despatches have been received here say that all negotiations between France and Prussia have been broken off.

It is reported at Berlin that the Emperor Napoleon is strengthening his forces and military posts on the frontiers, and placing his artillery on a war footing; that ambulances are being purchased, and that the French reserves of 1868 will be called out on the 1st of May next. It is represented that Prussia is also making active military preparations.

Imprisonment for debt has been abolished in France. No further demands have yet been made upon Spain by the British Government in the case of the steamer Tornado, which still remains unsettled.

Despatches received from Berlin state that the speech of King William in closing Parliament excites distrust throughout the whole of Germany.

April 20.—A despatch from the Berlin agency of the associated press dated this evening, says a plain for the solution of the Luxemburg question was recently submitted to France and Prussia, by the remaining great powers of Europe. Napoleon has since signified his willingness to accept the proposition embraced in this plan. Prussia, however, has not replied. There is a growing feeling in the best informed circles this evening that these overtures will be successful, and that the peace of Europe will not be disturbed.

April 21.—Mr. Gladstone has written a letter in which he virtually resigns the leadership of the Liberal Party.

Liverpool, April 17.—Information has been received here that the American ship "President Fillmore," Capt. Luce, which sailed on the 16th of March from Glasgow for New York, has been lost. No dates or particulars given.

VIENNA, April 21st.—The Vienna Post, an official organ of the Austrian Government, in an editorial on the relations between Prussia and France counsels its readers not to put too much faith in the preservation of peace in Europe.

PRUSSIA.—Berlin, April 17.—The national constitution which has been so long under debate has been at length decided against the action of Parliament. On the result being taken Ministers unanimously resigned.

April 19.—The Prussian Government has sent a strong note to the Emperor Napoleon asking reasons for the military preparations on the part of France.

ITALY.—Florence, April 16.—The protracted investigation into the conduct of Admiral Perssona, who commanded the Italian fleet at the battle of Lissa, has been concluded. In accordance with the verdict of the Court Martial he has been sentenced to be cashiered from the naval service for incapacity and disobedience.

PORTUGAL.—Lisbon, April 15.—The Brazilian mail steamer which arrived here this morning brings additional intelligence that the Emperor of Brazil, in order to reinforce his army on the River Paraguay, had called the national guard of the Empire into active service, and this measure had caused much discontent among the people, and proved some opposition to the continuance of the war with Paraguay.

RUSSIA.—St. Petersburg, April 19.—Russian Government made a reduction to the amount of twelve million in annual military and naval expenditure of the Empire.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A MONSTER BRIDGE.—The "widest bridge in the world"—that which spans the Thames from Battersea to Pimlico—was opened on the 20th instant for traffic. According to the plans of Sir Charles Fox, the new structure has four river spans of 175 feet each, and land openings at each end of seventy feet.