

hall not others vie with them, it may be, provoked by their zeal to love and good works. We must not forget that in that part of the Dominion known as the Province of Quebec, there is a large field for christian labor, and which by the Providence of God, is now silently, but yet earnestly, looking for the truth as it is in Jesus.

Yours truly,  
C. J.  
Trois, July 1, 1867.

Religious Intelligence.

Baptist Home Missionary Society for Scotland.

The annual meetings of this Society took place in Edinburgh, a week or two since, commencing with a prayer-meeting in Bristol-place Chapel, which was well attended. The business meeting was held in the hall connected with Dublin-street Chapel. Mr. Macalpine, of Paisley, occupied the chair, and brethren were present from many parts of Scotland. The number of the missionaries supported, in whole or in part, had been 23. The treasurer's accounts for the year had not been closed, but it was ascertained that the expenditure had been about £900, and that this sum was pretty nearly balanced by the income. A deputation, consisting of the Revs. Wm. Tulloch of Edinburgh, and J. C. Brown, of Perth, had kindly undertaken to pay a visit last summer to Caithness, Orkney, and Shetland, and had accomplished this laborious and self-denying service greatly to the satisfaction of the committee, while strong expressions of gratification and thankfulness had been elicited from the missionaries and other friends in the places visited. The committee had been desirous to carry out a plan for a systematic visitation of the several stations, and they heard it announced with very great pleasure that Mr. Tulloch had generously agreed to comply so far with their wishes as to devote six weeks in the year to this work, the importance of which they estimate very highly, from the more perfect knowledge which will thereby be obtained of the operations of the missionaries and the beneficial influence that is likely to be exerted in the various localities where these devoted men labor.

The public meeting was held in Dublin street Chapel, and was well attended; the Rev. Jonathan Watson presiding. After devotional exercises, prayer being offered up by the Rev. W. C. Bunning, the chairman briefly addressed the meeting. He remarked on the great importance of holding fast the principles laid down in the Holy Scriptures for the government of the church, in an age when a dead set was made against those principles of order.

Mr. Cruickshank read the annual report, describing the operations of the Society, which had been diligently carried on, and between seventy and eighty converts had been received into the mission churches. Independently of the tokens of the Divine blessing which had attended the labours of the missionaries, the Committee felt encouraged by the fact that, in various parts of Scotland, the distinctive tenets of the denomination formed a subject of enquiry among persons of other creeds. The conversion of sinners by the simple preaching of Christ crucified, had unquestionably been, and it was confidently believed ever would be, the one paramount aim of the Society; yet, in a land where profession—so much at least as was implied by church-membership—was so very general, where, among the leading denominations, the practice so extensively prevailed of admitting to "church privileges" all who applied, with little or no question whether they were converted or not, and the distinction consequently, between believers and unbelievers was, by many so little insisted upon, it was surely incumbent upon Baptists to uphold the standard of purity of communion with which they had been entrusted, to testify that the ordinances of Christ were for those only who had been born again, and that the duties of discipleship could not be fulfilled except by those who knew and loved Christ as their Saviour, through whom they had obtained the remission of their sins and an inheritance among those that were sanctified. The meeting having adopted the report, James Scott, missionary from Keils, delivered an address, and was followed by William Grant, missionary from Grantown, both of them giving interesting particulars of the revival of religion and the progress of the Lord's work in the districts over which they respectively labor.

The Rev. J. C. Brown next spoke, and gave an interesting narrative of the proceedings of the deputation that had visited Caithness, Orkney and Shetland.

The Rev. Dr. Patterson, of Glasgow, referred at some length to the different classes of antagonistic elements at present brought to bear against the Gospel—critical, theological, and ritualistic—the first being represented by Colenso, the second by Renan, and the third by many divines in the English Church. Dr. Paterson showed that the same arguments now used against the Bible had been used and refuted before in the history of the church; and after combating the three different modes by which the Gospel was at present assailed, he concluded by expressing his unshaken confidence in the permanent stability in the Word of God.

EPISCOPALIAN.—The Ritualistic Commission has been gazetted at last. What its character is, may be inferred from the wrath of the London Record, which satirizes the position, ritualistically, of each of the twenty-nine commissioners, and pronounces the majority of them decidedly

on the wrong side. It reckons eleven of them, to be decided Ritualists, five to be of High Church tendencies, and thirteen, that is the minority neither extreme ritualists nor sympathisers. No unanimous report is possible, a large majority will probably agree to a report favorable to the toleration of a much advanced, though not an excessive, Ritual; possibly a small minority will report in favour of the actual practice of three hundred years. No such unanimity as can relieve Parliament from the necessity of judging for itself can well be expected. The Commission adverts to the varying interpretations put on the rubrics, orders, and directions for regulating the course and conduct of public worship, the administration of the sacraments and other services affirms it to be expedient that a full and impartial inquiry should be made, having regard not only to the said rubrics, orders, and directions, contained in the said Book of Common Prayer, but also to any other laws or customs relating to the matters aforesaid, with power to suggest any alterations, improvements, or amendments, with respect to such matters or any of them, as you or any ten or more of you may think fit to recommend. They are also to revise the lessons for Sundays, and holidays, with a view to suggesting any alterations or amendments; power to call persons, &c., is given, and the report is to be made with as little delay as possible. The aim of the Commission is to be the old one, the securing general uniformity in such things as may be deemed essential.—London paper.

MISSION WORK AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION. Many of our brethren and sisters in England have a strong impression of the difficulties and hindrances generally to be met with in the distribution of the Word of God in this country. We, however, have thankfully to record nothing but instance after instance of the eagerness and pleasure with which our gifts are received by all.

The first tokens of success and encouragement were received prior to the opening of the Exhibition, by the brother who has labored so long at the Bible-stand in the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. He arrived in this city early in March, and, speaking fluently several languages, he was enabled, by the aid of another brother, to distribute upwards of 12,000 copies of portions of the Scriptures to the workmen from various countries, who were engaged at the building, and by whom they were gladly accepted.

On the opening day we took our respective positions in the kiosks, although it was unfinished, and there we realized that our God is not only a hearer but an answerer of prayer, for large numbers of copies were sought for and obtained by the rich, the refined, and the fashionable, as well as by the poorer classes. Nearly all classes of society were represented by those who pressed about our stand this day. The prince, the nobleman, the senator, the fine court lady, and the artisan appeared alike anxious to possess a book of which they had heard so much, but of whose contents they knew so little. Two regiments of soldiers, who were upon guard, lining the avenue of the grand *entree* during the Emperor's visit, received permission to come for books; and, flocking towards us, our stand was literally hemmed in on all sides for some time, soldiers and officers demanding and thankfully receiving the Word. On this day above 7,000 copies were given away in the English, French, German, Swedish, Danish, Russian, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Greek, Turkish, Arabic, and Hebrew languages, and no other feeling but the deepest joy could pervade the hearts of God's people as they beheld these portions thankfully and gratefully accepted, and evidently so highly prized, especially by the foreign recipient.

Two Arabs were seen approaching our stand, and the dear missionary brother who speaks their language went to meet them, and, after a few words of conversation, presented each of them with a copy of the gospel in Arabic, and one of them, clasping his hand, said, with much apparent joy and thankfulness, "I have heard of this book all my lifetime, but never have I seen it till now."

I might relate many more incidents illustrative of the favorable acceptance of our precious gifts but time at present prevents.

We are informed that Rev. G. A. Macnutt of St. John, N. B., has received a unanimous call from the Alexander Street Church of Toronto, Ontario, to become their pastor, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum. This church was organized a short time ago; but it has just completed a most elegant chapel, and its onward course indicates intense earnestness in the Master's work. Our Brother Macnutt is impressed with the idea that as the call was sought for on his part, that it must be Providential; and, therefore, that it is his duty to accept.—*Visitor*.

FRIENDS.—And yet it is not seeing one's friends, the having them within reach, the hearing of, and from them, which makes them ours—many a one has all that, and yet has nothing. It is the believing in them, the depending on them, assured that they are true and good to the core, and therefore could not but be good and true towards everybody else, ourselves included; ay, whether we deserve it or not. It is not our deserts, which are in question; it is their goodness, which, once settled, the rest follow as a matter of course. They would be untrue to themselves; if they were insincere or untrue to us. I have half a dozen friends, living within half a dozen miles whom I feel farther off from than I should from Doctor Urquhart at the Antipodes.—*Miss Mulock*.

Many men will quarrel for religion; many will write for it; some will even die for it; but how few will live for it.

General Intelligence.

The Dominion Government.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Ministers sworn in, and Departments arranged.

A Montreal despatch of the 2nd inst., states that on the 1st inst., the ministers were sworn in, and the departments arranged as follows:—Hon. John A. Macdonald, Premier and Minister of Justice. Hon. J. Ferguson Blair, President of the Council. Hon. G. E. Cartier, Minister of Militia. Hon. Peter Mitchell, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Hon. A. T. Galt, Minister of Finance. Hon. Mr. Howland, Minister of Internal Revenue. Hon. S. L. Tilley, Minister of Customs. Hon. E. Kenny, Receiver General. Hon. A. G. Archibald, Secretary of State for Provinces, (Home.) Hon. Mr. Langevin, Secretary of State for Canada, (Foreign.) Hon. Mr. Campbell, Postmaster General. Hon. Wm. McDougall, Minister of Public Works. Hon. Mr. Chapais Minister of Agriculture. Ministry is strong in interests it represents, and will be sustained. Upper Canadian Ministers will carry a fair support from Reformers, and in Dominion Government will have a handsome majority. Governor General has created Premier K. C. B., and Cartier, Tilley, McDougall, and Tappan, C. B.'s

It is said that the following have been appointed Provincial Governors provisionally and temporarily: General Stead, for Ontario; General Michel, for Quebec; General Williams, for Nova Scotia; General Doyle for New Brunswick.

The Provincial Government.

On Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock, His Excellency SIR WILLIAM FENWICK WILLIAMS, of Kars, Baronet, K. C. B., &c., &c., attended by his Staff, came down to the Legislative Council Chamber, where were assembled the Judges, His Worship the Mayor, the Recorder, and a large number of the citizens of Halifax. A Guard of Honor from the 47th Regiment was drawn up at the Province Building. On the arrival of His Excellency a Royal Salute was fired.

The Hon. J. W. Johnston, Judge in Equity, then administered the State Oaths and the oaths of office to His Excellency, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, in accordance with instructions received from His Excellency the Viceroy of Canada.

Provincial Secretary's Office, 4th July, 1867. APPOINTMENTS: His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments: To be the Executive Council of the Province of Nova Scotia:

- The Hon. HIRAM BLANCHARD, do JAMES MCNAB, do PHILIP CARTERET HILL, do CHARLES ALLISON, do JOHN MCKINNON, do SAMUEL CREELMAN.

The Hon. Hiram Blanchard to be Attorney General of the Province of Nova Scotia. The Hon. Philip Carteret Hill to be the Secretary of the Province of Nova Scotia. The Hon. James McNab to be the Treasurer of the Province of Nova Scotia. The Hon. Charles Allison to be Commissioner of Mines and Public Works of the Province of Nova Scotia. To be Queen's Printer—Alpin Grant. To be Clerk of the Executive Council and Chief Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office—Henry W. Johnston.

28th June, 1867. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:—To be Commissioners for the Provincial Hospital for the Insane—Charles Twining, George P. Duxan, John Starr. To be a Notary &c., Joseph R. Hea, Wolfville. To be resident Engineer on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway—John B. Young, C. E. To be Commissioners for taking affidavits &c., in the Supreme Court—Charles Twining, Napanee Clarke.

Kings Co.—To be a Master in the Supreme Court—Henry B. Webster in place of C. W. H. Harris deceased. To be Postmaster at Kentville—James P. Cunningham in place of Mr Hutchinson, resigned. To be Coroners—Mason Sheffield, M. D., T. W. Harris in place of C. W. H. Harris, deceased.

REMARKABLE.—On Tuesday morning it appears that there was not an offender before the Police Court, notwithstanding that the previous day was a holiday. The City Marshall instead of presenting his usual company of jail-birds, met His Worship and the Stipendiary Magistrate with a pair of white kid gloves, as a memento of the peaceable state of the city at the inauguration of the New Dominion on the 1st of July.

We learn from the Bridgetown Free Press that a few days ago Mr. Asabel Roberts, of Torbrook, was instantly killed by the falling of a tree. The deceased leaves a large family to mourn their loss.

A sailor gave himself up to the Police last week, stating that he was a deserter from H. M. S. Rodney, at Portsmouth, England, and had worked his passage to Halifax in a merchant vessel. He was taken to the flag-ship Royal Alfred where he was identified and taken care of.

FIRE.—About half-past 12 o'clock on Thursday morning, fire was discovered in the large four storey building on O Connor's Wharf owned and occupied by Messrs. B. O'Neil & Co., Cutlery, Glass and Earthenware Dealers. The fire made great progress at first, and presented a most threatening attitude for the surrounding property, but the firemen succeeded in confining it to the premises. The hose, as usual, we are sorry to say, proved very defective. The building, with the extensive stock, was almost totally destroyed.

SYDNEY, C. B.—The corner stone of a new Court House was laid at Sydney on the 25th ult., with Masonic honors. There was a grand procession of the Masonic, Temperance and other societies. Speeches were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Uniacke, Quinan and Brown.

CHANGE OF TIME.—The Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia to be held in New Glasgow, will commence on Tuesday evening, July 23rd, instead of on the 16th. Representatives will govern themselves accordingly. The session will commence at 8 o'clock.

COMMITTED.—The man Patrick McMullin, charged with having caused the death of Saml. Gange, by stabbing him about three weeks ago, underwent a final examination on Thursday, before the Stipendiary Magistrate. After hearing the evidence of Mrs. Gange, her sister, and that of another person who witnessed the occurrence, the accused was fully committed for trial before the Supreme Court. A man named Richard Phelan was also committed for trial upon a charge of being an aider and abettor.

One of the Dartmouth steamers has commenced making trips to Sackville.

On Wednesday morning, a servant man in the employ of B. O'Neil, Esq., unfortunately received a kick in the abdomen from a horse which he was attending, from the effects of which he died shortly after. We understand he leaves a wife, and a family of small children.

YARMOUTH, July 4.—A public meeting was held here on Monday. Thos. Killam, and W. H. Townsend, Esqrs., were nominated for Ottawa. John W. Loyett, John K. Ryerson, Isaac Hatfield, and John V. N. Hatfield, Esqrs., for the Local Parliament. None have yet formally offered.—*Chronicle*.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Brunswick street, was opened for service on Sunday the 7th inst. The Rev. Professor King preached in the morning, Rev. Mr. Maxwell in the afternoon, and Rev. John Forrest in the evening. The Church was well filled on each occasion.

DROWNED.—Sunday afternoon, a little boy aged about six years, son of Mr. William Granville, Upper Water Street, was playing, with some other children on Mulcahy's Wharf, when he accidentally fell into the water. His companions were too frightened to call immediately for help, and when assistance arriving, the body was recovered, life had fled.

The R. M. S. North American, en route for Liverpool from Quebec, for whose safety fears were entertained, ran ashore on the Island of Anticosti during a heavy fog a few days ago. The specie which she had on board, also the mails and passengers were landed safely, but the cargo was all thrown overboard. Should the weather remain fine, it is thought probable she may be got off and towed into port without serious injury, as the compartments and engine room are uninjured, and she is only damaged in the after hold.

LAUNCHES.—The ship Quebec, 1600 tons register, said to be the largest vessel ever built in Nova Scotia, was launched from the shipyard of Ezra Churchill, Esq., Hantsport, on Wednesday last. An immense number of people from all parts of the surrounding country witnessed the launch. On the same day a fine barque of 800 tons, named the Carnichill, was launched from the yard of John Harvey, Esq., Avondale Hants Co.

SAD ACCIDENT.—A young man named James Tobin, formerly a resident of Grand Lake, and whose friends still reside there, was killed on the 29th ult., in a quarry near St. John, N. B., by the premature explosion of a blast. A large stone about 300 weight, struck him in the side lacerating him dreadfully, and causing almost instant death. His body was brought to this city for interment. He was a young man about 23 years of age, and a native of Roscrea, County Tipperary, Ireland, and was generally esteemed.

A Mr. Sims, living in Marion county, Illinois, sold his entire crop of strawberries of forty acres of land delivered to parties in Chicago, the other day, for \$50,000. A good yield for forty acres of land for one year.

On Friday the colored man Henry Russell, charged with having stolen a considerable quantity of goods from the store of Avery Brown & Co., of this city, was tried before the Stipendiary Magistrate, convicted, and sentenced to two years in the Provincial Penitentiary with hard labor. Russell had been in the habit of peddling his plunder in the country districts.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the spring season for farming operations, says the Amherst Gazette, the crops are presenting quite a forward and promising appearance. Vegetation had been very rapid, and in a week or two having will have fairly commenced.