

"Keep thyself pure," is an apostolic admonition to a servant of Jesus Christ; and similar advice is repeatedly addressed to the several churches in New Testament times. Its great importance cannot be over-estimated. Shall we not then, so watch over our own characters and those of our churches as for ever to prevent others from assailing us with the accusation, that although we have very lofty principles, and make loud and public professions, yet we fail to exhibit a corresponding course of life? Shall we not resolve in the strength of the Lord to shew by a well ordered deportment that religion is a Divine reality; and (if such should be necessary,) as churches modelled after the fashion of Apostolic times, exercise that discipline to offenders against the established principles of "truth and righteousness," as shall convince those who accuse us, that we regard holiness as essential to Christianity, that those who "walk disorderly" must be "cut off." So shall the churches of Christ maintain their "glory and virtue," Christ regard them with affection, and the Father graciously smile upon them and bless them.

"True holiness will strike its root,
In each regenerate heart,
Shall in a growth Divine arise,
And heavenly fruits impart."

4th. Finally. Let us be strong in our combined efforts to promote the glory of God. There is still much work to be performed. Many moral wastes as yet lie unexplored, many strongholds of Satan remain uninvaded; many thousands of captives are at this moment led on in servile bondage to "our grand foe." But they are not altogether hopeless captives. They may be delivered. Freedom has been proclaimed in the gospel; it is ours to convey the tidings to them. To do this we must stand firmly by each other; combine our efforts; "strive together;" say, "contend earnestly," for the faith once delivered unto the saints; wrestling with the forces of darkness; bearing the appropriate "weapons of our warfare," and clothed with the "armor of light." And so standing, there can be no real "want of harmony" among us; much less will there exist in any a desire to enquire how or by what means relations of so high and holy a character can be dissolved until our "warfare is accomplished" below.

We have been told that our system tends to "isolation" and our churches have been branded as "isolated churches;" but our isolation is only in name. There is essential unity among us;—governed by the same Lord,—animated by the same Spirit,—having but one aim,—holding firmly and tenaciously the same New Testament principles, we are in a position to maintain our common cause with vigor, and prosecute our mission with success. Notwithstanding there may be slight variations in our modes of operation in the several churches, through local interests—we are in reality "a confederation," established under a constitution such as no human authority can dissolve, and no mortal power destroy. Failure in our work will be impossible, if we but act up to the letter and spirit of our constitution, and diligently and faithfully discharge the trust which has been reposed in us. True, we are required to exercise self-denial; to sustain some burdens; to toil and struggle, oftentimes with strong-trying and tears. True, there are disappointments and apparent reverses, and fiery trials to be endured; but what are these, my brethren, when compared with the blessed privilege of aiding in promoting the work of the Lord, in instrumentally leading souls to Christ, and preparing them for a blessed hereafter?—What are these when compared with the incorruptible crown, which the Master has provided for the faithful servant? And thereunto "are we called." Let none of us endeavor to shake off our responsibility; nor imagine, that for any reasons, we are exempted from contributing our proportion to the accomplishment of the great end in view. Here is a field in which we can every one operate, whatever our talents or endowments, whatever our position or age. Here brethren and sisters of various degrees of knowledge, and mental and spiritual attainment may find scope for all their energies. Plans of systematic benevolence must be devised, and carried out;—means must be appropriated to the prosecution of Missions both at home and abroad;—the church's welfare be an object of solicitude to each;—the unity of the body sought;—Sabbath Schools established and vigorously sustained in every region;—our institutions of learning upheld, and rendered increasingly efficient and enduringly prosperous;—our religious services more deeply devotional;—Prayer less formal, and more fervent.—Praise less by proxy, and more general. God is to be praised not only in the congregations of His Saints; but they must praise Him "with the spirit and with the understanding also;" "Singing and making melody in their hearts unto the Lord." Here there is a vast field for action—earnest, hearty, and harmonious. Here there is a "great door and effectual" opened before us; and still as formerly, "there are many adversaries." But in the strength of the Lord we shall be victorious over them all. Let us, then, in conclusion, gird ourselves for the duties which are before us, and with a steady, persevering, active, and undying confidence in the Great Captain of our Salvation, press forward to accomplish them. There can be no doubt as to the issue. The victory is already pledged; it will fall on our side. The ranks of Satan, crest-fallen, disturbed, and broken, will gradually fall back. The enemies of the Lord one by one, slowly, but surely, shall be overthrown—yea, they shall be dashed "in pieces." The legions of hell shall tremble; and the infuriated and maddened armies of darkness shall to despair yield up the field. THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT shall confound them. Groaning beneath the conscious displeasure of the Almighty, they shall be hurried away to suffer the "vengeance of eternal fire." But the once weak and help-

less children of God, who had sought to occupy themselves in His service, shall by that same Power be exalted to stations of honor, dignity and glory. They shall receive the highest marks of heaven's approval. All their self-denying acts for the sake of their Lord, their toils, their sufferings and their triumphs, shall be rehearsed before the assembled hosts of ransomed ones: whilst they, exulting in the "Power of His Might" shall cast their honors at His feet,

"And crown Him Lord of all!"

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. AMINELLA HARRIS,

Wife of Mr. Isachar Harris, of Stronach Mountain, Wilnot, died on the 12th day of June, at the age of 41 years.

Mrs. H. was baptized by the writer about 14 years ago; and continued to be an esteemed member of the Church under his care to the day of her departure. She was especially noted for her pacific disposition, and commendable care never to speak evil of any person.

During her protracted illness—consumption—she was frequently visited by her Pastor. Her faith was remarkably steadfast, her mind sustained by grace divine, and her will cheerfully submissive to that of her heavenly Father.

Just before her exit she called her sorrowing husband, and the child, and friends that were present, shook hands with them and bade them an affectionate farewell, telling them that she was "going home."

At the time of her burial a discourse was delivered by the Pastor, to a large and attentive audience, from Numbers xxiii. 10, "Let me die the death of the righteous."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

Dominion and Foreign News.

Ontario.

OTTAWA, July 1.—Dominion Day was ushered in by salutes and ringing of Church and City bells at midnight. Business was suspended during the day. Numerous games and excursions on the River, and other sports were indulged in. Flags were flying on all public and many other private buildings.

Privy Council summoned for this afternoon, it is expected to close business to-day. Kenny and Howland leave to-morrow morning for home.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The President has issued a Proclamation of universal pardon and amnesty to all who took part in the late rebellion, excepting those under indictment.

The United States.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Delegates to the Democratic National Convention, which meets in this city on the 4th of July, are beginning to arrive. There is much speculation as to who will receive the nomination for President.

July 1.—The four Catholic Archbishops of the United States united in a protest against the raising of a battalion for the Pope, believing that the Papal authorities have been misled in the matter by an unknown person, but urge the contribution of money for the use of the Pope.

July 3.—It is asserted that President Johnson will issue a General Amnesty Proclamation to-morrow, including Jeff Davis.

July 4.—The anniversary of American Independence is being observed throughout the country with all the honors. No business is done. Weather very hot.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, June 30.—In the House of Lords to-night, the Scotch Reform Bill was referred to a Committee. The Irish Bill was passed to a second reading. The debate on the Irish Church appointment suspension bill was continued in House of Lords. Prince of Wales and Prince Alfred were present. The Duke of Argyll made a speech in support of the suspensory bill, strongly urging its immediate passage. The measure was one to conciliate, not the Fenians, but the people of Ireland. The Irish Church Establishment was a relic of ancient wrong and its abolition would heal the wounds of Ireland. He concluded by maintaining that the issue was one of policy not of property. The Bishop of Oxford followed. He said this measure would not pacify the Irish people, who wanted nothing less than separation from England. Earl Russell favored the bill. He said the Irish Church had failed to accomplish the objects of its existence. The quality of the terms of the compact made at the Union of England, Ireland had never been kept. He deprecated the policy pursued on this question by the Ministry, and ended with an eloquent appeal to the generosity of the Government, declaring that if the affection of the people were secured, the Crown would lose nothing. At three o'clock in the morning a division took place, and the suspensory bill rejected. For the bill—97; against—192; majority—95.

July 1.—The case of the United States vs. Arman, builders of Confederate Iron clads, came before the Court to-day. Mr. Berrier as Counsel for the United States opened the case. He charged the Messrs. Arman with having violated their own pledges and acting in bad faith toward all parties, by their conduct. They had exposed France at a critical moment to the risk of war with the United States, he re-

cited the facts of the case and showed that the allegations that efforts had been made to sell the vessels built for the Confederate Government, to other powers were false. He demanded all contractors, builders and others connected in this business, should be compelled to refund the money stolen from private persons. The Advocate General will reply to M. Berrier on the eighth inst.

July 2.—General Sir R. Napier arrived in this city this morning; an immense crowd was assembled at the Railway depot to welcome him, and on his appearance he was received with cheers which did not cease until he had entered his carriage and driven to his hotel. In the House of Lords this evening a vote of thanks to General Napier and the officers and men of the Abyssinian Expedition was moved by the Earl of Malmesbury and seconded by Earl Russell, and was unanimously adopted. The Prince of Wales and Prince Alfred and many members of the Court were present on the occasion.

July 3.—Gen. Napier is at Windsor to-day where he is the guest of Queen Victoria.

A despatch from Athens states that Mr. Tuckerman, the newly appointed Minister of the United States to Greece, had arrived at Athens and presented his credentials to the King.

Reports from China state that rebels have met with recent successes, and that Peking is seriously menaced.

July 5.—The Austrian Government has initiated the work of disarming, by leaves of absence to 36,000 men in the standing army.

Liverpool, July 1.—Corn firmer at previous prices. Wheat and flour still unchanged. Provisions and produce steady; cheese buoyant—Beef dull. Petroleum firmer. Lard 61s. A bill has been issued by the Pope, summoning a general Council of the Church, to meet in the Vatican on the 8th of December, 1869.

July 2.—A grand banquet was given in London last night to Cyrus W. Field in acknowledgement of his services connected with the Atlantic Telegraph. The Duke of Argyll was chairman. Over 300 gentlemen were present.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX ITEMS.

DOMINION DAY IN HALIFAX was not made the occasion of any marked demonstration. Quite a number of the friends of Union hoisted their flags and some were displayed across the streets. But the prevailing feeling was, we believe, that nothing should be done in this way that would produce any irritation between the opposing parties. Although a proclamation was made at Ottawa of the day being a holiday, yet the Custom House officials were directed by telegraph to keep open their offices.

We much regret to have to record a sad and fatal accident in connection with the military salute. As the guns were being fired at 12 o'clock from the Citadel, after several had been already fired and whilst reloading one of the guns, an explosion took place which blew the two artillerymen so engaged away from the mouth of the gun, mutilating them in a most frightful manner. One was killed instantaneously, and the other died whilst being carried to the hospital. The man at the touch hole also had his hand badly mangled. It is supposed that in cleaning out the gun, a piece of fire must have been left in the further part which was not observed by the men. Of course a gloom was soon spread over the town by the melancholy event.

BUSY TIMES—Building operations have commenced on the site of the Blind Asylum, South Commons.—Also at the Garrison Field, for the Military Hospital. The building will cost it is said, about \$150,000, and will be paid for by the Imperial Government.

GOOD NEWS—A Temperance Society has been formed on board the Royal Alfred, flagship. Twenty men of the crew have enrolled themselves as members; weekly meetings are held. The captain and officers are interesting themselves in the movements, and it is likely to be successful.

EDUCATION.—The semi-annual examination of the various public schools in this city will commence next week, and will continue for two weeks, beginning on Tuesday, 7th inst, with the Poor House at St. Mary's Schools, and ending in the Colonial and Brunswick street on the 21st.

MARINE.—By a new regulation, which went into force yesterday, all vessels arriving from the outports must report at the Custom House in the same manner as those arriving from foreign ports.

"DANIEL IN BABYLON."—The Rev. W. Morley Pughson, the celebrated orator will deliver his great lecture on the above subject in Temperance Hall on Friday evening next.

The great fame which the Rev. Gentleman has acquired, both in England, and on this continent, will ensure him, we are certain, an appreciative and attentive audience. It is not often that Halifax citizens have an opportunity of hearing a lecturer or minister who has such a world-wide reputation. As no tickets are to be sold at the door of the Hall, it will be well to secure them early, for no doubt there will be a great crowd.

At the convention of Young Men's Christian Associations in Detroit, over 800 representatives were present from the States, Canada, and these provinces. A lady of Prince Edward Island sent as watchword for the convention the motto—"Christ for all the world, and all the world for Christ." This was unanimously adopted.

SAD ACCIDENT.—A young man named John Kennedy, a resident of Dartmouth, and an employee in the Tobacco Manufactory in that place, was drowned in the harbor on Friday afternoon under the following circumstances. He was in a sail-boat in company with a young man named Sullivan. A schooner proceeding down the harbor ran into the boat, upsetting it and throwing the men into the water. Sullivan succeeded in reaching the schooner safely. It is supposed that Kennedy was struck by the schooner's anchor, as he did not rise after being thrown into the water.

Marriages.

At Mahone Bay Lunenburg, April 28th, by the Rev. Augustus Shields, Elias Dorey, to Abigail Andrews, both of that place.

At Mahone Bay, April 30th, by the Rev. Augustus Shields, John Maryatt, to Jane Lentz, both of that place.

At the Baptist Chapel, Berwick, July 1st, by Rev. James Parker, Mr. James Burpe Parker, of the firm of Parker & Co., Boston, to Miss Laleah Burpe, only daughter of Beckwith Boiser, Esq., of Cornwallis.

Deaths.

On Sunday morning, the 5th inst, James Edward, son of Mr. Archd. Sinclair, in the 39th year of his age.

At St. Johns, Nfld., on the 8th ult, Bessie Josephine, aged 26 years, beloved wife of Dr. J. J. Dearn, and second daughter of the Hon. James Furlong, M. L. C.

At Toronto, on the 23rd ult., in the 80th year of his age, Thomas Allen Stayer, late Deputy Postmaster General of British North America.

At Waverley, July 1st, 1868, Margaret, beloved wife of Peter Monteith, in the 36th year of her age.

At Guysborough, on the 5th inst., Rev. W. T. Morris, Rector of Antigonish, aged 49 years.

At Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the 21st ult., Elias, eldest daughter of John and Margaret Thomson, formerly of Pictou, N. S.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, June 30.—Schrs Wild Brier, Dixon, Sydney; J. B. Stewart, Stewart, Colville Bay, P. E. I.; Margaret Curry, Dalhousie, N. B.; Wm Taylor, Phillips, St. Pierre, Miq; R. M. S. Ena, Bridgeman, Liverpool, G. B.; brig Rover, Ryan, Cienfuegos.

Wednesday, July 1.—Steamer Ariel, St. Johns, Nfld; brig Argo (Port), Lisbon; brig Express, Howard, Barbadoes; schrs Triumph, Rood, Nfld; Petite Riviere, Crowell, Boston; Morning Light, Cow Bay; Eliza Catherine, Marcell, Sydney; Emma, Lewis, Sydney; Hydra, McClosky, Nfld; Hero, Gorman, Tangier.

Thursday, 2.—R. M. S. City of Washington, New York; bark John L. Harris, Liverpool, G. B.; brig Fanny Palmer, Cardiff; schrs J. R. Pouny, Nfld; Onward, Pugwash.

Friday, 3.—Brigt Nazarene, Murphy, New York; schrs J. M. McGuire, Reid, Boston; Wild Wave, Bathurst, N. B.; Adele, P. E. Island; Elizabeth E. Annie, Keating, Pictou; Mary Alice, Glace Bay.

Saturday, 4.—Brigt Penguin, English, Areobio, P. R. (The Penguin made the round trip from Halifax to St. Johns, P. R. thence to Areobio, and back to Halifax in the short space of 36 days. She was 14 days on the passage to St. Johns, and 14 days on the homeward passage from Areobio); schrs Foaming Billow, Glasgow, Newfoundland; Lily of Clyde, Perry, Cape Negro; brig James Curran, Matthias, Cardiff.

Sunday, 5.—Brigt Chebucto, Kennedy, West Indies.

Monday, 6.—H. M. S. Phoenix, Commander Coxon, Plymouth via Queenstown; barque Sylvia, (Norweg) Savannah, Ga; bound to Liverpool; brig Aspen, Forbes, Newcastle, G. B.; bound to New Bedford, U. S.; schrs A. C. Major, Perry, Boston; Zepno, Skinner, Flaister Cove.

Cleared.

Tuesday, June 30.—Steamer Carlotta, Maguac, Portland; ship Nictaux, McArthur, Miramichi; barque Eliza Bass, Convers, Bermuda; brig Susan, Fitzgerald, B. W. Indies; Esk, Patterson, Demerara; Alice, McLane, Sydney, C. B.; schrs Powess, Leonard, Malnadieu, C. B.; Hector, Jost, Arichat; Arthur Marvin, Townsend, Sydney; Sabrina, Dauphine, St. Peters, C. B.; M. E. Furney, Martin, Bay of Islands, Nfld; Chester, Kennedy, Sydney.

Wednesday, July 1.—R. M. S. Ena, Bridgeman, New York; brig Mirella, Mundy, B. W. Indies; schrs Speculator, Hall, Jamaica; Diton, Sands, Pasphebio; Hydra, McComester, Banquero.

Thursday, 2.—Barque Quando, Sergeant, Miramichi; brig Spanish Main, Ham, Kingston, Ja; schrs Sarah Douglas, Douglas, Richibucto; Hero, Lorman, Ship Harbour; Lady Hurbet, Sydney; Mary, Murray, Richmond, C. B.

Friday, 3.—R. M. S. City of Washington, Tibbetts, Liverpool, G. B.; brig Esquimaux, Radolf, F. W. Indies; schrs J. Morton, Knowlton, Advocate; St. Lucar, Fitzgerald, Camden, U. S.; J. R. Kenney, Kenney, Barrington; Flying Cloud, Canningham, Port Hawkesbury.

Saturday, 4.—Brigt Fifth, Furlong, St. John, N. B.; brig Angola, Sutherland, Glace Bay; schrs Henry, Boudrot, Arichat; Alice Myrick; Kelsey, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Kate, McIsaac, Margaree; Lavina Elizabeth, Hawes, Tangier; Enterprise, Barrett, Arichat; Catherine, Martell, Sydney; Challenge, Porteous, do.

Monday, 6.—Brigt Unicorn, Lake, LaHave; schrs My Cousin, Wentzel, St. Jago; Onward, D'Entremont, Lallave; Hound, Williams, Bermuda; Juliet, Simpson, St. John, N. B.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BAZAAR.

A BAZAAR is expected to be held on Thursday, the 16th of July, in the Drill Shed in Truro, by the Baptist Ladies' Benevolent Society. Doors open at 11 A. M. Dinner served at 1 P. M. Extensive sale of useful and fancy Articles, Strawberries, Refreshments, &c., served in good style. One fare in the cars will be secured. July 8.