

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

ELIZABETH HIGGINS.

Died at Onslow, on 19th inst., aged 53, Elizabeth, daughter of the late David Higgins. For many years she maintained a christian walk, and by it gave evidence, that hers was not the mere name, but truly a disciple of Christ.

She was ready to contribute of her means for benevolent objects—Bible, missionary, and educational interests shared her little store. Nor was she forgetful of the cause of her Redeemer as she felt herself nearing her final rest, and from her careful earnings and prudent savings, cast cheerfully and liberally into the treasury of the Lord, and "being dead she yet speaks."

Her faith did not fail her as she approached the end of her journey—clouds did not obscure her vision—light "at eventide" shone along her path—the day was before her—her Saviour was with her—calmly but rapidly, she sunk into the light of heaven.

MRS. ELIZABETH BANKS.

The beloved wife of Jacob Banks, and daughter of John and Elizabeth Witt, died at Inglesville, Annapolis County, on the 15th day of January, 1868, aged 70 years.

Mrs. B. was a kind and affectionate wife and mother; and her removal is deeply lamented by her aged husband, five children, and a numerous circle of relatives and friends. She had long been a consistent member of Rev. Dr. Robertson's Church. The sorrowing bereaved ones are consoled, in the midst of their grief, by the confident assurance, that she, whom they ardently loved, has gone to meet those dear to her, who had previously passed to that bright world above the skies, where sorrow can not enter.—*Com.*

Religious Intelligence.

AMHERST.—The revival of religion in connection with the Baptist church in this place continues. Twelve persons were baptized by Rev. G. F. Miles on Lord's day the 29th ult.

An interesting meeting was held on Thursday evening. After the Prayer Meeting, an affectionate and sympathizing address was presented by the church and congregation to the Rev. G. F. Miles, the former pastor, accompanied by a purse of \$80. A. S. Blenkborn, Esq., occupied the chair, and Mr. W. H. Sleep read the address. An appropriate speech was made by Mr. Miles in acknowledgement of the donation. Speeches were also made by Rev. D. A. Steele, the pastor of the Church, and by W. F. Catten, Esq.

REVIVAL AT SACKVILLE, N. B.—*Dear Editor*—God is displaying His power marvelously in our midst. Yesterday was an unusual day with us. Fourteen candidates were buried with Christ in baptism, amongst whom was my own son. One dear little boy, in the 12th year of his age, delights our very souls when he speaks for God. The eldest members of the church say that they never saw such a concourse of people at a baptism in this place. Our capacity "Beulah" was densely crowded to hear the word of life. Perfect harmony prevails, and the people have a mind to work. Twenty one have been baptized since the revival began. Ride on, Thou Prince of Life, in all Thy glory, conquering and to conquer.

Yours as ever, GEORGE TODD.

COVERDALE.—The 2nd Hillsborough church has been revived and sinners have been converted to God. Strong sinners have been brought to bow to a stronger than they, even to Him that will not give His glory to another nor His praise to graven images; and they have been enabled to rejoice in the light of God's salvation. Twenty have already confessed their faith in Christ and have followed Him in the ordinance of New Testament baptism most of whom are young men and maidens in the bloom of youth. May they long live to the glory of God on earth!

J. E. FILLMORE.

P. S.—Ere this reaches you, brother Irvine, no doubt, will inform you of a gracious work of God in his own church at Baltimore. Quite a large number have already been baptized, and more are on the way. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name."

J. E. F.

CANTERBURY, N. B.—The church at Canterbury and Lower Woodstock is enjoying a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Four have been baptized at Canterbury, and three at Lower Woodstock. Others are enquiring what they must do to be saved. I intend to baptize next sabbath.

E. C. COREY.

HARVEY.—A goodly number have been baptized and added to the 1st church.

—*Christian Visitor.*

GEO. SEELY.

MR. SPURGEON'S COLLEGE AND ORPHANAGE.—We have a gratifying instance of Christian liberality to record. Mr. Spurgeon, on Thursday evening week, on his arrival home from his usual week-day service found on his table an envelope, enclosed in which were bank notes to the amount of £2,000—£1,000 for the Pastor's College, and £1,000 for the Stockwell Orphanage. The generous donor sent it anonymously. The note which attended this magnificent gift, proves it to be from the same person who gave £1,000 to the Orphanage a few weeks

ago. The unknown friend is quite a stranger to Mr. Spurgeon, but not to his printed sermons.—*London Freeman.*

It is gratifying to see published accounts of church progress in various places. The following is from the New York correspondence of the *Watchman & Reflector*.

"For the last two months revival influences have been extensively felt in most of our churches in this city and Brooklyn. Very noticeable has it been, that those churches least favored by revival the previous year have been most largely blest now. Some few, like the South Baptist church, Rev. Samuel Knapp, pastor, have enjoyed a continuous shower of mercy for a year and a half, bringing in about two hundred converts. But the blessed Spirit seems to be taking up His abode in many churches. May He never be grieved away!

The following from Kansas indicates are formations of no ordinary extent:—

"The Baptist church at Atcheson has experienced a most remarkable work of grace. Scores of sinners have been converted; the membership has been animated with new spiritual life; old hoppers have become new hoppers; many who came from the East, the North and the South, but had not united their destiny with that of the people of God here, have been gathered in; and we are singing, as never before—

"Joyfully, joyfully, onward we move."

In November the doors of our sanctuary were open, and were kept open until January; indeed we may say they are not yet closed. Every evening, for more than eight weeks, the Church was filled with people eager to hear the Word which they received gladly. Sabbath after Sabbath, for ten successive weeks, we gave an affirmative answer to the question,—

"Shall we gather at the river?"

And we not only gathered at, but "went down into the river, and buried converts with Christ in holy baptism."

Our March communion was another precious season of rejoicing. The church was filled with communicants, and thirty-two additional members received the hand of fellowship. The total number of accessions to the church thus far, since the commencement of the meetings, is ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO—and, since the writer assumed the pastoral care of the church in May last, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY EIGHT. Of those converted, forty-three were members of our Sabbath school. One was formerly a Methodist minister.

Dominion and Foreign News.

PARLIAMENTARY.

OTTAWA, April 1.—Hon. Mr. Cartier introduced his Militia Bill into the House of Commons yesterday. It provides for a force of forty thousand (40,000), to turn out annually for drill in Regimental divisions. Where sufficient do not volunteer, the number required will be raised by ballot. The Bill divides the forces into active and reserve, the former to be comprised of volunteers and marines between the ages of 18 and 60—those between 18 and 30 to be first called out for duty.

The Dominion is to be divided into nine districts—Nova Scotia, 1; New Brunswick, 1; Quebec, 4; Ontario, 4; with a commander to each division. The quota of men between 18 and 30, will be: Nova Scotia, 5,000; New Brunswick, 4,000; Quebec, 13,400; Ontario, 17,600; to drill not less than eight, nor more than sixteen, days a year. The pay for each man will be fifty cents a day.

Hugh McDonald and Dr. Cameron arrived yesterday.

No successor to Mr. Archibald will be appointed at present.

The Senate adjourned until the 14th of April.

The Penitentiary and several other Bills passed through Committee in Commons yesterday, among them the Bill empowering Banks throughout the Dominion to use Government notes instead of their own.

The following are the appropriations for Nova Scotia Railways:—Between Halifax, Truro and Windsor; and Truro and Pictou, two hundred and eighty thousand five hundred dollars. Between Halifax and Pictou, two hundred thousand. Between Windsor and Annapolis, three hundred thousand.

April 2.—In House of Commons Mr. McDonald said that the Government had information of certain changes in U. S. Customs regulations prejudicial to Canadian fishing interest. He declined to state whether Canadian Government intend to impose additional tonnage duty on U. States fishing vessels. The Government had the subject under consideration.

April 3.—The Bill relating to extradition between Canada and United States, amended by Provincial Governors' warrant not to issue for surrender of prisoners until 10 days after committal by magistrates, was read third time, to-day.

On moving second reading of bill on organization of Department of Marine and Fisheries, Sir John A. McDonald explained general policy as not intended to reduce number of Cabinet officers, but the duties of Secretary of State for Provinces, would be temporarily discharged by Secretary for Canada. Office of President of Council would not be filled immediately. Intended that all sections should be fairly represented in Cabinet, and Maritime Provinces have two Ministers each. Subject will be debated this evening.

Total Estimates for year. \$17,265,019, of which \$5,311,016 is for interest, management

and redemption of public debt, gives salaries, Quebec and Ontario, \$8000 each, and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, \$7000 each.

April 4.—The debate on Governmental Departments was continued last night till midnight and adjourned.

Dorion advocated the reduction of Privy Council from thirteen to seven—abolishing the office of Provincial Secretary, President of Council, Marine and Fisheries and Agriculture, and joining Customs and Inland Revenue into one. Cartier contended that the Lower Provinces had the right to two Ministers each, which settles the whole case, as Quebec was entitled to four Ministers and Ontario to five. The debate is likely to be very lengthy.

Savary has given notice on paper inquiring whether the Government intend to improve Nova Scotia harbors; also, Whether an Act will be introduced to establishing a general Election Law throughout the Dominion.

The Government has granted a subsidy to the steamer *Linda* from Yarmouth to Boston.

Robert Bingay of Yarmouth has been appointed a landing waiter, Custom's Department.

It is generally supposed that the present Session of the Dominion Parliament will be a short one. The reason for this is, there are but few private Bills before the House, and the Government have all their measures matured and ready for legislation.—*Ez.*

THE DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION was formed at Ottawa, on the 2nd inst. The officers will consist of a President, four Vice Presidents one from each Province; and a Council of forty-two, sixteen from Ontario, twelve from Quebec, and seven from both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Col. Wier, and Capt. Gray and Thompson, were delegates respecting Nova Scotia. Messrs. Bourinot, E. M. McDonald, McKeagney, Ross, and other Nova Scotians here, have joined. Annual Rifle Match to be held alternately in each Province.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—The *Ottawa Times* says:

"We are authorized to state that E. R. Burpee, Esq., of St. John, N. B., has made an offer to the Government to locate, construct, and equip the whole line of Intercolonial Railway from Truro to Riviere du Loup, by the North Shore route, for the lump sum of \$14,600,000. If Mr. Burpee's offer is accepted, he will be prepared, on the opening of the season, to place a couple of thousand men at work on the road.—He is already well known in the sister Province having constructed some eighty miles of the 'Western extension' railway, and is a man of indomitable energy and perseverance. His tender will be in the hands of the Government in a day or two."

THE DURATION OF PARLIAMENT.—The Minister of Justice has introduced the following brief bill into the House of Commons:—

"Whereas, the peace, welfare and security of this Dominion, might be exposed to great danger: if the Parliament of Canada should be dissolved by the demise of Our Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria, (whom God long preserve) or by the demise of any of Her Majesty's heirs and successors. For remedy thereof Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada enacts as follows:—

"1. No Parliament of Canada, heretofore or hereafter summoned, or called by Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, or her heirs and successors, shall determine or be dissolved by the demise of the Crown, but such Parliament shall continue, and may meet, convene and sit, proceed and act, notwithstanding such demise of the Crown, in the same manner as if such demise had not happened.

"2. Nothing in the next preceding section shall alter or abridge the power of the Crown, to prorogue or dissolve the Parliament of Canada."

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—A despatch from Ottawa to the *Morning Chronicle*, dated April 2nd, says:—"At a conference of the Nova Scotia Anti-Confederate members, held in this city to-day, it was unanimously agreed to put resolutions on records of House of Commons protesting against Confederation, and repudiating opinion that their appearance at Ottawa in any way signifies acceptance of Union."

THE SITUATION.—The Ottawa telegram of the *Montreal Daily News*, says:—"It is rumored that several of the leading Nova Scotian anti have signified their intention in the event of the non-success of the repeal delegation in England, to accept the situation, believing that to still further persist in demanding repeal would lead to disastrous consequences to the Province. Members from Nova Scotia are represented at being more moderate in their views than their constituents, but until the passion among the people subsides they will hesitate to announce their attention to accept what they already believe to be inevitable."

New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN.—The Mammoth Livery Stables, owned by Brown & Ham, situated in Coburg street, were totally destroyed by fire on the morning of the 1st inst. Fortunately all the horses and carriages were saved, although the building was reduced to ashes. The loss is covered by insurance to the amount of \$6,000 \$4,000 on the building and \$2,000 on the stock. The *St John Journal* says that Messrs. Brown & Ham are heavy losers by the disaster.

Two Insurance Companies, the "Imperial" and the "North British," have agreed to pay their proportion of \$2000 towards the Fire Alarm Telegraph. Other companies it is expected, will do the same.

The ice in the river is gradually breaking up, and a part of the Reach is clear. The first arrival of the season, was a woodboat with a load of cordwood from Purdy's Point, on Thursday, the 26th.

Messrs. Ruddock launched from their yard on the Straight Shore, the other day, a fine ship measuring nearly 1400 tons.

Quebec.

The ice opposite Montreal has commenced to give way. There is an open channel between that city and St. Lambert. A man was drowned on Sunday while crossing.

A paysargent of the Royal Artillery, named Fifield, stationed at Montreal, committed suicide on the 24th ult., by shooting himself through the head with a heavily loaded rifle.

Prince Edward Island.

The Home Government has called upon the Government of Prince Edward Island to make provision for the paying of the salary of the successors to Lieut-Governor Dundas, in the Governorship of that Island.

The United States.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The trial of President Johnson, on the Impeachment charges, began yesterday afternoon, before the United States Senate, Chief Justice Chase presiding.—Gen. Benj. F. Butler opened the case against the president, in an argument presenting all the facts, occupying four hours. The President appeared by counsel.

Mr. Perry, late Consul at Tunis, has received a letter from that place dated Feb. 29, announcing the death of Gen. Qtsman Haslem, who, in 1865, was Ambassador from Tunis to this country. The letter also speaks of a frightful distress in Tunis and Algeria from famine. In the latter place human beings have been killed and eaten by the starving people.

April 1.—A platform, containing seventeen men, fell to the bottom of a shaft in Diamond Mines, at Scranton, Penn., yesterday killing 12 men. They leave 11 widows and 28 orphans.

April 2.—The case of Allen McDonald held at Ottawa under demand of the U. S. Government for extradition, came up on Tuesday. The Attorney General said the Government would give full consideration of the whole case before any action was taken.

There have been no remarkable developments so far in the Presidential impeachment.

April 3.—Advices from Montevideo announce the President, Gen. Eoeres, has been murdered in that city; he had recently returned from the seat of war, the Rio Parana, for the purpose of resigning the dictatorial power, which he seized about a year ago.

A Richmond despatch says that the trial of Jeff. Davis has been postponed till May 2nd—Gold 38.

The greenback currency in the United States now in circulation is \$356,000,000, and \$35,000,000 of fractional currency. This with the National Bank and other bank issues, amount to \$700,000,000; and yet, with this tremendous expansion of the paper currency, without metallic basis, the speculators of the country are entirely averse to any thing like contraction—the only mode by which a return to specie payments can possibly be effected.

The Dominant Republican Party in the United States are calculating on the charges against the President being sustained, and his being succeeded by the Vice President, Mr. Wade. The following are some of the surmises of a Washington correspondent of the *New York Every Afternoon*:—

In the event of Mr. Wade's accession to the Presidency, Mr. Hotley will be probably restored to the mission to Austria; General Banks will be urged for that to Mexico, Russia, or Spain; Mr. Richard H. Dana, Jun., of "Three Years Before the Mast," celebrity, for the Navy Department; Mr. Carpenter, of Iowa, for the Attorney Generalship; Senator Sherman for the Treasury Department; Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, for the Interior; Mr. Sumner for the State Department; and Mr. Horace Greely for the Postmaster Generalship. Mr. Stanton, he says, will remain, unless he should be appointed Minister to England, and the War Department thus devolve upon General Butler, though General Grant may have to say a word or two about this latter arrangement, in spite of his habitual reticence. General Fremont will also be urged for some prominent post. Should Mr. Sumner decline the State Department, it may be offered to Mr. Reverdy Johnson—the gentleman being not unpopular with the ruling power, notwithstanding his vote against the impeachment of the President. Ex Vice-President Hamlin, of Maine, may be urged for the Treasury, in the event of Mr. Sherman declining to take it. Ex-Senators Foster and Harris are also mentioned in connection with offices in the foreign service, though they are hardly Radical enough to expect great success at the hands of the prospective administration."

April 6.—The prosecution in the impeachment against the President closed on Saturday, except cumulative or rebutting testimony.—The defence will commence on Tuesday next.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES IN NEW YORK.—The number of persons annually lost in the city of New York is very large, and the Metropolitan Police have a bureau especially devoted to the finding of missing people. No less than 239 cases of lost persons have been