

things by the word of his power. And for whose pleasure they are, and were created.—Who is infinitely wise, good, and powerful?—Who takes up the isles as a very little thing, and before whom the nations are accounted as the small dust of the balance. And yet this Great Being tries the thoughts and intents of the heart, watching and guarding the springs of thought and action beyond the wisdom of finite man, who can with one glance behold the past with all its histories, the present with all its bearings, and the future as it stretches forth with all its consequences.

Who so fit to give to degraded, sinful man, weakened by the fall, and sinking into endless misery, a chart by which he may find his way to eternal happiness?

"Hail sacred truth! whose piercing rays, Dispel the shades of night; Diffusing o'er the mental world, The healing beams of light."

As this book has not man for its author, so it is not like the writings of man which please or instruct to a certain extent, but beyond this lose their charm. This is ever fresh, ever new. It is a vast mine of exhaustless wealth where all may obtain stores of knowledge. Here the historian and the geologist alike come for information; while no branch of science dare say, I have no need of thee.

Do you wish to study poetry? where will you find such poetical breathings as those of Job, David, or Isaiah? Why is the student of the laws of our country sent to study the books of Moses? It is because his instructor well knows that such laws do not exist elsewhere. Where may be found such deep paths, such bursts of eloquence as on the pages of Holy Writ? It is such as the book, what effect must it produce on the mind of its student. If you would cultivate in the mind of your son pure and noble thoughts, and lofty aspirations, you would place him where he might come in contact with mind of a superior order. But here are the words of the Creator of mind, the source of purity, of light and truth.

The effect of the study of the Bible may be seen in some degree by comparing those nations who reverence the word of God, with those who disregard it. For instance, take France and Great Britain. The latter, which has been professedly a Bible loving country has been comparatively prosperous and happy. The former has exalted human reason, and human tradition, and has been the scene of anarchy and revolution.—Or let us take an individual. We find Byron, endowed by nature with talents of the finest order. Born to rank and influence, with every means of cultivation at his command, he became a giant in intellect. And yet his life was a failure. And at the age of thirty-six, he died a disappointed, unhappy man. Why? Because the springs of thought were allowed to become impure. His mind was not guided by the study of the word of God, although he culled subjects for some of his finest pieces from the pages of Divine Truth. Yet he made it not the rule of his life, and was left like a fine craft without a pilot. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word."

As a cultivator of mind and morals, the Bible is unequalled, and as a chart by which to steer to the regions of eternal bliss it stands alone.—But for the light which it sheds upon our path we must have sunk down forever amid the labyrinths of darkness and endless despair. Like a lamp hung out from the throne of the Eternal, its rays are saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

For the Christian Messenger.

Farewell Donation Visit.

Elder James Stevens who has been the Pastor of the Baptist Church in South Rawdon about ten years, announced to the Church and congregation, a few weeks since, that he expected to leave them soon; being satisfied that the leadings of Providence indicated that to be the path of duty. He accordingly preached a farewell sermon to a very large and attentive audience on Sabbath morning 20th September, from these words, "But none of these things move me: neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."—Acts xx. 24. It was a very appropriate and impressive discourse.

On its becoming known that Elder Stevens was going to leave, his friends determined to give him another proof of their esteem and regard, by giving him a farewell Donation Visit. They met at the Mission House on Tuesday afternoon 22nd inst. I suppose, (though I did not count them), that there were 200 persons present young and old. Many came a considerable distance to show their respect for the good man who was about leaving them.

After partaking of a bountiful repast prepared by the ladies of this place, who know well how to do that kind of thing, the meeting was called to order, and Deacon William Dimock requested to take the chair and give the opening address. Deacon William Phalen then, after a few well-timed remarks, presented a purse containing about 28 dollars, to Elder Stevens and stated that some kind friends had also left some useful articles, to the value of about 17 dollars. Elder Stevens, who was evidently much affected, thanked the kind friends who had for the eleventh time assembled in that room to pay him a donation visit. This, however, was somewhat different from the usual annual donation visits, it being considered a farewell one, and necessarily

awakened different emotions, such feelings as parting scenes are wont to awaken in the heart, and are best known to those who have been placed in similar circumstances. He said, amidst much to depress, he had much to console him, that he had never received an unkind word, or even an unkind look from any of the people among whom he had lived so many years. Several of the friends spoke, and bore testimony to the good feeling that had been maintained between Elder Stevens, the Church and Congregation and the people generally of this, and the neighbouring settlements. Appropriate pieces were sung by the young people in the course of the evening.

ONE PRESENT.

South Rawdon, Sept. 25th, 1868.

Ordination at Kempt, Queens County.

Caledonia, Sept. 10th, 1868.

DEAR SIR,—It becomes my duty to forward to you for publication an account of the Ordination of Brother P. R. Foster of Kempt, Queens County, to the Gospel Ministry.

The Kempt Church deeming it advisable, invited a number of sister Churches to send delegates to sit in Council to consider the propriety of Ordaining to the Gospel Ministry Brother P. R. Foster, now Pastor of that Church, the following Churches responded to the call and sent delegates—viz—Milton, Mill Village, Portmedway, Caledonia, Brookfield, Greywood and Kempt.

The Council met at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 9th inst. Rev. J. H. Hughes was chosen moderator, and R. H. Telfer Secretary. Brother Foster related his christian experience and call to the Ministry, and it was resolved to proceed with his Ordination, at three o'clock P. M.

Rev. J. H. Hughes preached the Ordination Sermon from 2nd Corinthians iv. 5.

Rev. P. F. Murray proposed the usual Questioned to the Candidate.

Rev. J. F. Tooker offered the Ordaining Prayer.

Rev. J. H. Hughes gave the Charge to the Candidate.

Rev. P. F. Murray gave the Charge to the Church.

The right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. J. F. Tooker.

The closing prayer by the Candidate. A large congregation was in attendance on the occasion.

J. H. HUGHES, Moderator; R. H. TELFER, Secretary.

For the Christian Messenger.

Halifax North Baptist Church.

S. S. CONCERT AND PRESENTATION.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

The North Baptist Sabbath School had their quarterly Concert yesterday, and though the weather was unfavorable, a large number of pupils and many friends assembled for the afternoon's exercises in the basement of the new church edifice.

Bro. Robins the Superintendent kept up the interest of all present. One class recited appropriate passages relating to "Forgiveness," another had "Mercy" for a subject on which they had much to say from the inexhaustible Store-house. Appropriate pieces of poetry were recited and catechetical exercises were held between the Superintendent and pupils. The interest was kept up by all speaking out well.

After these exercises the Superintendent gave some statistics of the quarter's work. Three Teachers had come into the School and twenty-six new pupils.

As this was to be the last Concert that Mr. Robins would attend, he gave a comparative statement of the School when he became Superintendent seven and a half years ago, and now. Then there were five teachers and sixty pupils, now there are twenty-five teachers and over two hundred pupils. We have in this much cause of thankfulness to God.

Mr. Parsons made a few remarks on the progress, the position and the prospects of the School. The Rev. J. E. Goucher, the pastor then touchingly alluded to the successful labors of Brother Robins in the Church and the Sabbath School. He alluded to his personal knowledge of the Superintendent, and said he had ever found him a friend and brother, especially when affliction had visited him and his family. Never could these things be forgotten by him. The Pastor, on behalf the pupils and teachers, then presented to Mr. Robins as a Farewell token from the School, a Silver Ice Pitcher, appropriately engraved.

Brother Robins replied in words that brought tears to many eyes besides his own. He received the valuable gift as a remembrance of the good-

of his brethren, and hoped that the future would find him more devoted and diligent in the work, than he had been heretofore.

The meeting was dismissed after singing "Shall we meet beyond the river?"

MEMBER.

Sept. 28th, 1868.

Religious Intelligence.

PUGWASH, SEPT. 21ST.—Rev. Joseph Murray writes:—I am getting established in my new field, and enjoy laboring here much.

On the 6th inst., I had the privilege of baptizing one in Pugwash and receiving her into the church.

On the 13th, I baptized and received two into the church in Goose River. Yesterday the 20th, I received one by letter, at Wallace River. It is a cheering fact (to me at least) that at my first conference, I have received some into each of the churches—others are standing ready to come at the next opportunity.

The sister received in Pugwash was converted at the time of the Association. May our Associations have many such souls.

The United States.

John H. Surratt was discharged from custody at Washington yesterday morning by Judge Wylil on a plea of limitation of statute.

There has been a bloody collision in Georgia between the whites and blacks, in which ten of the latter were killed and forty wounded; two whites were killed. The whites dispersed a political gathering of blacks which caused the bloodshed.

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LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

FRANCE—The military posts on the Spanish frontier are being strengthened. The Emperor has summoned Prince Napoleon to Paris for consultation on the affairs of Spain.

A French fleet is under orders to sail for Spain for the purpose of affording protection to French residents and their property.

France will remain entirely neutral in the affairs of Spain.

SPAIN—The revolution is the result of the union of the constitutional moderate and Liberal parties, in an effort to overthrow the reigning dynasty. The fleet has joined the movement, as the sailors are unpaid, and a greater part of the army have revolted, because they are indignant at the exile of their favorite Generals.

The Church, which is bound by every tie to the Queen, resists, and holds the masses in check.

The telegrams of the past week are still further confirmatory of the report that the revolution is spread over a large portion of the country. The war cry of the insurgents are the sovereignty of the people and an appeal to the nations. The despatch on Thursday last said The Government at Madrid declared all Spain in a state of siege. Genl. Guader, who was sent out with a detachment of Royal troops against the province of Santander, has joined the insurgents. The reports that General Prim is marching directly on Madrid are reiterated. He is accompanied by General Serr and the Duke Delatorre, and it is estimated that the force under his command is 20,000 strong.

On Saturday the official reports received state that the news favored the government. The report that the Queen of Spain had crossed the frontier into France is premature.

The insurgents have issued a proclamation which says that when they are victorious, their future course relative to the government of the country will be decided by universal suffrage.

Gen. Conchas brother has been ordered to command the Centre, Genl. Cheste Commands in Cotohonia, Aragon and Valencie, and Gen. Noraljohez, in Andalusia.

IRELAND.—Dublin, Sept. 27.—The leaders of the so-called Fenian party in Ireland are everywhere forming political coalitions with the Tories. They even oppose such Candidates for Parliament, as the O'Donoghue in Tralee, John Francis Maguire in Cork, and other usually strong advocates of Irish rights.

The journals in Ireland which have shown most sympathy with the Fenian agitation have come out strongly in support of the coalition.

Sept. 22.—The Aldermen and Councilors of this city have passed a resolution setting forth that as all danger from the Fenian movement has passed away, the time has come for the release of imprisoned Fenians.

TURKEY.—The island of CHIOS has revolted from the Turkish government and expressed itself in favor of Greece.

Marriages.

At Little Pond, Sydney, C. B., Sept. 22nd, by the Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr., James Boner, to Agnes Boutillieur.

By Rev. J. E. Goucher, on the 22nd Sept., Lemuel Margeson, of Berwick, to Miss Elizabeth Williams, of Lower Stewiacke.

On the 24th inst., by Rev. Wm. Maxwell, assisted by the Rev. John Forrester, Rev. Donald McDougall, Cow Bay, C. B. to Barbara Donkin, youngest daughter of Mr. Robt. Boak, Senr., of this city.

On the 22nd inst., by the Rev. James Law, Capt. Charles F. Cunningham, of Yarmouth, N. S., to Mary Jane Given, eldest daughter of H. H. Wilson, Esq., M. D., of Kingston, Kent, New Brunswick.

Deaths.

In Pugwash, Sept. 16th, 1868, Mrs. Elizabeth Seaman, wife of John J. Seaman, aged 35 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church in Pugwash.

At Antsport, Aug. 20th, after a short but painful illness, in the 28th year of her age, Maggy Eliza, wife of Capt. John Coalfleet, and daughter of Oliver and Sarah Fox. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Having trusted in Jesus—in health and life—she found him a precious Saviour in sickness and death.

On Wednesday, Catherine, widow of the late Edward Ryan, aged 68 years.

At Milton, Queen's County, on Monday, 14th inst., Samuel D. Kempton, aged 63 years.

On Tuesday, 23rd inst., Annie, wife of William Jackson, in the 60th year of her age.

At Dartmouth, on the 22nd inst., Charlotte, wife of George Shields, Esq., in the 49th year of her age.

Lost overboard, from the Brig Esquimaux, Halifax, while on passage from this port to Porto Rico, Peter Coleman, a native of Limerick, Ireland, aged 30 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, Sept. 27th, Sarah Belamy, aged 61 years.

At Halifax, on Sunday, 27th inst., James Monaghan, aged 20 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, Sept. 22.—Schrs E. Meno, McLean, Newfoundland; Ditto, Gaspe.

Wednesday, 23.—Ship Forest King, Merriam, London; schrs James, Sydney; News Boy, Messervey, Newfoundland; William, St Ann's; Sarah, Doyle, Cape Breton; Susan, Arichat; Sea Nymph, Murdoch, St Mary's.

Thursday, 24.—Brig Chebucto, Kennedy, Barbadoes; schrs Lady Havelock, Delorcy, Cape Breton; Josephine, Farrell, Cape Breton; Sarah, Doyle, Arichat; Villager, Watt, Miramichi; Queen of Clippers, Macumber, Philadelphia; Volunteer, Smith, Tangier; Messenger, Young, Lunenburg.

Friday, 25.—R. M. S. City of Cork, New York; bark Dr Charles Tupper, Chambers, Glasgow; brig Esquimaux, Rudoif, New York; schrs Lady Dale, Richards, Cape Breton; Six Sisters, Inagua; Henrietta, Newfoundland; Frank New Bedford; Pursue, McDonald, Gowrie Mines; Six Brothers, Cook, Sheet Harbor.

Saturday, 26.—H. M. S. Doris, Glyn, St John, N. B.; steamer Commerce, Doane, Charlottetown; brig Sarah, Sterling, St Jago; Kingston, Woods, Demerara; Alert, Hawes, Demerara; schrs Pilot, Gaspe; Gipsy Queen, Causo; Spray, Gaspe; Maria Philmore, Shippegan.

Sunday, 27.—Barque Stag, Anderson, London; brig Minnehaha, Irwin, Newport; Ma-inu, Saunders, Philadelphia; A. R. Dunlap, Dunlap, Boston; W. N. Z. Acker, Sydney; Jane Brundage, Brown, Sydney; schrs Marcella, Faviu, Demerara; Freedom, Clare, New York; Mary Ann, Simpson, Miramichi, N. B.; Native Lass, Gerrior, St John, N. B.; Emelie, Magdalen Islands; Wave, Evans, Sydney; Ninth June, Boudrot, do; Jessie Gardner, do; Mary Jane, Ferrior, Cow Bay.

Monday, 28.—Steamer Alhambra, Nickerson, Boston; brig Fanny Gordon, Parker, Liverpool; Latina, Gabriel, Cuba; schrs Experiment, Gowrie Mines; John Gilpin, Sheet Harbor; Three Brothers, Arichat; Eliza Catherine, Sydney; Isabella, Wallace; J & B, Barrington; Rapid, Sydney; Ida May, Bollong, Montreal.

Cleared.

Tuesday, Sept. 22.—R. M. S. City of New York, Roskell, New York; steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland; schrs Fleeting, Lacombe, Magdalen Islands; Umpire, Hopkins, Barrington; Mary Ann, Leahy, Sydney.

Wednesday, 23.—Brigs Devonshire, Vesey, Bermuda; Eivin Allan, Allan, Boston; schrs Riverside, Copp, Lunagan; C. W. Wright, Dickson, St Mary's; Vivaco, Romkey, Sydney; Adelaide, Lacklow, Sydney; Flora, Lang, Baltimore; Amiel; Corkum, P. E. I.

Thursday, Barque Eva, Hilton, Philadelphia; brig Rio, Johnson, Little Glace Bay; Mary Givan, Crowell, Sydney, C. B.; Guysborough, Potter, Cape Breton; Chilianwallah, Small, Cotte, France; schrs Gipsy Bride, Watt, Miramichi; Queen of the East, Wilkie, P. E. I.; Amelia, Gerrior, Charlotte-town; J. N. S. Griffin, Nickerson, do; John White, Hersey, New York; Volunteer, Mason, Tangier; Liberty, D'Entremont, Port Hood; Elizabeth, LeVache, Sydney; Bravo, Veno, Arichat; Sabrina, Dauphney, Sydney.

Friday, 26.—R. M. S. City of Cork, Phillips, Liverpool; R. M. S. City of Durham, Jamieson, St John, Nfld; schrs Sardonyx, Banks, Baltimore; Anna Maria, Landry, Arichat; Maria Louisa, Rogers, Arichat C. B.

Saturday, 26.—Steamer Commerce, Doane, Boston; schrs Quickstep, Myers, P. E. I.; News Boy, Messervey, Bay St George, Nfld; Ellen, Shelnut, Dehouse and Shippegan; E. Veno, McVane, Courroy, Nfld; Susan, Sampson, Arichat; Evergreen, Gillian, Pictou; Sea Nymph, Murdoch, Sherbrooke; Four Brothers, Muggah, Sydney; Harriet, Sampson, St Peters, C. B.

Monday, 28.—Schrs Lady Sal, Richards, Gowrie Mines; Josephine, Farrell, Bay St George; Alert, Hunter, P. E. I.; J. S. Ritey, Ritey, do; Victoria, Beazley, do.

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