

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mission of Rev. D. G. Shaw.

Guysborough, Jan. 8th, 1868.

Dear Editor,—

Doubtless you are anxious to learn the result of the Mission assigned the Rev. D. G. Shaw to Tracadie and Guysborough in September last. He arrived in Tracadie on the 18th of September. His labour have resulted in a great Revival in the Church, there have been nineteen baptised in Tracadie and Guysborough Road. Meetings have been kept for 12 weeks at the above places. Many have cried for mercy and have been made to rejoice in Christ's great Salvation, many have found peace in coming to the Cross, and prodigals have come to their Father's house with joy and gladness. Among the happy number there is one formerly a Roman Catholic who has been made to rejoice in God her Saviour. She was baptised and declared to her friends the Saviour she has found. On Guysborough Road a place where the gospel had been never proclaimed, in truth, nineteen have made to embrace the Saviour, have Baptised and are shouting Hosanna to the Son of David. From Tracadie the fire has run through to Guysboro and has been the means of awakening the coloured people there, many have come forward and given their testimony to what the Lord has done for them for ten, twenty and thirty years. Among the white as well as the coloured people, wanderers from God have also returned with supplication. Amongst the Methodists there has been no small stir, many have come out and separated themselves from error, and are willing to obey the Saviour. On Lord's Day, 12 Inst, it is expected that about eight or ten of the coloured people in Guysboro Cove will receive the ordinance of Baptism. Oh, sir, we have joyful times here, parents rejoicing in the conversion of their children in answer to prayer. Children rejoicing and praising God for bringing them out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay and setting their feet upon the rock, and ordering their going. Many family altars have been erected where the name of Lord was never heard but on a blasphemous tongue, "O that men would praise the Lord for the goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men." "Praised be the Lord out of Zion who dwelleth at Jerusalem," that the hearts of the Fathers is turned to the children and the children to their fathers. May God revive his work of grace in all the churches, that ministers may be strengthened, saints comforted, sinners converted, souls saved, and God's name glorified forever.

Yours in bonds of Christian love.

EDWARD H. JORDAN.

HALIFAX NORTH CHURCH.—Since the last notice in the *Christian Messenger*, there have been three persons received baptism and two by letter. The social meetings are full of interest. The basement of the new church will be finished and occupied as soon as possible. The present meeting-house is to be disposed of. The time for occupying the new house will depend, in some measure, on the sale of the old one.

ARCADIA, YARMOUTH COUNTY.—The Rev. A. W. Bais writes, Jan. 13th, 1868:

Dear Editor,—

In the South Yarmouth Church we have indications of a gracious work, a spirit of prayer prevails, and souls are being blessed. On the last Sabbath in 1867 I baptized a man and his wife at Little River, and on the 1st Sabbath in the new year a young woman at Central Chebogue. Others are waiting to go forward—probably next Sabbath. We observed the Week of Prayer in the Central Meeting-house. A good deal of interest was manifested. We wish to thank God for what he has done for us. Our prayer is that his power may be more abundantly manifest in the salvation of souls. Brother pray for us.

HILLSBURG.—Dear Brother,—A few items of a local nature, sad though some are, may be deemed worth reading by some of your subscribers.

First. I beg to record two DONATIONS, presented to me respectively by the First and Second Hillsburg Churches. They were presented in a spirit of kindness and brotherly love, and received with gratitude. God loves a cheerful giver.

Second. REVIVAL.—God is graciously reviving his work in the Second Hillsburg Church. Baptized two last Lord's day, and there are many enquirers. We had a blessed meeting last evening. Over twenty

precious souls came forward asking the prayers of their Pastor. It was a very solemn time, and we trust that many believers will be added to the Lord in this part of my field of labour. The First Church is also being revived. Meetings are interesting and we hope the good work will extend to this place, and that our churches will soon be filled with happy believers. Pray for us.

Third. SHIPWRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE. It is painful for me to record the wreck of the schooner *Lizzie* of this place, owned by brother H. H. Chute of the firm of Chute & Dunn of Bear River. It seems she went ashore on Chegoggan Point, Yarmouth, on Friday night last, and sorrowful to relate, all on board perished. Capt. Graham who commanded her, was a member of this church. We trust he has gone home. He leaves a wife and large family to mourn an irreparable loss. Brother Chute's only son was on board. This was his first voyage from home, and probably would have been his last, even if he had arrived safely. But it is now truly his last. Thus are our friends stricken down in a moment. Two others are made widows by this sad catastrophe, and others deprived of sons, the support of dear friends. May God comfort the sorrowing and bereaved families with his grace and mercy.

Yours truly,

A. MARTELL.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Charlotte-town Y. M. C. Association held their Annual Meeting on the 2nd Inst., when a Report was read which showed a revival of interest in the operations of the institution. After the Secretary's and the Treasurer's reports had been adopted, the officers for the ensuing year were elected. W. Heard, Esq., President, Rev. J. Davis, Secretary, H. J. Cuddeh, Treasurer. On the 23rd a lecture is to be delivered on "Illustrations of the Millennium" by Rev. John Davis.

Prince Edward Island.

The Debating Club of Charlottetown had for their subject of discussion on a recent occasion, "Would England be justified in acceding to the demands of Secretary Seward in the matter of the Alabama claims?" It was decided in the negative. The next subject, was "Whether works of imagination in prose or verse afford the most pleasure and profit to mankind in general?"

The Week of Prayer was observed by Union meetings: Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Bible Christians and Episcopals, taking part in the services. The *Patriot* of the 11th, says: "The places where the services were held have generally been filled, and on one or two occasions, several persons failed in obtaining admittance. It is pleasing to see, that the interest in this Week of united prayer has not died away with the novelty; but as each returning year invites to these hallowed exercises many are found willing, anxious, to throw off their sectarian exclusiveness, and heartily unite with their brethren of other persuasions, in pleading for blessings upon our common humanity, and the Christian Church in all its branches the world over."

REV. MR. GORDON.—The friends of Mr. Gordon, Eromanga, have received letters of a recent date as the 15th September. The Missionaries were well.—An idea of the loneliness of the situation may be inferred from the fact that he had not heard even from Annetum from the 20th of December, 1866, to June 26, 1867. The glass falls sometimes as low as 70, when woollen clothing is pleasant to wear. He had two lads with him from Island of Espirito Santo, one of whom has embraced Christianity.—*Summerside Journal.*

The Government has purchased the Rev. George Townsend's proprietary upon Lot 43—consisting of about 3000 acres at 6s. an acre.

The Legislature of the Island will meet for the despatch of business, on the 4th of March.

West Indies.

The following is a telegram from New York on Saturday last. An Havana letter of the 11th says:—"The city is full of startling rumors, which I have been unable to trace to any authentic source. There is a report that the garrison of Puerto Prince, P. R., have revolted because they have not received their pay. Another report is that the Spanish Minister at Washington had sent a telegram to the Captain General, directing that officer to hold the troops in readiness as the American fleet would pass by the island to take possession of St. Thomas, and would try to excite a revolt in Porto Rico, and that the people will vote for annexation to the United States as soon as St. Thomas shall have been transferred."

South America.

By a telegram to New York last week we are informed that, an assassination plot to kill President Falcon, of Venezuela, was exposed December 31st, and several articles captured from the conspirators.—President Falcon had assured his Cabinet that a free election for his successor should take place. General Aristegui

and Sil had left Caraccas to put down the rebellion in Avagua and Carabobo. Haytian dates of the 5th state there are symptoms of a revolution in favor of General Solomon, now Envoy to England. A French sea-captain had killed a customs officer in a quarrel at Aux Cayes.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, Jan. 13.—The prisoners Desmond and Allen, implicated in the Clerkenwell explosion, were again brought up to day for examination on a charge of murder. Many witnesses were present, but the evidence given by them contains no facts of importance.

Papers have been found upon the person of the Fenian prisoner Lennin, which, it is said, expose the whole plan of the Fenian leaders for future operations in Ireland.

Telegrams from "Aden" announce Gen. Sir Robt. Napier arrived at Annesley Bay, and immediately set out for Serafe, to place himself at the head of the British advance.

Warwick Jail where the Fenian prisoners, Burke, Casey, Shaw and Mullveny are awaiting trial, is occupied and surrounded by troops which were sent there by order of the Government, to guard against any attempt at rescue. In the Queen's Chamber to-day, a motion was made by the Council for the defence, that the prisoners be returned to London for trial, on the ground that the bitter religious prejudice existing against the prisoners at Warwickshire, would render it impossible for them to obtain an impartial jury and a fair trial in that County. The motion was heard, and the Judges reserved their decision.

Jan. 15.—The Fenian officers and men who were arrested on 31st Dec. at Meshyer, in South Wales, have been examined and committed for trial on a charge of treason.

Jan. 16.—It is reported that Lord Bloomfield, British Minister to Austria, and Lord Clarendon, have gone to Rome, to request the Pope to use his influence with the inhabitants of Ireland for the suppression of Fenian agitation.

The preliminary examination of the prisoner Lennox was concluded. Evidence was given to the effect that he was the leader of the attack on the Police at Steppinny last spring. He was held for trial on the charge of high treason.

Considerable excitement was occasioned in this city to-day by the announcement that Fenian Deasey, who, with Kelly, was rescued from the custody of the police at Manchester some weeks ago, had been captured. The police late yesterday afternoon overhauled a man near Waterford, Ireland, who answers completely the description of Deasey. There are other strong circumstances with these which warrant the belief that the authorities have not been mistaken. The prisoner, under a strong guard, started for Manchester this morning, where he will be confined with the fellow prisoners of Deasey for recognition. The Government officials are very vigilant. Yesterday two Americans, named Barret and O'Neil, were arrested at Glasgow and imprisoned. Papers found on their persons indicate beyond doubt that they belong to Fenian organization. The motion recently made in the Court of Queen's Bench for a change in the place of the trials of the Fenians Burke, Casey, Shaw, and Mulloney from Warwick to London is likely to be granted.

Jan. 17.—Information has been received here that a very violent hurricane recently prevailed at Tenerife and vicinity. Ships were driven to sea, houses unroofed and blown down, and damage very great, though no mention of loss of life.

The Turkish Government is seeking to raise a loan in the English market, the proceeds of which are to be applied to improving navigation at the mouth of the Danube.

Advices from Hong Kong and Shanghai have been received, which state that another battle had been fought between the rebels and Imperialists at Shangturn. The Imperialist army, which was under the command of Fotal, was again defeated.

Jan. 18.—When the Cunard steamship *Scotia* entered the port of Queenstown late last night, a strong Police force quietly went aboard and arrested Messrs. George Francis Train, Grinnel, and Gee, three of the passengers who sailed from New York, on a charge of being active members of the American wing of the Fenian organization.

IRELAND.—Cork, Jan. 17.—A vial of explosive fluid known as Greek fire, was thrown yesterday at one of the witnesses for the Government in the Fenian trials; but the material failed to ignite, and no injury was done. No clue has been obtained to the perpetrator.

Dublin, Jan. 17.—At the examination of Lennon yesterday, sergeant Kelly the survivor of the two policemen who were shot at Cheap-side, and a woman, both swore that they fully recognized the prisoner as the man who fired the pistol shot which wounded one policeman and killed another.

Jan. 19.—The police of Limerick have made a seizure of guns and ammunition found in the shops of that city, to put it out of the reach of the Fenians.

FRANCE.—Paris, Jan. 13.—General Falley, Commander of the Expeditionary Corps, has asked the Emperor to permit the return of the French troops to Rome, as their quarters at Civitta Vecchia and Viterbo are over crowded. The ominous request creates a general feeling of uneasiness and distrust at Paris.

Jan. 15.—The 'Patrie' to day in leading article says the Governments of France and Prussia

"A sinful weak and helpless worm,
On His kind arms, I fall."

This was being strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus. The great secret of religion consists in the Christian casting himself on the arm of the Lord by faith in the divine testimony.

"Faith builds a bridge from this world to the next,
O'er death's dark vale, and all its horror hides."

We rejoice that our worthy friend and dear brother was enabled to exercise faith in God not only in the close prospect of eternity, but also for many past years of his life, whereby he was established in the truth as it is in Jesus.—*Communicated by Mr. Samuel Elter, Hantsport, Jan. 1868.*

GEORGE G. VEAILS.

Died at Hillsborough, on the 27th of Novr., in the 67th year of his age. Brother Veails leaves a wife and a very large circle of friends to mourn their loss. He was a native of the town of Ringwood, Hampshire, England. In the early part of his life he was a stranger to God. Following a sea-faring life he excelled in wickedness. His subsequent conversion to God was a miracle of divine grace. How often he would refer to that period in his history with peculiar interest. He was baptized and joined the Church when Rev. Henry Saunders was pastor.

My acquaintance with him was not very long, but very pleasant. His attachment to the church and the ministry, was of no ordinary kind. The last few weeks of his life were painful, yet they were weeks of prayer. His confidence in God was firm and abiding to the very last. He died without a struggle or a sigh. The church has lost one of her best members, the community a good citizen; and the writer a valued christian brother. We buried him in "sure and certain hope of a resurrection to immortal life." Improving the circumstance of his death by a sermon from the words of the Psalmist, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."—A. M.