

the continuance of our labors, it being brought unto such a conclusion as that we have great hopes that the Church of England shall reap good fruit thereby: we hold it our duty to offer it to Your Majesty, not only as to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal Mover and Author of the work."

The object, thus ingeniously acknowledged, was kept in view whenever the circumstances of the case would permit. To support the unscriptural order of prelates—whom, in common with the Roman Catholics, they called Bishops—they assert, at the close of the 2nd Epistle to Timothy, that he was "ORDAINED THE FIRST BISHOP OF THE CHURCH OF THE EPHESIANS." Titus is also announced as "THE FIRST BISHOP OF THE CHURCH OF THE CRETIANS." Episcopos is also rendered "BISHOP," instead of overseer, its legitimate and intelligible meaning. In Acts xii., 4, to pascha, the passover, is translated "EASTER," to wrest the support of Sacred Scripture to a day ceremoniously observed by the Romish and Episcopal Churches, and named from a Saxon goddess, to whom sacrifices were anciently offered about the same season of the year. To enforce by Scripture authority an idea woven with the system of the Church of England that edifices of stone and wood are Churches, in Acts xix., 37 the word is placed in the mouth of the heathen magistrate, who is made to assert of the Christians seized at Ephesus, that they are not "ROBBERS OF CHURCHES," instead of robbers of temples which the Greek original imports. To correspond with the usages of the same Church, the writers of the New Testament are canonized by the prefix of "Saints" to their names. Thus, the Common English Version was made to sustain episcopacy. A faithful revision of the book must necessarily remove these props of prelacy and hierarchy. Under these circumstances, it is vain to anticipate that the Church of England, the American Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Methodist Connection, or any other ecclesiastical body, whose interests are opposed to such a revision, will ever undertake, or favor, the work; or that either of the Bible Societies—which are, to a great extent under their control, and largely depend upon them for support—would be permitted, if they should be disposed, to prosecute such an undertaking

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DONATION VISIT.

HANTSPOUR, MARCH 1st, 1869.

Dear Brother,— I desire through the Messenger to acknowledge the kindness of our friends who have recently made us partakers of their bounty in the way of liberal donations. On three separate occasions they have assembled for this purpose:—First, from the Brooklyn Section of this Church, a few friends came to the Parsonage, furnished an excellent tea, spent the evening pleasantly, and departed leaving with us substantial tokens of their regard.—Second, a number of my church and congregation residing in Hantsport, gathered in the Meeting House after tea, to present free will offerings for our temporal comfort.—Third, the members of my Church and Congregation in Falmouth, met at the house of Mr. William Harvey, and after partaking of a bountiful tea provided for the occasion, spent the evening in pleasant conversation, and listening to delightful music—furnished by deacon C. Bacon and his singing-class—and separated, leaving with their Pastor and his wife many kind words, and a handsome amount in money and useful articles as an expression of their desire for our comfort and happiness. Others who did not attend either of those gatherings have handed in their donations privately: The whole amounts to \$122 Such acts of kindness do much to cheer a pastor's heart, and encourage him in his work.

Yours very truly,
J. E. BALCOM.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

REVIVAL AT VALLEY WEST, NICTAUX.

Dear Editor,— Having just returned from attending a meeting of our Ministerial Conference at Valley West, it affords me pleasure to inform you that our meeting was tolerably well attended, and upon the whole pleasant and profitable. It was rendered especially so by the fact that God is graciously reviving His work in that place in connection with the labours of our esteemed brother, Rev. W. G. Parker. At his suggestion I give your readers the following information respecting this gracious work. The Week of Prayer was observed and the meeting continued through subsequent weeks. The services increased in interest. The faithful labours of the Pastor, together with the earnest prayers of God's people,

have been followed with an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

On Sabbath, the 14th February, Bro. Parker baptized 35 converts. So large a number baptized in one day has scarcely a parallel in the history of our churches in this Province.

On Sabbath, the 21st, four others obeyed their Saviour in baptism. Several more have been received for the ordinance, and the work goes on with mighty power. The converts are nearly all young people, and many of them promise to become valuable accessions to the church.

There are encouraging indications that the good work is extending to Nictaux Plains and also to Banks' Mountain. The labours of our brother Parker have been and are remarkably owned of God. He has already baptized during his ministry over 1000 converts, and his prospects for usefulness were never more promising than now.

Yours truly,
ISA. WALLACE.

Granville, 26th Feb. 1869.

HANTSPOUR.—Rev. J. E. Balcom writes: "We are enjoying some tokens of God's favor. Our meetings have been interesting for some time past, a serious inquiry after salvation has been awakened in the minds of many, and a few have obtained hope in Christ. Four weeks ago yesterday I baptized two believers, and yesterday another promising young man followed Christ in the same ordinance. A few others entertain hope who have not yet gathered strength enough to publicly declare themselves for Christ. My heart is made glad every week by the revival intelligence communicated in your valuable paper. May the Lord carry on his own work of salvation among men, until every hill and valley shall become vocal with his praise."

REVIVAL IN WEST YARMOUTH, CHECOGIN.—The friends of Zion no doubt are always well pleased to hear of Her prosperity in any place. I have just been spending three weeks with this church in preaching, and visiting from house to house. It has pleased the Lord to hear the prayer of his people and to manifest his love to them in reviving his work in that region. Many had fallen very low, but the Lord has appeared in mercy and revived his work. Some who had wandered far away have returned back to the service of Christ, and many we hope have been truly converted to God. I had the privilege of baptizing sixteen, and receiving them into the fellowship of that church, during the three weeks which I spent with them.

The West Yarmouth Church has given me a unanimous call to take the Pastoral charge, and the probability is, I shall enter upon my work there about the first of May.

Yours truly,
W. L. PARKER.

Argyle, Feb. 24th, 1869.

YARMOUTH TOWN.—Dear Brother,—There are evident tokens that the Holy Spirit is moving on the hearts of a number of the church and congregation in this place.

Meetings are being held every evening with increased interest. The prayers of the faithful are earnestly requested that rich displays of saving mercy may be vouchsafed, until "the wilderness and the solitary places are made glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose."

The churches at West and South Yarmouth are expecting to have pastors settled over them ere long.

Yours truly,
S. B.

WOOD'S HARBOR, BARRINGTON, Feb. 23rd, 1869

—Dear Bro. Selden,—Your readers will be pleased to learn that the work of the Lord is still progressing in our midst. Old professors whose harps have long hung upon the willows, are again singing the Lord's song. Almost every day cries for mercy, or shouts of praise, are heard from lips hitherto spiritually sealed.—Eight believers were baptized on the 14th, and two on the 21st. Others are rejoicing in the Lord, and several are seeking him sorrowing.—The two local magistrates are taking a decided stand on the Lord's side. One of them was baptized last Sabbath. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Yours in the truth,
W. H. RICHAN.

MARGAREE, C. B.—Brother Lachlan McDonald gives us a very minute account of the labors of Margaree Church in erecting a Mission House for the residence of their minister, Rev. J. F. Kempton. They have succeeded in getting the building up, but not in plastering the interior—paper on the laths is supplying the place of plaster at present. He proceeds:— As there is a debt of nearly £80 on our meet-

ing house we fear that not so much will be done to our Mission house as would otherwise be done. A number of persons of other denominations have helped in building the mission house. Mr. Isaac S. Murray, a merchant of this place, has very kindly supplied us with a large share of the necessary materials at first cost in Halifax. We are comparatively a poor people, there is not what may be called a rich man among us.

On the first of January, at 3 o'clock P. M., a number of the Ladies of the church and congregation invited us to a social entertainment which they had prepared in the upper part of the Mission house. Notwithstanding the coldness of the weather and the badness of roads, quite a number met. After all were satisfied with such things as suited the taste and supported nature we were invited to the Meeting house, a few yards distant, to enjoy a feast of another character. Music, vocal and instrumental, Recitations and Speeches, shewed that all were very grateful for what the Lord has enabled us to do, although imperfectly, in providing a home for our minister. A member present did not know how Mr. Kempton was supplied with means for the purchase of stove-pipes, panel-doors, locks and hinges, &c., &c. Mr. Kempton gave us to understand that a young Christian man from Nova Scotia, now in Charleston, Mass., Mr. Lewis DeWolfe, had sent nearly eighty dollars for that purpose. A vote of thanks to Mr. DeWolfe was then moved and seconded and put by the Chairman. It was most heartily and gratefully responded to from every part of the house. Also that a note of our sense of gratitude be sent to Mr. DeWolfe, through the Christian Messenger. I forgot to state that this Tea meeting was prepared by the ladies to defray part of the expense in connection with our minister's house. A handsome sum was obtained considering the number present.

Brother Kempton's coming here, we believe, was from the Lord. Before he came we did not know where to look for a man of God to go out and in before us. His labors have been abundantly owned of God in the conversion of sinners. Over twenty members have been added to the church by baptism since he came here. Mrs. Kempton, to whom we are largely indebted for the erection of the mission house, is of a kindred spirit with our minister. They are both doing all that lies in their power for the good of souls. They both labor hard in the Sunday School which has been gathered and set in operation through their instrumentality. We are about building a barn for the Mission house this winter. Some of the friends are desirous of adding to the house a kitchen and wood house.—Ingratitude and unbelief say 'there is no end to expense,' while gratitude and faith say 'There is no end of blessings.'

ST. JOHN, N. B.—The special services in Leinster street are still in healthful progress, the church seems thoroughly roused to action; and its pastor and members are working with one accord in earnest, united supplication for the descent of the Holy Spirit in more copious effusion. May the Lord grant a speedy answer!— Visitor

FREDERICTON.—Professor Hopper writes to the Visitor:—"Our congregations are increasing in numbers and interest. We have made arrangements to build a Hall for public worship, and have secured a site opposite the Methodist Chapel. We intend to make no debt and have no pews."

Dominion and Foreign News.

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—Reports from various points between Windsor and Quebec indicate that the heaviest snow storm of the season was experienced last night. The Western trains are very much delayed, and the trains between Toronto and Montreal are entirely blocked.

M. R. Brown & Co's. Bank, closed this morning, in consequence of heavy losses in New York.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The Hon. Mr. Rose left this city last night for Washington to attend a meeting as British Commissioner on the Boundary question between England and the United States.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—Travel on railroads east and west is very much obstructed on account of snow on the track. No trains have arrived or left to-day. The storm ceased last night, but another is imminent. The storm was very severe at Pembroke and in the lumbering regions on the Ottawa river and its tributaries. It is thought that the lumber operations for the winter will be completely checked.

At Quebec, in Court of Queens Bench, on the morning of the 22nd, Judge Cason (friend of O'Farrell's) fined O'Farrell (Advocate) £25 for contempt of Court, the contempt consisting of his having told Solicitor General Irvine that he would slap his face outside the Court House—making the remark while the Court was sitting. A Mr. Bules, of Quebec, complains in the *Lanterne* of the sad state of education in Quebec. He says that 'students pass two-thirds of their time in prayers, and the other third in learning Greek roots and cursing the philosophers.'

New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN & CARLETON.—The people of Carleton are moving for Ferry improvement. At present, the loss of time is enormous. The working men who cross and re-cross daily, tell us that the average detention to them is nearly two hours per day; making a loss of one entire day out of every six working days. This is a loss not only to the men individually, but to their families and indeed to the whole community. Surely, something should be done to remedy so glaring an evil.— Visitor.

Western Extension is progressing. We are told that C. Skinner, Esq., has succeeded in England in raising the needed funds to bridge the St. John River at the Falls. If so, we presume the work will proceed early in the spring. It is a serious undertaking; but money will soon accomplish it. The Company have petitioned the Board for the right of way through Corporation lands. Is there to be a Branch track through Carleton? The interests of all concerned demand it.—lb.

The expenditure of the Protestant Orphan Asylum of St. John was \$1,183 last year, and the income about the same. There are now only 12 inmates. Six of the orphans have been indentured to those in whom the Directors have confidence.

At a recent meeting of the City Council the report of the Chamberlain showed that the receipts for the year amounted to \$255,734.00, and the disbursements to \$241,264, leaving a balance in favor of the City of \$14,470.

KENT ELECTION.—Declaration on the 22nd. Sheriff took affidavit of presiding officer, clerk and representatives of Wellington, and returned Johnson as duly elected. Majority one hundred and fifty-nine. A protest was entered by Electors on grounds that Sheriff had no authority under act to take affidavits; should have made special return on the facts; also that Johnson was surety for Government Contractor.

THE RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Late Canadian papers give the names of all the Contractors. The figures of the lowest tenders are:— Section 1—\$175,000, or \$8,750 a mile. Do. 2— 255,600, or 12,780 a mile. Do. 3— 288,000, or 12,000 a mile. Do. 4— 297,000, or 11,000 a mile.—Tel.

The United States.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—President Johnson has vetoed the tariff bill on Copper, which recently passed Congress.

Feb. 24.—The failure of reconstruction for Georgia, Mississippi and Texas, and of the tax bill, and the postponement of the Home tenure of office bill will compel next Congress to remain in session longer than was expected, probably sixty days from the fourth of March. The female labor question was discussed in Congress yesterday, and it was decided to increase salaries of the female clerks to \$1200 per annum.

Feb. 25.—The Danish Minister of War, and formerly Ambassador from Denmark, at Washington, urges the sale of the Danish West India Islands to the United States.

The Bill legalizing gold contracts and declaring National Bonds payable in gold, passed the lower branch of Congress yesterday, by a vote of 119 to 61.

D. S. Reynolds, Supt. of the Buffalo (N. Y.) police, Capt. Henry Dickson, and two Detectives of the Niagara Frontier Police, are on trial before the Police Commissioners of Buffalo, charged with criminally and unlawfully kidnapping two men on the night of January 1st, and carrying them to Canada for a reward.

Feb. 27.—The proposed amendment to the constitution extending right of suffrage irrespective of color has passed the United States Senate.

CUBA.—Feb. 24.—New York despatches of yesterday from Cuba say that a decree is to be issued, imposing an export duty from 1st of March of fifty cents per box and \$1.25 per hogs head on sugar; \$11 per barrel on tobacco, and fifty cents per thousand on cigars, and an addition of 5 per cent. on all internal taxes, the proceeds of which are to be paid weekly to the Spanish Bank to secure an advance of 8 million dollars to the Government.

Cuban advices represent that the trouble between the volunteers and General Dulce still continues, and that in consequence of the mutinous spirit of the troops, the Government has determined to inaugurate a harsher policy. A reported battle in the Cienfuegos district was won by the Spanish troops.

March 1.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs are considering a resolution to authorize the President to recognize the independency of Cuba whenever, in his opinion, a *de facto* independent government shall have been established there. Recent news from the island indicates that this may be at an early day.

Late advices from Cuba state that more troops are needed from Spain. Those now on the island can do no more than hold their own; meantime all kinds of privation abound, and the complaints of the people are heart-rending. A foraging expedition from the besieged garrison of Puerto Principe was attacked by the Cuban force, and compelled to retreat with considerable loss.

There are reported to be 4000 refugees from the County of Gibara. There is a dearth of provisions, and an epidemic is feared. Recently all the doors of all the houses in Nueitas, occupied by Cubans, were marked by a black cross on a placard, with the words: "The time for clemency is ended," "vengeance." Great excitement was caused, and the strenuous efforts of a few prominent Spaniards alone prevented an outbreak.

Cholera is decreasing at Santiago de Cuba. Three steamers left Havana on Saturday crowded with Cuban refugees for the United States. Gold quiet at 131.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, Feb. 21.—In the House of Commons to-day, in reply to an inquiry of the O'Connor Don, Mr. Fortescue said that the Government proposed to release from imprisonment 45 Fenians, who were convicted of treason,