

pray for what the church can understand and say "Amen" to, than ten thousand prayers that they—the Church—could not understand.

What would be thought of one of our ministers who has, it may be, a perfect understanding of Greek and Latin or Hebrew, should he for the sake of change read a chapter in his Greek Testament, offer prayer in Latin, and have the help of five or six to sing a hymn or psalm in Hebrew, of which they might have a perfect understanding? How much would the church be edified and comforted?

Is it not the departing from the simplicity of the Gospel, as taught by Christ and his apostles, that makes trouble in the Churches? One false step leads to a second, and so on. The understanding that "Alfih" contends for is to be found in perfection at St. Peter's, in Rome, and many other places other than Baptist Churches. The apostle says, "in malice be children, but in understanding be men." If we esteem others better than ourselves, their comfort and edification as of more importance than our own, then there will be praying and singing, as I believe it in the apostle's meaning, with the spirit and the understanding also.

INQUIRER.

ERRATA, &c.—Dear Brother,—Owing doubtless to my peculiar orthography, you made my last communication do considerable blundering.

It may be possible that common honesty rendered it necessary that the ministering brethren here should share with me in the work of raising the Cape Breton appropriation for the new Professor at Acadia, but I would be very sorry to be understood as saying so. The idea I intended to convey was, that they having voluntarily agreed to do so, the principle of justice required that I should not be credited with what was due them.

You have omitted the name of Bro. Kempton from the list of those who addressed us on Missions. I should have added, that Bro. Spinney, by previous appointment, preached the Introductory Sermon on Sunday morning.

Though our ministering brethren have left us, thanks to a gracious God, the good work among us is progressing, slowly, but we trust, surely. Two have been baptized, one restored, one received,—from Granville Street church,—and others are on the way. We trust that prayer will continue to be offered for us.

Yours, &c.,  
T. H. PORTER, JR.

March 22nd.

For the Christian Messenger.

**DONATION VISIT**

To REV. SAMUEL THOMPSON.

Wednesday, the 17th of March, was a beautiful day, and the excellent sleighing was improved and enjoyed by the members and friends of the Baptist Church in Lower Economy, and Five Islands, who, together with a number of other friends, assembled at the house of their Pastor, and as a manifestation of their attachment to him presented him with a donation of over \$50, most of which was in cash. After the physical strength had been renewed by an excellent tea, so cheerfully prepared by the Ladies, Mr. G. D. Fulton was requested to take the chair.—After a few opening remarks, he introduced the first speaker, E. Fayles, Esq., who, in his own humorous style, contrasted the present entertainment with one he attended at the same place thirty years ago. Appropriate speeches were made by Dr. W. E. McRobert, Messrs. Archibald Davison, J. D. McCart, Esq., R. Thompson, Sen., and Thomas Fulton. The above mentioned sum was then presented to the Pastor with an appropriate address by Dea. Josiah Soley, to which he (the Pastor) made a suitable reply. The meeting then closed with prayer by the Pastor, and singing "When shall we all meet again?" The meeting was much enjoyed by all.

Yours, &c.,  
ONE PRESENT.

Economy, March 22nd, 1869.

**Religious Intelligence.**

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY.—We learn from the Rev. G. F. Miles that the session of the Colchester County Sabbath School Convention was an interesting occasion. The children sang, and a number of good speeches were given by friends representing the different Sunday Schools in the county.

ST. ANDREWS, COLCHESTER CO.—REV. G. F. Miles writes March 24th, 1869:

"I spent the last Lord's day with Bro. Alfred Chipman, at St. Andrews, one of his out stations, where there is a glorious work of grace going on. Four baptized last Sabbath, and many seem very anxious about their souls."

CLARENCE, ANNAPOLIS CO., March 26th 1869.—There is quite a movement in Clarence, and I hope god will follow. The effects produced, I will narrate hereafter. I hope the Lord will own and bless the efforts put forth for the salvation of souls, and the reclaiming of the wanderers.

A. M.

PUGWASH, MARCH 26TH.—Dear Bro.—Since I last wrote you, the work of grace has been going steadily on. Quite a number have been brought into the church in Pugwash, who bid fair to become pillars of strength.

We are now holding a few special services in the neighbourhood known as Eel Creek. We have had blessed times. God made bare his arm and wrought like Himself. The social, moral and spiritual reform in the place is beyond description.

Last Sabbath morning my brother and fellow-helper in the gospel, Dr. Clay, preached for us. It was a noble effort. His theme was "Christ our captain. His soldiers and their reward." We forgot the preacher while thinking of the great Captain, marshaling his men and leading them to victory. My brother assists me in every possible way. From the meeting we repaired directly to our baptistry in the creek where I immersed thirteen believers in Christ. As we stepped down the crystalline stairway into the bright waters, stirred by the presence of God, our hearts exclaimed, "Bless the Lord O, my soul! and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

We anticipate as many more next Sabbath. New voices are heard every night confessing sin and pleading the mercy of God. I am nearly worn down in the good work; "Faint yet pursuing." If any of our Brethren could lend us assistance for a short time, they would be gladly received.

Yours in Christ,  
JOSEPH MURRAY.

Among the deacons ordained by the Bishop of Oxford on Sunday was Shapurji Edulji—a Parsee, it may be presumed.

A movement has been set on foot by a section of the Evangelical party against the introduction of music and painted windows in churches. In order to carry out the object a sum of money has been given for a prize essay, and the adjudicators appointed are the Dean of Ripon (Dr. McNeile), the Rev. C. J. Goodhart, Rector of Wetherden, and Dr. Adair Crawford.

The Orthodox Congregationalist churches in the United States, as shown by the tables of the *Congregational Quarterly*, number 2,951—a gain in one year of 132. Number of ministers, 3,070—a gain of 99. Number of church members 291,042—a net gain of 11,334. Additions by profession, 16,432. Infant baptisms, 5,291, or an average of less than two to a church. Yet this is claimed to be much above the average of the last eleven years.

An "Israelitish Theatre," has been established in Warsaw, in which dramatic compositions with adaptations of modern operatic music represent the history of Joseph and other biblical narratives. No actresses are allowed, "Mrs. Potipher" being personated by a boy. The theatre is something new among the Hebrews, and it has begun as the modern drama began, in something as rudimentary as the old religious "mysteries."

**Dominion and Foreign News.**

THE TROOPS.—A special despatch to the St. John, N. B. *Journal*, says it is rumored in Quebec, and seemingly well authenticated, that so far from the military being withdrawn from Quebec, there will be a considerable augmentation of the forces; that four regiments will be stationed there, and that it is to be the headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief.

A bill is before the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, designed to secure the abolition of the corporation of Quebec city, and the appointment of Commissioners for the government of the city.

OTTAWA, March 27.—It is announced that the Dominion Parliament will meet on the 15th April, but will be further prorogued.

The Commissariat advertises the sale of 600 cavalry and artillery horses next May.

From the 17th October up to 25th inst., 166 inches of snow fell in the neighborhood of Montreal. This is unprecedented. The Grand Trunk Railway have lost over \$300,000 by the stoppage of trains from snow drifts.

The trial of Buckley and Doyle, for complicity in the murder of Mr. McGee, commences at Ottawa on the 13th of April. The evidence against them is said to be very strong.

MONTREAL has been in great distress for water. The water pipes were to be kept well filled by a grand steam pumping apparatus to be used as an auxiliary to the old breast wheels, which cannot be successfully worked except when there is a good head of water in the Aqueduct, a requirement difficult to meet with when the river is low and three or four feet of ice obstructing the stream. The steam engine for a short time worked well and pumped up about 3,700,000 gallons a day, till an accident happened to a feed pipe, which was no sooner made good than the rising main burst; and now, the only pump that was in working order, (that worked by the turbine wheel,) has been obliged to stop owing to an accident.

It will be a great mercy if no fires break out before a supply is obtained.

**New Brunswick.**

The Moncton, N. B. *Times* reports that three men, named respectively, Elder, Wilson, and Campbell, were very severely burnt by an explosion in one of the coal pits, at the Albert Mines, a few days ago.

Mr. Cudlip's annexation motion in the House of Assembly, appears to have revealed the fact that no sympathy could be expected for any such movement. No other person spoke in its favor, and a unanimous vote was given that it should not even be placed on the journals.

It is said the New Brunswick Government will appoint a commission to enquire into certain charges which have been made against the St. John Chief of Police.

The St. John *Telegraph* says that the Department of Marine has selected a site on Fort Howe, near that city, for a Time Ball and Observatory.

**Prince Edward Island.**

DOWDY who killed a sailor by stabbing him was to be hung at Charlottetown yesterday.

ANOTHER STABBING CASE.—On the night of the 17th inst., two young men, named Carroll and Pine, went into the house of one Murphy, near the head of Queen Street. Carroll had a quarrel with Murphy during the day, and the moment they met again, it was renewed. Pine interfered, and tried to keep the parties from fighting, when Carroll who was under the influence of liquor, drew his knife, and stabbed him in the groin, inflicting a wound, which, had it been an inch higher, would have been fatal. Carroll was arrested immediately, and is now in prison awaiting examination when Pine is sufficiently recovered to be able to appear in Court against him.—*Patriot*.

PAYING THE GOVERNOR.—It is stated that Despatches have been received requiring P. E. Island to pay the salary of their Governors for the future. Commenting on this, *Ross's Weekly*, the annexation organ says:—"If we must pay them, let us elect Governors from among ourselves. We want no flunkies from across the water, as Governors, who have no sympathy in common with our people, and who are simply the tools of Downing Street."

FISHY.—A fine specimen of the great sea serpent that has been so often seen in the Gulf St. Lawrence, in the last twenty years, we learn from the *Charlottetown Herald*, was killed and captured on the 3rd inst. off St. Peter's, by Mr. Wm. Henderson and his son. It is said to be 23 feet 9 inches long, and its largest circumference about 29 inches; color dark brown.

**Newfoundland.**

The screw steamer, *Lion*, *Bloodhound*, *Nimrod*, *Hawk*, and the *Fanny Bloomer*, sailing vessel, left St. John's for the ice, on the 1st inst., and the steamer *Merlin* on the 2nd. The papers say the late westerly winds must have driven the ice a good distance off the coast, so as to afford a fair prospect of success at the commencement of the sealing voyage.

The St. John's *Courier* state that the outfit from that port for the seal fishery this year, will be shorter than on any previous one for some time past. From Conception Bay, however, the outfit will be equal, if not larger, than that of any preceding season.

The *Newfoundlander* has the following extract of a letter from Trinity, dated Feb. 3:—"Providence has sent us a great supply of birds, Turs; we estimate that over 20,000 have been killed between Catalina and Heart's Ease, and I am told they are as plenty as ever."

A telegram received by E. D. Tucker & Co., on Friday from Newfoundland, states that the steamer *Hawk* had arrived at St. John's, from the ice, full of seals. The master of the *Hawk* reports that the *Merlin*, and another steamer, are also full.

**The United States.**

NEW YORK, March 25.—A modification Bill, repealing the Tenure of Office Law, passed Congress yesterday. It is said to be satisfactory to the President.

Moses H. Grinnell has been nominated for Collector at New York.

Ex-President Johnson has been dangerously sick at his home in Groenwell, Tennessee, but is recovering.

Two young ladies named Coffee were killed, and their mother is feared to be fatally injured yesterday, by their sleigh coming in collision with a train on Fitchburgh Railway.

March 26.—The lower branch of Congress declined to pass the Senate Bill repealing the tenure of office law, and the question is still pending settlement.

March 27.—In Congress yesterday Mr. Banks of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a joint resolution declaring the sympathy of the people of Cuba in their patriotic efforts to secure their independence, and to establish the republican form of Government and guaranteeing personal liberty and the equal political rights of all the people, and that Congress will give its constitutional support to the President of the United States whenever he may deem it expedient to recognize the independence and sovereignty of such republican government. Ordered to be printed.

March 29.—The Hudson River is rising at Albany, and a freshet is apprehended. The lower part of Troy is inundated.

Money Market stringent, rates ranging from 7 to 10 per cent.  
Gold 131 1/4.

A Presbyterian church in New York has admitted a Quaker to membership by letter.

THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES last year in seventy seven U. S. colleges was 1,450. Yale, the highest in the list, graduated one hundred and four; Harvard seventy-six; Naval Academy, seventy-five; Princeton, sixty-seven.

The Bishop of New Jersey refuses to lay his hands, in the ceremony of confirmation, upon the piles of false hair which decorate the summit of young ladies' heads.

The authorities of Athens, Georgia, have an odd way of tempting people to assist in carrying out their decrees. The following notice is affixed to the bridge near that town:—

"NOTICE—Twenty-five dollars fine for driving over this bridge faster than a walk. If a negro, twenty-five lashes on the bare back. N.B.—Half the above reward will be given to the informant."

TEXAS.—On the 17th inst., Senator Sumner presented a petition from Texas setting forth the frightful condition of affairs in Texas, stating that since General Grant's election assassinations have averaged two per day in that State, all of which they attribute to "Johnson's policy."—They ask as the only means of protecting the loyal people that the State be subdivided into two or more military districts or territories.

By a recent experiment instituted between Boston and San Francisco, it has been found that electricity flies at the rate of six thousand miles in something less than sixty seconds of time. This is better time than girdling the earth in forty minutes.

The Louisiana Legislature has taken a step backwards. It has passed a bill authorizing the licensing of gambling houses, the price of the license being fixed at \$5,000.

By a law passed by the Louisiana Legislature all lawyers are compelled to pay for a license. This law was resisted by some of the New Orleans attorneys and a test case made up. The Supreme Court of the State has affirmed the constitutionality of the act.

In the Legislature, Maine, a few days since, a member who is a doctor moved to put an end to the capital punishment bill by providing that chloroform be administered to persons on the eve of being executed. Another doctor opposed the proposal, as all physicians admitted that the administration of chloroform was dangerous to life. The amendment was rejected.

CUBA, March 24.—Cuban advices do not contain any important intelligence from the insurrectionary districts. Gen. Dulce held a grand review of the troops in Havana on Tuesday last.

An American vessel, suspected of carrying arms and supplies to the insurgents, has been seized by a Spanish man-of-war.

The Captain General of Cuba officially declares that hereafter all vessels captured in Spanish waters, with men, arms, and munitions of war on board, will be treated as privateers. In the Central Department a heavy battle has been fought, the Spaniards claimed that 800 insurgents were killed, but nothing was known in Havana about the result.

THE SUGAR MARKET.—Havana, March 22, 1869. At Porto Rico, on the 12th, the sugar market was greatly excited. The government has imposed additional export duties of \$3 per hhd. on sugar, 65c. per hhd. on molasses, 50c. per quintal on coffee and 20c. per quintal on tobacco.

**South America.**

LONDON, March 25.—South America advices says Presdt. Lopez is collecting his forces at the mouth of Lebiquary. There are detachments of the Paraguayans about the environs of Assuncion which city is still held by the allied forces.

**LATEST FROM EUROPE.**

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.—London, March 22nd.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Fortescue, Chief Secretary for Ireland, said the Government did not intend to extend clemency to any other Fenians now in prison.

The debate on the Irish Church Bill was resumed. Sir Roundell Palmer made a speech favoring the disestablishment, but opposing disendowment, and said he would propose and urge modification of the bill in committee. John Duke Coleridge, Solicitor-General, advocated the bill, approving of it in all points.

23rd.—The strike of the cotton operatives, which commenced at Preston, is spreading to other parts of the country. In Glasgow it has become general, and several mills have partially suspended operations for want of hands.

In the House of Commons this evening, the Committee on Mail Service to the United States submitted a Report, refusing to sanction the Contract made by the Government with the Cunard and Inman Steamship Lines for carrying the Mails on the present terms.

24th.—The debate on the bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church, was resumed in the House of Commons last night. Mr. Spencer H. Walpole, member for Cambridge University, opposed the bill and the O'Donoghue, member for Tralee, made a fervid speech in its favor. Mr. Gathorne Hardy followed; He said, the strength of the Liberals came only from the majorities at the Hastings. It rested on no firmer basis. Mr. Gladstone had pledged himself and his followers to the destruction of all that was deemed most sacred, the destruction of the Church had always fulfilled its mission. Mr. Gladstone then rose to conclude the debate, he reviewed the course of the bill and the arguments which had been made for and against it.