

'The wind bloweth where it listeth,' instead of 'the spirit breathes,' is to be restored, &c.—Mr. Campbell's followers have then, as it seems, a *creed*, and now complain that they cannot keep all their preachers to it. Their boasted unity is but a figment. This "undoing of what Mr. Campbell did," will go on; it cannot be arrested by the protest of the "Review." But did he, who was, according to the "Ch. Review," the greatest of all modern Reformers, reach the *ultima thule* of religious discovery? Do his disciples bind themselves to accept his doctrines, nothing more, nothing less? We do marvel at their effrontery, although characteristic enough, who abuse other denominations for their adherence to "man-made systems," while guilty of the same thing themselves, and would say with all earnestness "Physician heal thyself."

A denomination that has no *creed*, must, in consistency, receive every person who applies for membership. Mr. C. and his co-religionists have not yet gone to such a length as this. They demand, as they assure us, previous to baptism the 'noble confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' If this is all they require, they cannot exclude Universalists, Unitarians, or Mormons. If these are excluded, or if received, and are expected to be silent on their peculiar views, then it becomes manifest that they have a *creed*, or certain doctrines that they had adopted, and intend to inculcate. They may not usually refer at all to their doctrinal views previous to church membership; but having once secured the sympathy of the person, and placed him in a position from which he cannot easily retreat, they begin to instruct him in their peculiar dogmas, and are not satisfied until they have gained their point. I do not say they are wrong in this, if their doctrinal views are correct. Every church that has convictions, and is faithful to them, will do the same; but when that church declares it has no *creed*, it states what is untrue, and is open to the charge of dishonest dealing. A Baptist sister, not long since, related to the writer how a certain person, a prominent individual in that denomination, had urged her to unite with them. Upon her intimating that if she did she could not change her views, he replied that she might retain her belief, if she said nothing about it. No Baptist church would go farther than this in maintaining a *creed*. An applicant known to be pious, yet differing in doctrinal opinions, would not be refused admission into the church, if he could give a guarantee that he would not disturb its peace. But such a case is not likely to occur. We allow those who wish it, an opportunity of acquainting themselves with our views of scripture, and the fact that they apply for admission into the church, is generally sufficient evidence that they are not only in fellowship with us, but in sympathy with the truth.

"Articles" may be abused, so is the gospel ministry, and many things that in themselves are excellent. The thing to be determined is whether they are scriptural or no. They can only be condemned when contrary to the Word of God. By that word all our beliefs (creeds), written or unwritten, shall be judged. I believe in common with most of my brethren, that our "Declaration of Faith and Practice," subserves a useful end, yet I would not contend with a brother who should differ from me on this point, provided he accepted the doctrines of scripture embodied therein. We both go to the same divine source; we hold in equal reverence the teachings of the divine oracles.

Mr. O. gives us an appendix, containing an extract from Dr. Cramp's work, entitled "Scripture and Tradition." The Dr. is a representative man among the Baptists, and his words on the subject of scripture authority find an echo in the heart of every one. We thank Mr. O. for the quotation, but we fail to see how in the face of it he could "stultify" himself as he has done, by acting the part of accuser of the brethren.

Baptists may justly be proud of this, that they cannot attribute their existence as a people to any man. They know no other Head, they bow to no other authority, than the Lord Jesus Christ. They receive the doctrines of him who 'spoke as never man spake.' Their "Declaration" in the main, will, in the light of God's Word, abide the severest scrutiny. They have not to hold less tenaciously the doctrines therein set forth, but to exhibit them more clearly before the world by a life of holiness. They must more perfectly do the Truth. Their creed is correct, but they have need to practice it more perfectly. Let their faith and practice agree, and the malice and opposition of their foes will never harm them. 'The world will take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus.' By their "well doing they will put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

M. P. F.

For the Christian Messenger.

### ORGANIZATION OF A BAPTIST CHURCH AT SOUTH BAR, NEAR SYDNEY.

An Ecclesiastical Council called by a number of brethren and sisters residing at the South Bar, convened at that place on the 9th of June at 2 P. M., to consider the desirableness of organizing them into a church.

The following delegates from sister churches were present:—

*North Sydney.*—Rev. T. H. Porter, Deacon J. Armstrong, Bro. R. Rice.

*Mira Bay.*—Deacons A. Holmes and P. Spencer.

*Cove Bay.*—Deacon J. McLean, and Bro. R. D. Rice.

*Sydney.*—Rev. W. B. Boggs, Deacons John Peters, and T. Armstrong, Bros. C. H. Harrington, and H. E. Meloney.

After singing, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer, the Council was organized by electing Rev. T. H. Porter, Moderator; and Bro. C. H. Harrington, Clerk.

Several members of sister churches were invited to sit with the Council.

After listening to a statement of the views of those asking for organization, and addresses from all the delegates and others present, it was resolved to recognize the new church with appropriate services.

After making arrangements for the recognition service in the evening, the Council adjourned till 7½ o'clock. Prayer by Deacon McLean.

At 7.30 the meeting house was filled, some being unable to get seats, and the service was held as follows:—

Sermon by Rev. T. H. Porter.

Reading the Covenant, Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Prayer of Recognition, Rev. G. Richardson.

Hand of Fellowship and charge to Church, Rev. W. B. Boggs.

The South Bar Church occupies an important field in the immediate vicinity of extensive Mining and Railroad operations, and if faithful to their duties and privileges, will be blessed and made a blessing to many. Their prospects are encouraging.

C. H. HARRINGTON, Clerk.

For the Christian Messenger.

### IN MEMORIAM.

WALTER RICKETSON, ESQ.

Died near Bridgetown, January 14th, 1870, Walter Ricketson, Esq., in the 60th year of his age. In early life Bro. Ricketson felt the power of the gospel in his heart, and, yielding to its holy and divine claims, found the peace and comfort it ever imparts to them that truly believe. Bro. R. was baptized on profession of his faith, and united with the Annapolis and Upper Granville Baptist Church. Our brother maintained a good profession to the end, and was regarded by the members as one worthy of brotherly confidence and love, one who, it was felt, would act for the honour of Christ, the maintenance of truth, the purity, advance and support of the church, and the promotion of every good work. His life affords testimony that this estimate was correct. Bro. R. was a firm supporter and friend of the gospel ministry, and faithful in many ways to the cause of Christ. His judgment was sound, his views of truth discriminating and correct;—his utterances rare, but very wise, and his humility exemplary. For several years he was Clerk of the Church, and discharged his duty with ability and faithfulness, and to the entire satisfaction of his brethren. His loss is deeply felt in the church and community, but of course, most of all in the family circle which he adorned, and of which he formed so large a part, comprising his affectionate and disconsolate widow, together with his beloved children, brother, and sisters, and many others less closely connected.

Mr. R. was a warm and disinterested advocate and worker in the cause of Temperance, and held an important and influential position in the "Olive Branch" Division of the Sons of Temperance in Bridgetown. His zeal in the cause was unabated to the end.

Religion and Temperance alike mourn the loss sustained by his removal. But the gain to him is great and eternal. Throughout a severe illness he exhibited great patience, unshaken confidence in the atonement of Calvary, and unwavering love to Christ, his cause and church.

Our brother had hope, peace, and comfort in his sickness, and in death was sustained by the grace and presence of his Saviour. On the occasion of Bro. R.'s funeral, the Pastor preached a consolatory discourse from Rev. vii. 15. May God comfort and bless the bereaved and sorrowing connexions and friends, and lead us all to thoughtful, earnest, daily preparation to meet God and enter into life eternal through the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ.—Com. by Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

June 16, 1870. Visitor please copy.

### Religious Intelligence.

CAPE BRETON.—Rev. E. C. Spinney writes from Hawkesbury, C. B., June 14th, 1870.—*Dear Brother.*—Doubtless you will be glad, to learn that the Lord is abundantly blessing the labors of our dear bro. McQuillan, at Hawkesbury. The grace of God has been melting and is still continuing to melt the hearts and win the affections of those opposed to us. Zion's foes are becoming her best friends.

Early in January last the Rev. Mr. McPhee immersed one happy convert. On the 12th inst. it was my privilege to bury with Christ in baptism four more—two husbands and their wives—three of whom had previously been bitter opponents to the Baptists. Another will go forward as soon as health may permit. There is no particular excitement. The work is slowly, but surely advancing. The little one shall become a thousand.

Bro. M. enjoys in large measure the esteem and confidence of the people. Pray that even greater success may attend his efforts, and the efforts of all God's servants.

SYDNEY, C. B.—We are informed that Rev. W. B. Boggs baptized 7 persons since his last communication, and the prospect is encouraging.

TUSKET.—Rev. P. R. Foster writes, June 16th, 1870:—"Since I last wrote I have baptized four; three in connection with the Tusket Church, and one at Argyle. Brother Cogswell has lately baptized seven in connection with the Tusket Lakes Church. And yet others in this place are looking toward Zion."

THE DISESTABLISHED CHURCH OF IRELAND.—A document signed by the Archbishops of Dublin and Armagh has been published, reminding the Protestant Community that next year the Church begins to be supported by voluntary contributions, and pointing out that its sustentation should not devolve solely on the wealthy.

### Dominion and Foreign News.

An order was received at Montreal, on Friday last, countermanding the departure of the previous order for the troops thence. Some of the officers had sold off their horses, furniture, &c., and will be put to considerable inconvenience by the change.

Two men of the 60th Rifles were drowned in the Ottawa River on Wednesday last while bathing.

Principal Willis, of Knox College, has resigned and been allowed to retire on an allowance of 1200 dollars a year.

MONTREAL.—The steamship "Boliver," with coal from Picou, lately stranded in River Channel by a pilot, will be taken to Quebec for repairs. The Contractors commenced to raise her on Saturday.

\$4,958 was raised in Montreal for the sufferers by the Saugenay fire.—*Chron.*

RED RIVER.—It is said Riel can muster three hundred fighting men, which could be increased to three times the number, providing there is to be no fighting and plenty of plunder!

### New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN.—There has been some trouble here lately occasioned by members of the Laborers' Society endeavouring to prevent other persons doing the work which they had refused. Special constables were sworn in on Tuesday last to prevent further molestation. There has since been no further disturbance.

### Prince Edward Island.

CAPTURE OF A WHALE IN THE HILLSBOROUGH RIVER.—On Monday afternoon, a whale was captured on the East River, near Cranberry Wharf, by John McKenna, and a son of Joseph Fisher's. It appears the creature was observed struggling on an oyster bed after the tide fell, and was attacked and killed while in that state, with guns and axes, but not without a fearful struggle to gain its liberty, as the two assailants and their boat were precipitated a considerable distance by a stroke of its tail and narrowly escaped drowning. It is over 25 feet long and 12 feet in circumference.—*Herald.*

THE MIC MACS.—Thanks to the indefatigable exertions of Theophilus Stewart, Esq., Indian Commissioner, and the liberality of the Aborigines' Protection Society, London, Lennox Island has been purchased for the Mic Macs. It contains about 1400 acres, and cost the society £400 sterling. On Lennox Island the Indians have turned their attention to farming for some time past with very fair success. Their school, too, is in successful operation. Mr. Stewart is very zealous for their welfare, and unsparing in his efforts for their advancement. We hope the purchasers of the Island will aid his unselfish and philanthropic enterprise.—*Patriot.*

### The United States.

President Grant on Monday the 13th, sent to Congress a special messenger on Cuban affairs, defending the Administration in its policy of

strict neutrality in the trouble with Spain. The document causes great disgust to friends of Cuban independence.

The Congressional Committee of Ways and Means have agreed to report a bill relieving coal from all taxation, internal or external.

The U. S. Treasury Department has issued another warning circular, relating to Canadian inshore fisheries. It gives the treaty stipulations, and the recent action of the Canadian Government, calling attention to the fact that the warning formerly given is now dispensed with, and that vessels trespassing are liable to seizure without such warning.

The President has appointed Amos T. Ackerman, of Georgia, Attorney General of the United States, in place of Mr. Hoar, resigned.

Three persons were killed and eighteen injured, by a railway accident near Athol (Mass.) on Thursday last.

New York, June 18.—The Mechanics' National Bank in Louisville, Ky., was robbed last night of 60,000 dollars. Gold 112½.

### LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

#### ENGLAND.

THE FUNERAL OF CHARLES DICKENS has formed the most prominent subject of messages from England of the past week. His remains were taken to Westminster Abbey, on the 14th inst., where they were received by Dean Stanley, and other officers, and placed in Poet's Corner, at the foot of Handel and the head of Sheridan, with Macanley and Cumberland on either side. The usual flowers were strewn upon the bier, Dean Stanley read the Burial Service. Upon the coffin-plate were inscribed the words: "Charles Dickens, born Feb. 7th, 1812—died June 9th, 1870." Thousands of citizens have crowded to the Abbey to look upon the spot where the great Novelist rests.

The grave was entirely covered with flowers. Dean Stanley was to deliver a funeral sermon on Sunday.

In accordance with Mr. Dicken's wish the "Weekly Journal" and "All the Year Round" will remain in charge of his eldest son.

It is said the total value of Charles Dickens' estate will slightly exceed £80,000 sterling. The memoranda for the completion of the "Mystery of Edwin Drood" are complete and the duty of editing the conclusion of this story has been assumed by his son-in-law's brother, Mr. Wilkie Collins.

Heavy thunder showers have prevailed in many parts of England, but it is feared that they came too late for the wheat on light lands. The lightning caused a number of destructive fires in the neighborhood of Whitesea; several houses and barns were burned. No loss of life has been reported. The weather is cloudy but warm and favoring the hay crops.

The total loss of the British gun boat "Stanley in China Seas is reported. The Commander, William F. L. Elwyn, and forty-three of the crew perished.

The Miniature Steamer "City of Ragusa," ran ashore on the coast of Ireland, and put into Queenstown for repairs. She will soon sail again for New York.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday last, Charles Buxton moved for an address to the Queen, asking concurrence in the proposition for the appointment of a commission to revise the translation of the Bible, and supported his motion in a speech taking the ground that all English speaking countries should concur.

Mr. Gladstone, in reply, said the Government had carefully considered the question and thought it better to leave the subject to the Ecclesiastical authorities. A revision of the Bible was dubious, tedious and untimely.

The motion was finally withdrawn.

FRANCE.—An effort is being made to remit the duty on grain imported into France. A bill has been brought into the Legislature with this object in view. The continued drought is regarded with some alarm; already breadstuffs have risen in price more than 25 per cent.

It is reported that Prince Napoleon is ill. The Emperor is suffering from the gout, but not dangerous.

The abolition of the stamp duty on newspapers has been decided on by the French Government.

ITALY.—Despatches from Rome to London leave no doubt of the adoption by the Ecumenical Council, of the dogma of infallibility, as proposed to the Council, including the anathema clause.

The recalcitrant American bishops have now their ultimatum. The Pope has fixed July 22nd, as the utmost limit which will be allowed for them to make their submission to the Holy See. If by that time they have not reconciled themselves with Rome, excommunication will be pronounced against them. There will be much speculation as to the result. In all probability they will, in some shape, make their submission.

SPAIN.—Madrid, June 15.—General Prim announces as a candidate for the Spanish throne, Prince William Alexander of Orange.

A Madrid despatch says President Grant's Message on the Cuban question gives great satisfaction to the Spaniards.

PRUSSIA.—Princess Victoria, wife of the Crown Prince of Prussia, has given birth to a daughter.

The Emperor of Russia and King of Prussia have met at Ems to arrange a marriage between Prince Vladimir, second son of Caar, and the Prussian Princess.

JAPAN.—A severe earthquake has occurred in Japan, destroying several villages.