Some fifty-four years ago sister Smith made a profession of religion under the ministry of the late Elder Nathan Cleaveland, by whom she was baptized into the fellowship of the Onslow Baptist Church. When the church was divided by mutual consent, she remained with the Church, at Onslow East.

Being fully aware that the hour of her departure had arrived, she exhorted her children to be faithful unto death, that they may receive the crown of life that fades not away. Her last prayer was, "Come, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit"; when she fell asleep, leaning upon her Lord.

Her mortal remains were interred in the burying-ground at Ænon Chapel, there to clumber until the resurrection of the just. -Com. by Elder B. Scott.

P. S.—Illness, and the press of duties in holding special meetings, which have been deeply interesting, prevented an earlier preparation of the above article.

B. Scott. Onslow, March 21, 1871.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger. THE WORK AT YARMOUTH AND DIGBY COUNTIES.

YARMOUTH, 29th March, 1871.

Dear Brother,-I am here according to the urgent request of Rev. Dr. Day and his people, assisting, for a few days, in the promotion of a precious work of grace. Bro. Day's health has been, and is, very feeble, but he seems to be improving. His pastorate in this town has been remarkably successful. One hundred and one have been added to the Baptist Church during his three years' ministry in this place, and \$25,000 have been raised in that time by his people for religious objects. The Temple Church recently organized in the lower part of the town has entered upon its mission under most favorable auspices. Rev. W. H. Porter has accepted the pastorate, and is expected to enter upon his labors in June next. A large and hopeful interest also exists at Milton, the upper part of the town, where a separate church will ultimately be established. The congregation there worship at present in the old Vestry of the first Church, which was removed there to give place for the larger and more commodious one recently built in the central part of the town. Nine have been lately baptized by Dr. Day. Many arose for prayers last evening, and a large number will probably be received on Saturday for baptism next Sabbath.

I expect to return to my own field next week, and hope to be permitted soon to report gracious results from special services there. On my way to this place I spent a few days assisting Rev. A. Cogswell at St. Mary's Bay. He baptized seven last Lord's Day, making nineteen since the revival there commenced.

It is a very gracious time for many of our churches in these Western counties. Rev. J. C. Morse, at Digby Neck, I am told, is in the midst of a blessed revival. Rev. C. Randall has recently baptized twenty-two at Weymouth, and more are coming. Rev. L. B. Gates has baptized nineteen at Hill Grove, and the good work still goes on. Rev. D. W. Crandal, whose labors have been so much blessed at Digby and Smith's Cove, I found on my way quite ill, but learn he is now better. The revival interest, I am informed, is still progressing gloriously at Hillsburg under the labors of Rev. G. D. Cox. Some seventy or eighty have already been baptized, among the number several converts from the Church of Rome. I visited the French Mission Church, in the Wagner Settlement, on Friday, and preached to a solemn congregation. Bro. Normanday has recently baptized four, and several more are waiting to receive the ordinance.

Thus King Jesus is riding forth in majesty and grace. May his conquests still multiply!

Yours truly,

ISA WALLACE.

SHELBURNE COUNTY.

Dear Brother,-

. The prosperity of God's cause and the salvation of sinners is always welcome news to you and your numerous readers. During the past fortnight we have been holding some special services at Sable River a part of my circuit. Soon after the commencement of our meetings it appeared evident that the "Set time to favor Zion had come."

At the commencement the church was in a cold state, many of its members had blackslidden from God, but notwithstanding there were some waiting in humble prayer expecting to see the salvation of the Lord. Work was laid aside and the House of God was filled with people. "The tithes" were brought in to the house of the Lord, and he fulfilled his promise. Subsequently the power of God came down on the people, backsliders returned to God and sinners began to weep. I think I never saw just such a work. There was but little excitement, yet it was evident that the Spirit of God was searching the heart. Some experienced great distress of mind, others were brought to God in the calmness which follows the pardon of sin.

During our meetings Rev. J. H. Saunders came to our assistance and did us much good by his powerful address to the people.

Many who were blessed of God found pardon in their private retirement, and it would have done your soul good to have heard them at the meeting, tell what God had done for them. Last Sabbath it was my happy lot to lead down into the Baptismal waters, fourteen willing converts-all of whom with two exceptions number who expect to come forward for Baptism on my next visit to that place; many more are seeking the Lord. My humble prayer is that he will bring all our young people into the fold of Christ.

Your Brother in Christ, J. F. McKENNE. East Ragged Island, March 21st, 1871.

WOLFVILLE .- Rev. Dr. Cramp informs us that the Rev. S. W. DeBlois, the pastor of the Wolfville Baptist Church, baptized four persons on Lord's Day last. They received the right hand of fellowship at the close of the morning service. Prayer meetings will be held every evening this week. Dr. C. adds, I hope there is some good work going on among us. One of the baptized is a grandson of Father Theodore Harding.

FRENCH INFIDELITY .- Dr. M'Crie, in a communication published in the Weekly Review, writes :-

" Nothing has struck us with more grief in the history of this miserable war than the almost total insensibility betrayed by the public men of France to the hand that has smitten them. Not an upward look for help from heaven—not the laintest whisper of contrition for sin-not even a sigh, amidst the sackcloth and ashes of their physical misery, indicating anything approaching the repentance of ancient Nineveh-not the slightest disposition, though compelled to submit to the most humiliating terms from the hands of men, to humble themselves under the ' mighty hand of God.' And thus it has been from the commencement of the conflict-when the banks of the Moselle reverberated at night with the noble music of the Germans on of their intention to resign rather than the one side, while they sang the hymns of their Fatherland, and on the other side. with the boisterous revelry of the French as they danced in utter recklessness of the fate which awaited them-down to the latest news about the Republican General. who sat down to solace himself for the degradation of his country and the ruin of his hopes with a game at dominoes. And has it come to this, that the same thoughtlessness, the same ungodliness for which France has paid so dearly, is to be copied by Great Britain-that, mercitully exempted from their chastisement, we should emulate them in the folly that has procured it; and that the only answer given to the fearful lessons taught by an avenging Providence is to re-echo the sentiment which France uttered in the days of her gaiety, with the laugh of contempt which she still continues in the gloom of her despair to say within her heart. 'There is no God' We earnestly hope not."

DESPERATION .- There has been a pil grimage to the Blessed Sacrament of the Miracle at Brussels. The pilgrims, who arrived from all parts of Belgium-but chiefly from the neighbouring town of Ghent, Tournay, and from Hainault-sang litanies as they marched along the streets in procession, with flags and music, to the church of St. Gudule. Here high mass was sung by the Papal Nuncio, assisted by a numerous body of the clergy and prelates. At the end of the gospel, Mgr. Deschamps, the Archbishop of Malines and Primate of Belgium, preached, and argued that all miseries that now afflict European society proceed from the fact that nations persist in turning a deaf ear to the voice of the

SPAIN.-We learn from a Spanish newspaper that an evangelical church has been built and opened at Jerez de la Fronters (Xeres), a town of 35,000 inhabitants. interesting to Britons as being the capital mission. Another bill which provides that of the sherry-producing district, and as such Law Students as upon examination giving name to this universal wine. The obtain a first-class certificate, shall be enbuilding will hold 500 persons. It is the result of a purely indigenous movement. God is blessing his own work there, and is forming in Xeres a church of believers gathered from the Romanists.

of opinion, numbers 1,563,630 communicants, over whom are placed 9,553 ministers, connected with 783 Associations. The number of Baptist churches is 18,605 or nearly twice as much as that of the Baptist ministry.

The Methodists have 13.373 churches, and 9,192 ministers, which is a larger proportion of ministers to churches among the Methodists than among the Baptists.

The Presbyterian Church of the United States has 4,626 churches to 4,238 ministers, the two being nearly equal in numbers.

The Protestant Episcopal Church of that country has 39 dioceses, 51 bishops, 2,512 parishes, 2, 762 clergymen,, and 200,000 communicants. These statistics show a very marked difference between these denominations in the relative proportions which the number of their ministry bears to that of their churches.

CEYLON.—The Annual Convocation of missionaries and native Christians, under the care of the American Board, at Oodooville last October, is described as " a meeting of unusual interest." One native pastor " gave a glowing account of the Sandwich Island jubilee ;" another "reported the Lord's work in China and Japan;" another "depicted the progress in Turkey and Syria :" another " the wonderful work in Madagascar;" while yet another "deeply interested and amused his were young people. There is a goodly audience by suggesting the wants of the native Evangelical Society,." These exercises and others, interpersed with prayer and singing, "kept the best attention of the great audience of Christian people' (native). From the same field we hear:-" Many of the heathen have a regard for the Bible. A heathen teacher came and asked: 'Will you sell me some gospels?' Being asked why he wanted them, he said: and several changes made in the details; 'I need them for my school children; by one of these requires the Sheriff to preserve reading them they will form good habits, and become good children.""

> WEST AFRICA. - A missionary in Liberia, speaks of the reception of " an old heathen queen" to the church in November last. Her husband in his life-time was one of the most powerful of chiefs. It is said that when she and her daughter for the first time sat down together at the Lord's table, the scene was most affecting both to Christians and heathen. The Republic of Liberia now numbers a population of about 600, 000. The emigrants to the colony from the United States number in all 13,000 or 14,000. People from the neighbouring tribes have readily amalgamated with the settlers, and learned to work with them. Frequent journies have been made into the interior, bringing to light new tribes, which show considerable advancement in civilisation and the arts.

ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE EXTRAOR-DINARY.—There is a papier mache church (Wesleyan) actually existing near Bergen. Germany, which can contain nearly 1,000 persons. It is circular within, octagonal without. The relievos outside and statues within, the root, the ceiling, the Corinthian capitals, are all papier mache, rendered water-proof by a staturation in vitrol, limewater, whey, or the white of egg.

"GOOD NEWS FOR CURATES."—The Times thus grimly jests with the announcement of the Ritualist clergymen in the metropolis conform to the decision of the Privy Council.

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, March, 28th.

The vote of the previous day respecting the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in which it was decided, by the casting vote of the chairman, against making that officer one of the members of the Assembly was recon-

Several members, amongst whom were the Attorney General, Prov. Secretary, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Desbrisay, contended that it would be unjust to pass such resolution without making provision for Mr. Fairbanks. Others took a different view of the matter. The question was again put and carried nem con.

Amongst the Bills which came up for consideration was one spoken of as, "a bill relating to Trustees of lands granted for religious purposes." We find it stated that "this bill after being committed, was withdrawn, the House being of opinion that the object sought to be obtained by the measure could better be secured upon application to the Court of Equity."

(This was the bill prepared by the Committee appointed by the N.S. Central Bapby the following Minute:-

appointed to apply to the Legislature for an Act to enable Baptist Churches to perpetuate the Trustees of their property by the Legislative Council. duly appointing them. Motion carried.

Moved, that the Revds. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, and Brethren J. McCully and B. H. Eaton, be said committee. Carried.")

Another bill was passed which provides that any Magistrate convicted of selling intoxicating liquors shall forfeit his comtitled to a reduction of one year from the term of service required in a Barrister's office, was also passed.

The Baptist denomination in the United | with reference to the efficient condition of States, embracing all its shades and forms | the Colleges and Academies recieving provincial aid. In doing this he embraced the opportunity to refer to the Minute of Coun cil respecting the granting of Licences to Teachers without examination and endeav oured to justily the course of the Council in this matter. The report was adopted. The chairman of the committee on Public Accounts presented their Report, which was adopted.

Mr. Smith, from the select committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr. Oldright, for renumeration for reporting the decisions of the Supreme Court, reported in favor of paying his claim. The

report was adopted. The Provincial Secretary presented the petition of F. W. Fishwick, Eq., for a subsidy in aid of a steamer to ply between Halifax and Yarmouth. 'The petition was reterred to a select committee.

A resolution, moved by Mr. Pineo, providing for a survey by the Government of a line of railway from Pugwash to River Philip, and thence to the Spring Hill coal mines, was adopted.

As was also a resolution moved by Mr. White authorizing the government to cause a survey to be made of a canal to connect the head waters of Sydney River with the Bras d'Or Lake.

WEDNESDAY, March 29th

Mr. Morrison asked attention to the Bill passed on the previous day, respecting the shortening of the time required for Law Students, and moved that it be recommitt ed, which was carried. The House in committee took up the said bill and a motion to change it to a general reduction of Legislature. the term required from five to four years was carried by 15 to 8.

the ballots, in case he should be requested by any candidate to do so. Another pro vides that ballots shall be inclosed in a purely white envelope, but the ballots themselves may be printed or written on paper of any color. Another provides that the envelopes used shall be of uniform size. The presiding officer to furnish them on application. Another provides that in case any person presenting himself to vote shall be of jected to, the Sheriff shall write the name of such voter on the envelope containing his ballot, and make a memorandum of the circumstances in the poll book. The object of this provision is to facilitate investigation in case of a scrutiny. The Bill passed.

Hon. Prov. Secretary submitted a despatch from the Hon. Secretary of State in relation to Vaccination; and one relating to the establishment of a School of Mines a Montreal.

THURSDAY, March 30th.

The Bill to amend vote by ballot was read a third time, Mr. Chambers, chairman of the Committee on Trade and manufactures, presented their Report, which was

Mr. Desbrisay moved for a survey to be made for a line of Railway from Bridgewater to Windsor, which, after some discussion, was carried by 20 to 6; the names are as follows:-

For. - Townsend, Freeman, Eisenhaur, Ferguson, Cochran, Campbell, White, Wylde, Morrison, Atty. Gen. J. Mc-Donald, Copeland, Ryerson, Young, Des-Brisay, II. McDonald, Dr. Murray. Prov. Secretary, Robertson, Johnson,. Against. -Kidston, Ross, Chambers, Landers, Dr. Brown, Balcam.

Mr. Hugh McDonald moved for a survey for a line of railway from Wycocomah to some port on the gulf of St. Lawrence, which after debate was also carried; names as follows :-

For-Eisenhaur, Freeman, Smith, Cochran, Ferguson, Ryerson, Kirk, Campbell, Morrison, Wylde, J. McDonald, II. McDonald, DesBrisay, Prov. Sec., Atty. Gen., Dr. Murray-16. Against-Kidston, Balcom, Dickie. Coambers, Copeland, Ross, Dr. Brown, Flynn, Landers-9.

Mr. Dickie then moved, and Dr. Brown seconded, that the Government grant a sum not to exceed \$400, for a survey of a Mr. Desbrisay moved that the amount branch line of railway from Canning, in Kings County, to the main line of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, which resolution was lost by a vote of 8 to 12. and the names being taken appeared as follows :- For-Purdy, Murray, Ryerson, Morrison, Campbell, Dickie, DesBrisay, Brown. Against-Chambers, Freeman, Smith, Ross, Kidston, Wylde, Ferguson, Kirk, Landers, Copelani, Young. J. Mc-Donald.

FRIDAY, March 31st.

Mr. Desbrisay by special leave, introduced a bill to impose a tax of two cents tist Association at its last session, as appears | an acre on all lots of granted lands, over five hundred acres, not used for farming "It was moved, that a Committee be or lumbering purposes. It was read a first and second time and put through Committee, passed a third reading, and sent to

Lands was read and adopted. In the course of the debate, Mr. Desbrisay stated that the Chairman had not called the committee together.

The Committee on Mr. Fishwick's claim for remuneration occasioned by running the " M. A. Starr" to Yarmouth, reported against the claim. The report was adopted. The Committee on Agriculture reported. The report was laid on the table.

The House went into committee on the General State of the Province, and Mr. Morrison, at some length, went into an ex-Hon. Provincial Secretary from the com- planation of the Colchester election in remittee on Education submitted a report | ply to Mr. Chambers on a previous day.

Mr. Dickie spoke at some length on the financial state of the Province previous to and under Confederation.

SATURDAY, April 6th.

Dr. Murray submitted a resolution respecting the late Minute of Council providing for re-examination of Teachers, declaring said Minute illegal, and that it should not be acted on.

Hon. Prov. Secretary said such a motion was equivalent to a vote of want of confidence in the Government, and that it was unfair to bring up such a matter so late in the Session. He moved in amendment that the House go into Committee on the General State of the Province. Un the motion being put to vote, the names stood as follows :-

For. - Hon. Mr. Ferguson, Ryerson, Ross, Kidston, Hooper, Campbell, Hon. Mr. Robertson, Joseph McDonald, Hon. Mr. Flynn, Copeland, Lawrence, Young, Hugh McDonald, Dickie, Townsend, Balcam, Landers, Hon. Prov. Secretary, Hon. Attorney General - 19. Against. - Dr. Murray, Chambers, Purdy, Eisenhaur and Desbrisay.

Mr. Dickie resumed his speech of the previous day, and advocated the Independence of the Dominion as the only means of escaping from Confederation. He moved "That a Joint Commission be appointed to examine all matters of account between the Dominion and Nova Scotia, and settle them equitably, and that the Government open negotiations with the Dominion Government for that purpose.

Hon. Mr. Troop spoke on the advantages secured for the Province by the present

Hon. Attorney General spoke for some time in defence of his course. He stated The bill to amend the Act of 1870 that he was senior to both the gentlemen establishing Voting by Ballot was taken up appointed to be Judges, and had a better claim to that office than either, and because of his faithfulness to the cause of the country he had been driven from his profession. He would never enter a court and practice before his juniors, who held positions that rightfully belonged to him-

Mr. Kidston spoke on the increase of

Mr. DesBrisay laid on the table a resolution in amendment to Mr. Dickie's, that it is not expedient to appoint a Commission to settle the financial matters between the Dominion and Nova Scotia, but that Nova Scotia demand from Canada as its right the payment of our claims. Adjourned to Monday,

Monday, April 3rd.

The Strait of Canso Steam Ferry is to receive a grant of \$100 per month, and be allowed a portion of certain days every week for towage.

Dr. Brown read the report on Humane Institutions. Although both the Insane Asylum and that for the Deaf and Dumb need enlargement, it was not recommended

at present. Hon. Prov. Secretary submitted a supplementary estimate, and after a brief discussion Dr. Murray moved that the sum of \$1000 be granted to assist in rebuilding New Glasgow Bridge. The Provincial Secretary moved that the Government be authorized to place at the disposal of the Attorney General and Mr. Copeland, two of the members for Pictou, the amount asked for by Dr. Murray to rebuild the bridge, which resolution was adopted. Dr. Murray remarked that it was evident from their action in this matter that the Government were desirous to spite or punish him for the independent course he had pursued.

Dr. Murray moved that the Government be requested to lay upon the table copies of all Teachers examination papers in the term of September 1870. He also reviewed the policy of the Government on Confederation and in keeping back the repeal resolutions for about four months.

He complained of misman gement and neglect in the Education Office. And moved that the existing Government does not deserve the confidence of the House of Assembly and the Anti Confederate party. In the afternoon session the Committee

on Agriculture presented their report, recommending \$8,000 for that service. granted should be subdivided among all the counties, leaving each county to appro-

advisable. The report was laid on the table. Hon. Provincial Secretary made some explanation in regard to the examination of Teachers, referred to in the morning by Dr. Murray, and the papers which were missing from the Education Office. Hon.

priate its share in any way it might deem

Atty. General asserted that the papers asked for were of no importance whatever. The House went into Committee on the General State of the Province, and Mr. Morrison spoke for some time. Hon. Attorney General followed, and predicted that before the expiration of many years ' the Dominion would be independent of Great Britain. Mr. Chambers regarded it as folly to keep up the repeal cry to agitate the country, and exposed the conduct of

The report of the committee on Crown Mr. Morrison in the Colchester election. Provincial Secretary moved the adoption of Mr. Dickie's resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Commission to examine the financial relations of the

Province to the Dominion. Further consideration was adjourned till . Tuesday morning.

The Legislature Session was expected to close yesterday atternoon. We was obliged to prepare for going to press too early to give a report of the proceedings.

IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL on Saturday last, we learn from the Chronicle, a number of bills were amended and sent to the asfant s Anna 60th 3 wife of he on th mon 8. A

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