

ration to meet him. In anticipation of this event, Mr. C. had arranged all his business, and gave directions as to his funeral, selected the minister to preach, and the text to be used, as well as the hymns to be sung at the service. According to this arrangement Rev. George Armstrong preached on the occasion from 2nd Tim. iv. 7, 8. Rev. N. Vidito and Rev. D. Gordon were present and took part in the services. May relatives and friends profit much by the life and death of this venerable christian man!—Com. (Will the "C. Visitor" please copy.)

MRS. FRANCIS MORSE.

Died at Mr. Anselie Brown's, near Bridgetown, March 7th, Mrs. Francis Morse, widow of the late Aaron Morse, aged 97 years. Mrs. Morse, whose maiden name was Farnsworth, had been converted in early years, was baptised and became connected with the Baptist Church upwards of 70 years ago, Miss Farnsworth was married to the Rev. James Manning, Pastor of the Baptist Church in Lower Granville, and during the life of that godly and useful man performed towards him the part of a true yoke-fellow, a loving companion and wise counsellor. The trials and joys, the burdens and blessings of the minister's house and family were among the most cherished memories of her life. Death ere long bore the husband and pastor, from the scene of his labors and conflicts to his eternal home, and by his removal the whole aspect of life became clouded and greatly changed to Mrs. Manning. But amid all godliness was exemplified and adorned; and so it was even to the end. Some considerable period after Mr. Manning's death, his widow was joined in marriage to Mr. Henry Troop. But domestic ties were again sundered by the hand of death, and this worthy woman was again left to the sorrows and loneliness of widowhood. In the course of time however she entered into new relations and became the wife of Mr. A. Morse. But these ties as the preceding had been, were dissolved by the destroyer Death, and this aged and venerable christian woman was left again to mourn. Mrs. Morse was well instructed and sound as respects the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel; she was an earnest and true disciple of Christ:—she loved the gospel and all who believed it, and especially the ministers of Christ who in faithfulness and love proclaimed it. The surviving children and friends, especially her grand daughter Mrs. Brown and her husband who for seven years most tenderly watched over and cared for this aged disciple amid deep affliction ripening for the skies, are comforted by the assurance that their worthy and venerable relative has gone to be with the spirits of the just made perfect and with Jesus in cloudless light and immortal splendour. May we all seek to be prepared, that by the grace of God and the righteousness of Christ, we may when called hence be received into life! A discourse was preached on the occasion by Rev. George Armstrong—Com. ("Christian Visitor," please copy.)

For the Christian Messenger.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Dear Brother,—

I am requested by Bro. Chute to intimate that the success of his agency on behalf of the Woods Harbor meeting-house, has fully equalled his expectations. He obtained subscriptions to the amount of about \$570. Besides this he was encouraged to expect liberal contributions of building materials in Milton, Port Medway, and Jordan. He proposes visiting those places in a vessel about the last week in May, and hopes that his friends will be ready with their contributions.

The house will cost about \$2500. The foundation is being laid and they hope to bring on the top-stone before the snow flies.

Yours in the truth, W. H. RICHAN.

Religious Intelligence.

LAKEVILLE.—Rev. J. F. Kempton sends us the following postscript, dated May 1st.:

P. S.—I am happy to inform you that since I last wrote you we have continued to enjoy the marks of the divine approval in our efforts to glorify God in this community. A goodly number have professed faith in Christ—thirteen of whom have been baptised. These, together with those who were baptised before, make 32 that have been baptised within the last five months. We still look for others. To God be praise.

St. MARY'S BAY, DIGBY CO.—The following dated April 29th, 1871, is from Rev. A. Cogswell:

Dear Brother,—The Lord has visited us in mercy reviving the hearts of his people. I have baptised thirty happy converts this Spring, and we are expecting more to follow their Saviour in all God's ordinances.

LUNenburg COUNTY.—Rev. S. March writes from Bridgewater, April 29th: "I have had the privilege of visiting the baptismal waters at two of my stations on each of the preceding Lord's days, and I trust that the work of God is about to be revived in our midst here. There is evidently a desire on the part of some to seek the Saviour, and I have great encouragement, to labor on, expecting that the increase will be duly given by the Holy Spirit's influence. I rejoice greatly in what the Lord is doing for many of our Churches. May a still richer blessing be conferred, and Jesus be triumphant."

AYLESFORD, May 4, 1871.—Dear Bro. It affords me sincere pleasure, and I hope it excites in me some degree of gratitude, to have it in my power to inform you, in addition to a former statement, that some more drops have evidently fallen of late on the people in several sections of my field of labor. As a result of this, it was my delightful privilege on last Lord's day to baptize eight willing and obedient converts, of whom some reside on Prince William Street, and some in Melvern Square. Blessed be the Lord! May His gracious work advance.

Yours fraternally, C. TERRY.

WOLFVILLE.—The following letter from Rev. S. W. DeBlois to the Ch. Visitor contains a number of interesting items:—

DEAR BROTHER.—I noticed in your issue of the 18th inst., under the heading "Good News from Wolfville," a statement, which, I believe, was made in good faith by the writer. I think, however, it is open to some little correction. I append a few figures, from a record carefully kept, which may not be uninteresting. My connection with this church commenced in the beginning of 1856. During fifteen years I have baptized 293 persons, of whom 98 belonged to the College, Academy or Female Seminary. During the first five years, 137 persons made a profession of religion, of whom 24 were students. In the year 1857 I baptized 97 persons, of whom 14 were connected with the institutions. The church then included what are now known as the 1st and 3rd Horton churches. In the Associational years (1864 and 1865) 60 persons united with the church after baptism, of whom 31 were connected with the College, Academy and Seminary. From 1865 to the present time, 47 persons have been baptized, of whom 19 have been members of one or the other institutions.

The state of things at present is deeply interesting. We commenced holding one or two extra meetings during the month of March. It was soon apparent, that some of God's children were feeling intensely the necessity of humbling their hearts before God, and renewing consecrating themselves to his service.

Notwithstanding stormy evenings, and roads almost impassable with snow and mud, the attendance continued to increase. During the last three weeks our meetings have been held nearly every evening, and crowded with most solemn and attentive congregations.

We have had most efficient aid from the College and Academy. Some of our young brethren have labored with all their might in the good work. The Sabbath-school, under the superintendence of Bro. J. W. Erass, has been wonderfully blessed. By far the largest proportion of inquirers has come from the Sabbath-school.

On Saturday last, thirteen persons offered themselves for baptism, and were received. Twelve were baptised yesterday. A husband and wife in middle age, a sister verging on her threescore years and ten, and the rest in the bloom of youth, one of them a daughter of Rev. Arthur Crawley, our missionary in Burmah, obeyed the Lord's command.

Notwithstanding the rain, our large place of worship was crowded with hearers, and the services connected with the reception of these happy converts into the church will not soon be forgotten.

In the evening we held a social meeting in the vestry. One dear brother, who had not for some years fully identified himself with us, melted the whole audience into tears as he told of the Lord's providential dealings with him, and how he had been brought, at the death-bed of a beloved daughter, to renew the dedication of himself to God.

The prevailing feature in all our meetings has been the exaltation of Christ, as a living, loving Saviour. I have never before witnessed a work of grace in which this truth has been so persistently kept before the people.

Our meetings are to be continued, we trust, for some time longer. There are a large number of inquirers, and some who have found a hope, and expect at the next

opportunity to profess Christ. Brethren, pray for us.—Yours very truly, STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS. Wolfville, April 24, 1871.

WOLFVILLE.—Dr. Cramp writes on the 8th: "Twenty two were baptised yesterday in the river at Gaspereaux, and received into the Church at the close of the morning service, together with three others by dismission, making twenty-five in all."

Dear Editor:—

Our meetings are well attended, and a deep feeling of the presence of God seems to pervade each one. Sinners have been faithfully warned to forsake all their sins, repent of them, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit and through the preaching of the blessed gospel, "many poor sinners have been melted," and enlightened and turned to Jesus and are now rejoicing in the hope of salvation.

Thanks be to God, he is able to save them, and as many as will come to him "even to the uttermost." We believe that the humble, prayerful, united and active exertions which are being made for the salvation of perishing sinners, will result in much good. A deep religious feeling is diffused throughout the whole community; and we trust that a rich harvest will be gathered.

When the people of God are willing to work for the Master, in "sincerity and in truth," then He will bless according to His own promise—"He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Our pastor is laboring indefatigably, and is now "bringing" in the promised "sheaves." Thirty nine have been added by baptism and several by letter, who will be a strength and an additional trust, to the Church.

There is no great excitement, no undue urging. The Pastor exercises a great deal of discretion, and the blessed work moves on calmly, and we trust sincerely.

May the Lord bless us yet more abundantly.

J. R. STUBBERT.

Acadia College, May 8th, 1871.

GRANVILLE FERRY, ANnapolis CO.—Rev. B. Smithers, minister of the African Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Henry Francis of Weymouth, baptised eight believers in Jesus on Sunday the 16th of April. There is also a probability of a number of others following in the same path.

AN INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE FACT.—An intelligent and wealthy gentleman in a certain village in this Province was lately presented by a Methodist minister, a copy of D. D. Currie's "CATECHISM ON BAPTISM," in the hope that it would more strongly establish his belief in infant sprinkling. After a careful reading the gentleman was fully convinced, and not only withheld his children from being sprinkled, but concluded that he had not been baptised, if nothing more could be said in favor of infant sprinkling than that adduced by Mr. Currie. He has since been baptised and united with a Baptist Church. An intelligent, honest man cannot help seeing and despising such gross perversions of scripture as the above Catechism contains.—Visitor.

MORMONISM TO BE ATTACKED.—The Lion of Utah is to be bearded in his den. The Rev. Messrs. McDonald of Boston, Boole of New York, and Inskip of Baltimore, start next month for a missionary tour across the Plains taking with them a big tent capable of holding 4,000 persons. After preaching in California, they will move homeward, via Salt Lake, where they will set up a huge tabernacle, and hold an old fashioned camp-meeting. It is said that a great many Mormons were formerly Methodists, and are home-sick for the old fold. Our own opinion is, that with free preaching in Utah the Mormon system of concubinage has not twenty years life in it.

A wonderful deacon was the late Deacon Andrew Leach, of Searsport, Maine, who was in his pew at church 2,598 out of 2,600 consecutive Sabbaths. The two absences in the fifty years are satisfactorily accounted for by the absence of the deacon from town.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Our readers, at home, are pleased to know what their brethren in the Upper Provinces are doing. We gather a few items from the Baptist, as follows:—

The Semi-annual Board meeting at Ingersoll, on the 19th inst., was well attended, some thirty members being present. Thanks to the executive ability of the Secretary, a large amount of important business connected with the various mission-fields was expeditiously despatched. The Treasurer's half yearly statement of financial condition of the Convention was re-

garded as satisfactory. The churches ought next year to raise ten thousand dollars for this great work of Home Missions. They can and will do it, if all the pastors do their whole duty in bringing its importance and necessity before the attention of their people. Brethren, let us go up and possess the land.

MARKHAM.—On the 16th inst., Pastor J. B. Moore had the privilege of baptizing five persons, and the Lord's day previous six others on the ninth concession of Markham. Several still await baptism, and some have united on experience. He is greatly encouraged in his work, which we trust will be yet more largely blessed.

BRANTFORD.—Two candidates were baptised by the pastor, at the Tabernacle, on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst. We are glad to learn that the church, which is yet but a year old, now numbers over 90 members.

POINT ST. CHARLES CHURCH.—Rev. R. W. Pearson baptised four believers on Sunday evening in presence of a crowded congregation. Two are heads of families. Several are enquiring the way of duty and three have applied for baptism.

A late number of the Baptist reports the Ordination of Rev. Louis Randall, over the Baptist Church at Mount Brydges, and adds:—

Bro. Randall has for some years been preaching for the Methodists: but now feels it his duty to preach the "one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

TORONTO.—The Pastor of the Bond St. Church gave the right hand of fellowship to seven new members on Lord's Day morning, the 9th ult., and baptised two at the evening service.

The fourth Anniversary of the Alexander Street Church, of which our brother Rev. A. H. Munro is pastor, appears to have been an interesting occasion. Several other ministers were present and gave addresses. Rev. H. Lloyd, the late editor of the Baptist stated "that the number of those who formed the church was 27, and that now the membership was 143, and that the Sabbath school which commenced with 27 had in attendance last Lord's day 248 scholars."

Dominion & Foreign News.

The cabmen at Montreal have succumbed and the strike is now over.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE SCHOOL BILL.—The division on the New School Bill stood as follows:—

For.—Beckwith, King, Kelly, Lindsay, Wedderburn, Theriault, Montgomery, Caie, Girouard, Stephenson, McQueen, Phillips, Donald, Napier, White, Hatheway, Robinson, Coram, Palmer, Willis, Covert, Harrison, Tibbitts, McAdam—21.

Against.—Speaker, Moore, Gough, Blunehard, Hibbard, Adams, Hanington, Crawford, Williams, Otty, Alward, Maher, Gillespie, McPherson—14. Landry away, but ordered his name to be added among the nays. Bailey, absent through illness.

The Bill is passing through its several stages in the Assembly. The constitution of the Council of Public Instruction is at present somewhat different from the Nova Scotia law, consisting of the Lieutenant Governor, the President of the University, the members of the Executive Council and the Superintendent of Education; who is also the Secretary of the Board. It is uncertain what it will yet become.

On Monday of last week Mr. Wedderburn, proposed that the Board be composed of the Attorney General, the President of the University, and the Superintendent of Schools, the remainder to be chosen from gentlemen of ability, representing the different religious denominations of the Province.

This is a most important part of the measure and one on which the efficiency of the law must largely depend. If a Board could be obtained outside of political parties that would have sufficient vigor to carry out the provisions of the law, and at the same time feel responsibility and command the confidence of the people it would doubtless be better.

We hope the Assembled Wisdom will be equal to the occasion, and if possible improve on our law and show us the more excellent way.

The 5th section of the Bill as above, providing for the Board of Education, was carried on the 1st Inst., without division. On Tuesday, Mr. Wedderburn's resolutions respecting "better terms" were carried by a unanimous vote.

Petitions were coming into the Legislature for free and unsectarian schools.

A cargo of molasses, brought from Trinidad by the brigantine Mary, was seized on Wednesday, in consequence of the importer having entered it under value at the Custom House. The cargo was sold by the Customs authorities.

Mr. Chas. McFarlane, formerly of Canning, Queen's Co., was recently drowned while duck shooting in Australia.

A boy named John Walsh was found drowned under Long Wharf, Portland.

On Monday over \$23,000 were paid in duties in the afternoon at the St. John Custom House.

The Temperance men of King's County are determined that Rum shall not be sold in the County. Several liquor sellers have been fined.

P. E. ISLAND.

LOSS OF THE "EMELINE."—Further particulars regarding the ill-fated schooner Emeline, has transpired within the last few days, through Mr. Thomas Clay, who has been at South Lake and found several articles which were identified as belonging to this Schooner. There was a coat and handkerchief which were recognized as those of Captain Saville. The handkerchief had his name with needle-work on it also his initials. A cap was also found which belonged to one of the Clays. There is a ridge of sand and ice running along the shore, which was formed last fall, and it is supposed that when it thaws, some of the bodies will be found imbedded in it. The feelings of the bereaved must be lacerated afresh by those evidences, but there is some satisfaction in knowing even the worst.—Georgetown Advocate.

EXPLOSION.—A glass carboy of sulphuric acid standing in the sunlight in a shop in Charlottetown, exploded, but did no damage except to the building.

The old "Guard House" at Charlottetown, P. E. I. was destroyed by fire a few days ago.

RAILWAY.—J. E. Boyd Esq., C. E. of New Brunswick, has been appointed Government Engineer of Prince Edward Island. He will have charge of the Government Railway between Georgetown and Summerside.

THE CENSUS is being taken in Prince Edward Island, but some of the papers say that the work is imperfectly done, owing to farmers giving incorrect returns of their stock and farm produce.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Several sealing vessels were lost recently in Trinity Bay, and there are reports of some having been lost in Conception Bay. The steamer Panther arrived at St. John's a few days ago with a large cargo of seals.

There are several cases of smallpox at St. Pierre.

The Legislature of Newfoundland was prorogued on the 24th April.

UNITED STATES.

President Grant has issued a Proclamation calling on the people in the South to prevent the continuance of Ku Klux outrages, and warning them that if necessary he will exhaust the power given him by Congress to protect loyal men everywhere.

A tornado at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Wednesday last, damaged property to the amount of \$400,000 and killed and wounded several persons.

A boat from Fort Niagara containing Lieutenants Ashbury and Morris, with six soldiers, capsized yesterday. All were drowned.

A terrible accident occurred in Sing Sing prison on Saturday. A gallery floor gave way precipitating several to the pavement, 40 feet beneath. It is feared that two persons were fatally injured.

One of the Joint High Commission recently said that negotiations were on the principle of give and take. It is believed that their decision will be satisfactory to both countries.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

FRANCE.—We regret that we have as yet no more satisfactory news from Paris. Every day renders the case of the city more and more hopeless of a speedy peace, and that of the citizens more deperate.

The National government troops make some slight advances on the Communists, but the taking of a fort or the destruction of a house in which the National Guards had entrenched themselves is but a poor rate of progress in bringing a rebel city to submission. The telegrams of last week stated that the Berlin Council presided over by Bismarck, had agreed to notify the Versailles Government that a further limited period would be allowed for the restoration of authority and fulfilment of treaty stipulation, after which Germany will take independent action to establish law and order in Paris.

The Prussians allow provisions to enter Paris, which occasions uneasiness at Versailles.

The revolution in Algeria is beyond the power of the Government to suppress. Blanchet, member of Commune, has been arrested by order of his associates.

A telegram on Saturday last said: Thiers, in his proclamation to the people of Paris, says the Germans declare that they will mercifully resume the war unless the insurrection is at once suppressed. The proclamation closes thus: "Re-unite; open the gates to us; the work of cannon will then cease and tranquility and abundance will take its place. We are marching to deliver you and will be with you in a few days. You can aid us."

ENGLAND.—On Friday last Earl Granville announced in the House of Lords that the Government had received official despatches confirming the reports of the safety of Dr. Livingstone, the African traveller, and also giving assurance that his immediate wants would be provided for.

LONDON, May 8.—The London "Times" expresses hope that the American Congress will approve the work of the Joint High Commission.