

church in Hillsboro, although previously baptized, was led during that gracious work, under my father's counsel and encouragement, to decide to preach the gospel. In addition to those pastoral labors, he was accustomed to make occasional visits to Sackville, Point de Bate, Moncton, Salisbury, and other places, with a view to assist in the promotion of revivals. In these places many remember with pleasure and gratitude his faithful ministrations.

My lamented father was endowed with more than ordinary powers of mind. Although his educational advantages were few, by prayerful and careful reading and close observation, he became a highly acceptable preacher of the Gospel. Endowed with a lively imagination and with good powers of illustration, and possessed of a deeply emotional nature, he was enabled to present truth most forcibly and effectually.

In his business relations he was strictly conscientious; to the poor he was generous and kind; as a friend he was confiding and faithful; as a husband and father he was tender, affectionate and devoted. His memory is embalmed in the hearts of his kindred and the multitudes benefited by his ministry. May his removal to a higher sphere be sanctified! As the old watchmen are called down from the walls of Zion, may our young men respond to the pressing calls for more laborers, and exclaim, "Here am I, send me." They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The funeral of the subject of this sketch took place on Friday, the 10th March. His remains were buried in the old Burying Ground in Hillsboro, there to slumber in the same cemetery with the dust of his parents, grandparents, and many other beloved kindred, until the resurrection morning. A very large concourse assembled to show their respect for the departed and their sympathy for the bereaved. The Rev. W. T. Corey conducted the funeral services. His sermon for the occasion was from 1 Chron. xxix. 30—"The times that went over him and over Israel." After dwelling upon the vicissitudes of human affairs and upon the providence of God controlling and directing these affairs, the preacher gave a rapid historic sketch of the times that had gone over the fallen veteran and over Zion, during the lengthened period of 45 years, since he entered upon the ministry; and in closing admonished all in view of the uncertainty of life and the changeableness of human affairs to anchor their hopes higher than the changing scenes of earth. This discourse was listened to with much interest. Revs. W. A. Coleman, J. Goldrup, P. Duffy, J. Irving, and D. Chapman (Wesleyan), took part in the services.

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

SHELburnE, March 21th, 1871.—Dear Brother,—You will be rejoiced to hear of the progress of religion in this county. At Sable River, the Holy Spirit's influence is manifested most gloriously among the people. Some special services have been held with the happiest results. Many conversions have occurred, some of them very remarkable. In some instance the spirit whispered and won; in others He thundered most terribly and subdued sinners to submission. Bro. McKenne, the pastor, who for several years has faithfully served this people, had the privilege last Sabbath of baptizing fourteen; it is expected that many more will soon obey.

In the crowded assemblies at this place during the past week were to be seen many from surrounding neighborhoods, and it may be expected that the heavenly flame will spread.

At Lower Sable River, we have a small church of 16 members with whom we met on the 18th inst., in Conference, enjoying a very refreshing season. On the Sabbath large congregations assembled to listen to the word of life. Though suffering for lack of pastoral care this church is holding on its way with commendable steadfastness. In the blessings attending some revival services held in this place by the Rev. Mr. Martin (Methodist) our brethren here have shared.

Lockport, the commercial capital of this County by the removal of Bro. B. D. Porter, is left without regular ministrations of the Word. This is an interesting—and to

many men—a very inviting—field. To an interested observer the marks of careful culture by the late Pastor are plainly seen. There is in this place and surroundings much land to be possessed.

The Church of Jordan Bay and Sand Point, encouraged by regular pastoral service, are about finishing a place of worship which has been partly built for several years; they are not without tokens for good.

In this town, among all who love the Lord Jesus, and delight in the manifestations of his saving power, holy influences appear to be on the increase. Our prayer meetings are often places of holy delight and hope. For preaching services our small place of worship is already too strait for us. We must now either build a church or abandon the field. The last we will not do until we have tried to do the first and fail. This work we are about attempting in dependence upon Divine aid. If it be the will of our Lord that we succeed, no power formed against us, or weakness of our own shall hinder our success. To accomplish this we need \$1000 outside aid this year. This we hope to obtain, nor can we think that our hope is ill-founded. Our God is abundant in resources, and this to him is but a small gift, if it be his pleasure to bestow it. And then in this Province there is plenty of money among the Baptists who can give use sufficient aid if in their hearts they are so disposed. We have already been encouraged by our worthy brother, J. B. Kinney of Yarmouth, who is preparing for us, gratuitously, a complete plan and specifications for our House.

Our principles and practices as a Church of Christ are increasingly popular among believers in this County. Just now I have a pressing invitation to establish services in a section hitherto unoccupied by Baptists.

Yours, very truly,
HENRY.

Weymouth.—Rev. Chas. Randall writes dated March 17th:—"You will be pleased to learn that the work of religious revival is progressing in the county of Digby, and that we at Weymouth are sharing in that great boon.

We from necessity are obliged to work alone, from the fact that our ministering brethren in the county are so engaged, that they can't leave their own fields, but if God be with us we may well be satisfied, and we believe that God is with us here of a truth. Dear brother pray for us, that the work may be deep, and thorough, so that it may be lasting. [The above should have appeared last week. We regret that it was overlooked.—Ed. C. M.]

BRIDGEwater.—Rev. S. March writes:—"I rejoice in the glad news which comes from the various churches of Zion's prosperity. Here are some favorable indications in my field of labor. Some have offered themselves for Baptism. We trust others are being awakened to seek after God. Oh that their numbers may be multiplied greatly.

THE REVIVAL IN DIGBY COUNTY.—We hear from various correspondents in the West that the revival influences are continuing in various parts of Digby County. Bro. George H. Hardy, writing from Smith's Cove on Friday last, says:—

"The extensive work of Grace which has been going on for some time past in this part of the Province still continues, and nearly all of the churches for many miles around are enjoying rich blessings. Some thirty members have been added to our numbers by Baptism.

"At Bear River, about sixty have been added to the Church, and the work still goes on.

"At Digby Joggings the Church is being greatly blessed.

"Digby Neck and Weymouth, I understand, are also sharing in the blessing. To God be all the glory."

REV. L. B. GATES also writes from Hill Grove, (Digby Joggings):—

Dear Brother,—We are enjoying a refreshing season at Hill Grove. The Lord has been pleased to visit us in mercy. The Church has been greatly revived. Backsliders of long standing have returned, and a number of stout-hearted sinners have professed faith in Christ. I have baptized eighteen willing converts. There are two more received for Baptism, and others who we expect will come forward next Lord's Day. Among those baptized were a number of heads of families, and quite a num-

ber of young men and women who bid fair for usefulness. We desire to give God all the glory."

Norton, N. B.—We learn from the Visitor that the Revival at Norton is proceeding prosperously. The Pastor, Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr., baptized seven candidates on the last Sabbath on the profession of their new born faith, making in all nineteen since the revival commenced. Bro. John Ring, of Carleton, who has been rendering valuable assistance, returned home yesterday. He says the good work is taking deep hold of the community. They have had nothing to equal it for many years.

From the Missionary Magazine for March we learn that the Executive Committee of our Missionary Union recently instructed the Home Secretary, Rev. Dr. Murdock, to seek out young men who are willing to go to the heathen. They will take the responsibility of sending seven new men to Burma, three to the Telogoses, one to the Garos, two to the Assamese, and two at least to China,—in all fifteen men,—within one year from this date, if the men can be found. Shall not this appeal come home to the hearts of those who are prepared for this work?

Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, March 21st.

Shortly after the opening of the House the Attorney General presented a resolution expressive of deep interest in and satisfaction at the marriage of the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, as follows:—

Whereas, Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, with the consent and approbation of Her Majesty the Queen, and to the satisfaction of the nation, has this day been united in marriage to a distinguished British Nobleman;

Resolved, That this House do testify their loyalty and respect to the Queen, and their joy on the auspicious occasion by adjourning, and the House is accordingly adjourned."

WEDNESDAY, March 22nd.

The third reading of the Crown Lands Bill was moved, and was again discussed by several members, and passed without amendment. This bill provides that actual settlers shall get 100 acres free.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a bill to disfranchise persons holding official position under the Dominion Government in the Customs, Post Offices, Internal Revenue Railway, Fisheries and Marine Departments. The bill was read a first time. The Mines and Minerals Committee presented their report.

Mr. Smith moved that the bill to do away with the vote by ballot be read the second time.

Hon. Attorney General said from what he had seen of the operation of the bill in the Halifax election he preferred open voting, and did not think the ballot any protection or security against corruption.

Mr. Dickie moved, and Mr. Kidston seconded, that the bill be deferred three months. The bill was supported by a number of members amongst whom were the Attorney General and Messrs. Campbell, Smith, White, Chambers and Flynn, and opposed by Messrs. Kidston, Ross, DesBrisay, Brown and Young.

(On the vote being taken Mr. Dickie's amendment to defer the bill was lost.

For—Brown, Dickie, Eisenbaur, Purdy, Ryerson, D. McDonald, Ross, Kidston, Wyld, Murray, Morrison, Copeland, DesBrisay, Young.—14.

Against—Townsend, Freeman, Smith, Prov. Secy. Atty. Genl. Flynn, White, J. McDonald, Lawrence, Johnston, Chambers, Ferguson, Hooper, Campbell, Robertson, Pineo, Landers, Balcum, H. McDonald.—19.

The House in Committee of the whole took up the bill to abolish the ballot. After a short discussion Mr. Kidston moved, and Mr. Dickie seconded, that the further consideration of the bill be deferred until next day, which passed.

Several bills were then passed, and the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 23th.

The House sat for some time with closed doors discussing the motion to rescind the vote of Wednesday refusing to defer the bill to abolish the ballot.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Mr. F. W. Fishwick, praying to be reimbursed for loss incurred in running his steamer, M. A. Starr, between Halifax and the Western Shore ports during the season of 1870. The petition was laid upon the table.

Mr. Whits introduced a bill to amend the Act respecting Public Instruction.

Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendment reported favorably on several bills to amend the law on costs and fees; the sale of spirituous liquors; elections &c., a number of company and incorporation bills.

Discussion arose on the bill to repeal the Vote by Ballot Act of last year. It passed in committee, but Mr. Kidston said he should oppose it on its third reading. Several other bills were also passed including the bill to provide for free grants of land to actual settlers.

A number of local bills were returned from the Legislative Council agreed to.

FRIDAY, March 24th.

Several bills were read a third time and sent to the Legislative Council. The bills to impose a tax of five cents an acre upon lands, over five hundred acres, held by one person, and not used for farming or lumbering purposes, on being moved, called forth some debate.

Mr. Smith moved that it be deferred three months; Mr. Pineo seconded the motion.

Mr. Kidston moved that the bill be recommitted which was lost. The motion to defer was also lost by the following vote:

For—Freeman, Ferguson, Smith, D. McDonald, Johnston, Chambers, Ross, Wyld, Campbell, Pineo, Lawrence, Young.—12.

Against—Eisenbaur, Kirk, Dickie, Kidston, White, Copeland, Jos. McDonald, Flynn, Attorney General, Hooper, Robertson, Ryerson, Provincial Secretary, Landers, Morrison, Balcum, DesBrisay, H. McDonald.—18.

The bill was then read a third time, and sent to the Legislative Council.

The Bill to abolish the Ballot was then moved. Mr. Dickie moved in amendment that it be deferred three months, which, after some discussion, was lost, as follows:

For—Brown, D. McDonald, Landers, Ryerson, Ross, Kidston, Dickie, Murray, Wyld, Kirk, Morrison, Copeland, Young, DesBrisay.—14.

Against—Townsend, Freeman, Chambers, Smith, Lawrence, Flynn, Attorney General, Prov. Secretary, Jos. McDonald, White, Ferguson, Hooper, Campbell, Pineo, Robertson, Johnston, Balcum, H. McDonald.—18.

Mr. Morrison moved that the bill to abolish the ballot shall not go into operation until January, 1872, which motion was lost by a vote of 15 to 18. The bill then passed its third reading. Mr. DesBrisay gave notice of a motion to rescind the vote.

Mr. Kidston moved the second reading of his bill to abolish the Legislative Council, and spoke at some length, contending that the Council was expensive and unnecessary.

Hon. Attorney General showed that to abolish the Council the concurrence of the three branches of the Legislature was required, and therefore any further consideration of the subject would be but waste of time and expense. The only thing this House could do would be the presenting of an address to the Her Majesty the Queen, founded on a resolution of the House of Assembly. During the discussion a number of members expressed a desire that the Council should be made elective.

The vote was taken and the bill deferred for three months by the following vote:—For—Ferguson, Townsend, Eisenbaur, Freeman, Dickie, Smith, Atty. General, Hooper, Wyld, Pineo, Campbell, Morrison, Prov. Secretary, Johnston, DesBrisay, H. McDonald.—16.

Against—Chambers, Ross, Kidston, J. McDonald, Kirk, Murray, Ryerson, Landers, Copeland, Doucette.—10.

SATURDAY, March 25th.

House met at 12, M., and sat with closed doors. It is understood that they were discussing the repeal of the Ballot Act. At one o'clock there was a recess till three o'clock. The House then took up the Mines and Minerals Committee's Report respecting some disputed claims. In the course of the debate some dissatisfaction was expressed with the management of the Commissioner of Mines' office, and an adverse decision was come to from that of the Commissioner, and T. S. Fowler placed in possession of the area.

The House, in Committee on Bills, passed the following:—To incorporate the Lower Stewiacke Foundry Company; To establish rates of Wharfage at Green Cove in the County of Yarmouth; To incorporate the Albion Club in the City of Halifax; To incorporate the Nictaux Cheese Manufacturing Company; To incorporate the Trustees of Fort Massey Presbyterian Church in Halifax; To change the name of Little Forks, in the County of Cumberland, to Athol; To incorporate the Mooseland Gold Mining Company; To amend Chapter 13 of the Act of 1869 regulating Costs and Fees.

The bill to disfranchise employees of the Dominion Government departments was then committed, and a lengthy debate ensued. Mr. Purdy asked for an explanation respecting the necessity of such a bill, and showed the injustice of disfranchising good citizens. Mr. Townsend also opposed the Bill. Mr. Purdy asked that the debate be adjourned and the bill printed, but the Government refused, and shortly before seven o'clock pressed the question when the Bill passed.

The Legislative Council reported that they had agreed to several bills. The House adjourned until Monday at half-past two o'clock.

MONDAY, March 27th.

The Bill to disfranchise officials of the Dominion Government, after some remarks by Mr. Purdy, was read a third time and passed.

Some discussion arose respecting the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the unwillingness of its directors to afford all the accommodation required. A motion was made by Mr. Kidston to open an account with some other banking institution. The motion was laid on the table.

The House, in Committee on Bills, passed several. One of these was to amend the Act of 1869 relating to Mines and Minerals, extending the time of a license to search for coal from two to three years.

Some time was spent in deliberating over a bill providing that the Commissioner of Crown Lands shall be a member of the Legislature; which would involve provision being made for the present incumbent. On division, it was found that there were 13 for and 13 against, whereupon the Chairman gave his casting vote against the change.

Dominion & Foreign News.

The telegrams from Ottawa to the Morning and Evening papers have consisted almost exclusively of the discussion of the N. S. New Provincial Building; Mr. Jones and Hon. Dr. Tupper have had some sharp encounters. On the motion to appropriate \$200,000 for a building in Halifax for the Dominion Service, Mr. Jones moved that it be only the \$66,000 and that to pay the sum in dispute between the Local and Dominion governments before handing over the present building. The final vote had not been taken on the subject.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE FREE SCHOOL principle has been emphatically endorsed by Charlotte county. Mr. Stevenson's majority over his opponent was over 700. The question at issue—direct taxation for schools—was fairly put before the electors, and every vote cast for Stevenson was a voice in favor of Free Sectarian Schools. Mr. Hibbard, who exerted himself to the utmost to defeat the Surveyor General, has concluded—so he said in his speech on declaration day—that the figures at the close of the poll were against him, consequently in favor of the free school system. Though personally opposed to the principle, he has determined to carry out the wishes of his constituents by giving it his support; and he hints that other members who are opposed to the Government will do the same. It will be well if this is so. York, by the return of Mr. Hatheway, spoke unmistakably in favor, for Mr. H. very plainly stated his position in the matter.—Intelligencer.

SMALL-POX.—A few new cases of small pox are reported. Three or four deaths since our last issue; but the disease is evidently diminishing more rapidly than we had reason to expect.—Visitor.

THE CURRENCY.—The assimilation of the currency of the Federal Provinces is a boon for New Brunswick, and in the issue will be advantageous to all concerned.—Tel.

The Telegraph adds: An item will probably appear in the supplementary estimates, to cover the expense of removing coin now in Nova Scotia. The Bill will go into operation on the first of July.

Miss Howe, a maiden lady aged 55, living in Princess Street, while passing up a flight of stairs fell backward and expired. The Coroner's Jury, returned a verdict of Death from natural causes.

A LARGE CARGO.—The ship Denmark recently cleared at the St. John Custom House for Liverpool, G. B., with one of the largest lumber cargoes ever sent out of that port, including the following:—550 tons birch timber; 1,820,033 feet deals and ends; 74,127 feet scantling; 13,325 pieces palings; 1 cask glassware; 13 packages furniture.

Seamen are scarce at St. John just now. High wages are in consequence offered.

The Fredericton City Council have voted in favor of the appointment of a Police Magistrate.

UNITED STATES.

Senator Sumner made a great speech in the Senate on Monday in opposition to the annexation of St. Domingo.

SOUTH AMERICA.

A special telegram from Panama giving further particulars of the terrible flood in Peru. In the town of Lombarganue, containing 200,000 inhabitants, only three houses were left standing. The loss of life and property was immense.

In Bolivia peace has been finally restored. The people of Chili are violently opposed to the annexation of San Domingo to the United States.

At Rio Janeiro a new Ministry has been formed. Gen. Lopez Jordan has again been defeated and his army routed in Uruguay.

WEST INDIES.

PORTO RICO.—A telegram from New York on Saturday states additional troubles have arisen in Porto Rico—a very inflammatory manifesto has been issued and it is evident that the feeling excited between the two parties is of the most bitter character.