

poisonous, deadly and destructive. But they will withdraw their subscriptions—it may be, give up their pews, retire with their families, support opposition and rival churches. Let them go. If they are truly converted, faithful christians they will come back ere long. If not, the sooner the church is rid of them the better. The place where the dead or unfruitful branch is lopped off, is soon concealed by the new wood, which presently grows and heals the wound.

That our churches one and all, would this very autumn unitedly make a grand effort to purify themselves, and then invoke the blessed agency of the Holy Spirit for revival influences the coming winter, and see if such a blessing would not be poured down that there would not be room to receive it.

EVANGELIST.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION AT FALL RIVER, WAVERLY.

By request of a company of brethren and sisters, delegates from the neighboring churches met at Fall River, on Wednesday, Sept. 25th, to consider the propriety of said company being united into an independent church of Christ.

The Council was convened by appointing Deacon F. Webber, Moderator, and Rev. H. Morrow, Clerk. The following churches were represented—North Church, Halifax, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Bro. J. Parsons, 1st Hammond's Plains Church, Rev. H. Morrow. Sackville Church, Deacon F. Webber, invited to a seat Bro. R. D. Burgess, Liec. The Council declared itself satisfied that they were worthy to be recognized as a regularly organized Baptist Church.

The following officers were appointed. To be deacons, Brethren W. Eaton and S. Leidham. Clerk, Bro. John Stevens.

The public exercises took place at seven P.M., as follows:—

Sermon from Acts xi. 23, by Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Hand of Fellowship to the Church by Rev. H. Morrow.

Charge to the Church by Bro. J. Parsons, Ordaining of deacons. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Goucher.

Charge to the deacons by Deacon F. Webber.

Benediction by Bro. R. D. Burgess.

A work of grace is in progress in the community, and we trust many more may be added to the Lord. They only number ten at present, but others will soon join on reception of letters from their churches.

By order of the Council,
H. MORROW, Clerk.

PARADISE, Sept. 27th, 1872.—Dear Brother,—We had the pleasure of baptizing four believers in Jesus on Sabbath the 15th inst.

Two of them are sons of the late Rev. S. N. Bentley. Thus early has the dying prayer of our sainted brother been answered.

Very truly yours,

A. COHOON.

NEW BAPTIST CHAPEL IN PARIS.—The corner-stone of the new Baptist chapel in Paris was laid in that city on Tuesday, August 20th. The following brief account of the services we take from the "London Freeman":

"Pastor Dez read two passages of Scripture, and offered prayer. Pastor Monod, of the French Reformed Church, also offered a most beautiful and earnest prayer, in which he alluded to the late misfortunes of France, the instability of all former foundations, and prayed that she might be established on the Rock of Ages. The stone was then laid by Mr. James Renham, of London, as joint treasurer of the English fund; by Mr. Robert O. Fuller, of Boston, as representing the American Committee, and by Rev. S. H. Booth, of London, as representing very many English friends who sympathized warmly, though not able to be present. Pastor Lepoids also gave an interesting address, and prayer was offered by Pastor Bonbon, the Baptist Missionary Society's agent in Brittany, and by the Rev. S. H. Booth. The Commissary of Police was present in his official capacity, and also as an expression of the good-will of the authorities (who, by-the-by, allow our brethren much more liberty than they ever enjoyed before), and about forty or fifty friends and neighbours made up the company. The weather was gloriously fine, and all passed off most pleasantly and hopefully, the workmen, for whom special prayer was offered, and who were presented with French Testaments, evincing much reverence of manner and much interest on the occasion."

The location of the chapel is near the corner of Rue de Bach, but a few steps

from the Pont Royal with the Palace of the Tuilleries, and the principal hotels on Rue Rivoli and St. Honore, within easy walking distance.

The Mahareah Dhuleep Singh was married in June, 1864, to one of the girls of the United Presbyterian Mission School in Cairo, Egypt. He has celebrated the anniversary of his marriage this year, as heretofore, by sending his check of \$5,000 to the mission.

An organized movement against slavery in the Spanish colonies is promised in Spain, and arrangements it is said are already nearly perfected for a series of public anti-slavery meetings in the principal cities of the kingdom.

Last year the Methodists of the United States report the baptism of 65,770 adults, and 54,517 infants; the Presbyterians 8,585 adult and 17,420 infants, and the Baptists 90,200 believers.

A missionary in China states the astounding fact that if the present ratio of conversions goes on, as it has been going on for some years back, "by the year 1900 the Native Christians in China will number over two millions."

It was in September, 1869, that the present Queen of Madagascar ordered the national idols to be burned, and professed her faith to God. There are now in the island over 20,000 communicants in Christian churches, and 250,000 nominal adherents to Christianity.

A CHURCH ON A SACRED FOUNDATION.—It is rumored that the Italian government are going to give the Pantheon at Rome for a place of Protestant worship. This is the most ancient church in the Eternal City; and there would be something of righteous retribution in such a disposal of it. The pavement is said to rest on two hundred wagon loads of martyrs' bones, put there by order of Pope Boniface IV., in order to conquer the repugnance of the superstitious populace to entering it for Christian worship. There is something especially fitting in the name of the "Church of the Martyrs."

DEATH OF A VERY OLD BAPTIST.—The death of probably the oldest Baptist in the world is recorded in the following paragraph, which we find in the *Richmond Herald*:—"Enos Hendren died at his residence on Monday morning last, in the 109th year of his age. He was the oldest man in Madison County, and probably the only one living who had passed his one hundredth birthday. Up to within a few days previous to his death he had been for years in good health, and twelve months ago was often seen at work in his garden. The deceased was born in North Carolina, emigrated to this country when a young man, and has continued to reside here ever since. He was for ninety years a member of the Baptist church, lived an upright Christian life, and was much respected by all his neighbours. He has left many descendants scattered over Kentucky and the Western states. Peace to the old man's memory."

A RARE BAPTISM.—The *Western Recorder* says: On Sabbath morning last Rev. M. B. Wharton, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, in this City, baptised, in the presence of a very large congregation, a convert from the Roman Catholic Church, in the person of an intelligent middle-aged lady, for many years a prominent "Sister of Charity" in that connection. The facts with reference to her religious history were briefly stated by the pastor. She was "born" in that church, sprinkled, in infancy, confirmed at fourteen years of age, and subsequently entered the Convent of the Good Shepherd at St. Louis, as a boarder. Afterward she went to England and entered the Convent of the Trappists, where she was elevated to the position of a "Sister." (The Trappists constitute a most severe order of that church, having been organized in the valley of La Trappe n 1140.) Subsequently some troubles about her finances brought her back to the Convent of the Good Shepherd at St. Louis, and from there she went to the "Mother House" of the Shepherd at Paris. About this time a copy of the New Testament accidentally fell into her hands, and she became a Baptist. After a profession of her repentance toward God and faith in Christ, she was received into the Walnut Street Church and baptised, as stated, on Sabbath morning. She has presented Bro. Wharton with a copy of "The Glories of Mary," a *vade mecum* of convent life, whose author has been canonized as a saint and worshipped one day in each year. On the fly-leaf is written by the convert, "a book of blasphemies and lying wonders"; and many expressions in ink and pencil are found through its mystical pages. One of the most interesting features of this conversion is the incident that caused it, namely, the reading of the New Testament, which has been pronounced a Good Baptist Book.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., OCT. 2, 1872.

On the Governor-General's arrival at Toronto he was escorted to Government House by a torch light procession. Government House was illuminated.

The Hamilton Fair was a great success. Over 25,000 persons were on the grounds. Lord Dufferin and suite were present. He left again for Toronto the following day. The receipts of the week amounted to upwards of \$12,000, last year's being only \$6,000.

Mr. King has notified the Montreal Bank of his intention to resign the Presidency at the end of the financial year, first of June next.

The Hon. Dr. Tupper's second son (Charles), who went up for examination on Monday morning last, has succeeded in carrying off eighty dollars offered as a prize for matriculants, in McGill College, Montreal. The distinction so honorably won, entitles the student to exemption from fees, which largely increases the value of the prize. The intelligence, by telegram to the Rev. G. N. Higginson, M. A., under whose instruction he has been for two years past, arrived this morning, and must have been a source of great satisfaction to him, as it cannot fail to prove to all friends of the successful candidate for University honors.

Ottawa Citizen.

There was a furious gale during Saturday night and Sunday on Lake Ontario, doing considerable damage to steamers and rafts.

WEST INDIES.

Letters from Martinique state that during a severe storm there on the 9th inst., three ships, five droggers, two English barques, three schooners, one sloop and two steamers founded, and with their cargoes, were a total loss. Two men and one woman were drowned.

At St. Kitts, on the 10th, the brig "Roseway," of New York, with a cargo of flour, and the brig "Salamander," wrecked; barque "Jane Richardson," and "Rosebud" were dismasted; a schooner was carried to sea and lost; a sloop was driven on the beach, and an unknown barque founded.

A hurricane at Barbadoes greatly injured the crops, and drove ashore the brigs "J. Boyer," of New Brunswick; Georgia, and "Grace Kelly," of Halifax. No lives were lost.

UNITED STATES.

But comparatively little is being said now about the Presidential election.

There is a report that a wonderful discovery of an enormous silver ledge has been made in Colorado.

Louisville, Ky., experienced a destructive hurricane on Tuesday night, which demolished a church and unroofed several buildings.

A fearful wind and rain storm swept over the Eastern Iowa on Tuesday last, and did much damage at Monona and Dubuque.

John McInnis & Co's wool warehouse, in Boston, was burned on Thursday night, loss \$200,000.

The Northern Ohio Lunatic Asylum at Newburg, was burned yesterday, loss \$350,000; one young lady was roasted alive, and several others more or less injured. Five lives were lost.

It has been snowing in Nebraska, on the Pacific Railway, since Monday last week.

The railway project of Rosecrans is meeting with much favor.

The premature explosion of a blast in the ledge at Bangor, Me., on Tuesday, injured several persons, three of whom may die.

A thirty thousand dollar fire occurred in the village of Phillips, Maine, last week. Nine buildings were destroyed.

A young Canadian named Amidas Garvias, was killed by the cars at Worcester (Mass.) on Tuesday last.

The propeller "Dalhousie," from Montreal for Chicago, with pig iron and merchandise, was burned on Thursday, on Niagara River. Crew saved. She was owned by the Welland Railway Company.

The village of Oscela, Arkansas, was visited on Saturday by a destructive hurricane. A church and a number of dwellings were demolished.

In Michigan a severe storm prevailed on Sunday and Monday.

A REMARKABLE VINE.—Mr. L. A. Hardee, of Honey Moon, Florida, tells the following tall story about a vine of his:—"In June of 1867, I layered a few vines of the scuppernong in a lot I owned in Jacksonville. In July of the same year, I sold this lot, reserving these vines. In the fall of 1867 I planted these vines, one of which was near the well; this vine covers a lattice-work 54x64, and will bear this season 100 bushels, I think."

NEW YORK, Sept. 30, p. m.—Gold 134. Exchange 84. Money 7 per cent.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—The opinion of Chief Justice Corkern, disagreeing with the decision of his colleagues in the Geneva tribunal, is published. It makes a pamphlet of two hundred and fifty pages.

Mr. Lowe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on his recent visit to Glasgow, received from the Municipality the freedom of that

City. In his speech returning thanks for the honor, he alluded to the result of the Geneva Arbitration, and expressed the opinion that the Americans came out of the struggle very much elated, but that England's object was not to gain a legal triumph, and acted therefore not as a litigant but as a friend. The money, he declared, should be paid without murmur or delay. He severely condemned Sir

Alexander Cockburn for not signing the award on the *Alabama*, and for publishing the arguments, which opens up the question and renewes all ill feeling. He insisted it was the duty of England to accept the award loyally.

Lord John Russell is preparing a review of the proceedings and the award of the Arbitration.

The Chambers of Commerce in several leading cities of England, have adopted resolutions congratulating Her Majesty's Government on the happy termination of the Geneva Arbitration, and copies of the resolutions have been forwarded to the United States.

It is said that efforts are being made to require the Messrs. Laird, contractors of the *Alabama*, to pay a portion of the amount awarded to the United States by the Geneva tribunal.

Heavy gales prevailed on the coast of England on Thursday and Friday last, and some damage was done to shipping.

The advance in the price of coal has caused increased expenses of running the Lancashire cotton mills, to such an extent that it has been decided to reduce the number of hours of labor.

Aberdeen, Scotland, and vicinity, was visited by terrible rains on Wednesday last. Railway stations were submerged. The streets were flooded, making them impassable, and the crops ruined.

The authorities at London detained a steamship which was to have sailed on Saturday with a number of emigrants for Canada, because it is now too late for their departure.

Sidney Waterlow has been elected Mayor of London.

The Princess of Hohenlohe, half sister of Queen Victoria, is dead.

At a recent meeting of the Roman Catholic Bishops in Maynooth, although Cardinal Cullen opposed the principle of Home Rule, the majority of Bishops voted in its favor.

The Bank of England has advanced its rate to 4½ per cent. Bullion decreased £224,000 during the week.

It is reported that Sir Roundell Palmer has accepted the Lord Chancellorship in place of Lord Hatherly, who resigns.

The ship "Nazarene" was wrecked off Formby, Lancashire county, during the late heavy gale. All on board were drowned.

The jute crop of India has been injured to the extent of £50,000 by recent cyclone.

FRANCE.—The French Government on Monday the 23rd ult., paid to Germany 57,000,000 francs, completing the fifth half milliard of the war indemnity.

At the reception of the Count Orloff, Russian Minister to France, he said the Czar would have gone to any meeting the object of which was hostility to France, and that the Czar ordered him to state this fact to Thiers.

Elections have been ordered for the 10th of October, in Algiers, Caen, and other districts, to fill vacancies in the National Assembly.

The Turkish Ambassador to France died on a railway train while going to the city of Lawber, Austria.

Gen. Manteuffel, commander of German Troops now in France, and the French authorities, have agreed that the evacuation of the Departments of Marne and Haute Marne commences on the 15th October,

President Theirs will propose to the Assembly the appointment of Vice President of the Republic, the creation of an Upper Chamber, and a new electoral law.

Gambetta, despite his previously declared determination, made a speech at Paris on the anniversary of the Republic, criticizing the present government's prohibition of celebrations. He demanded the dissolution of the Assembly. His speech is condemned by the press.

Advices from Switzerland state that Garibaldi publishes a letter in the Swiss papers denouncing Theirs' policy towards Italy. He writes very bitterly.

GERMANY.—Russian and German Newspapers differ as to the results of the interview of the Emperor at Berlin, the Germans claiming beneficial results.

As the Bishop of Ermeland persists in resisting the authority of the Prussian Go-

vernment, vigorous measures will be taken against him as soon as the Diet meets.

It was reported that the removal of the Catholic Priest, Mermillod, from Geneva by the Swiss Government, has promoted the Bishop of the section to resist the secular power.

The population of Metz has decreased two thirds since the German army occupied it. The migration has all flown to France.

HOLLAND.—The Dutch Government states it did not prohibit the International Congress at Hague because its meetings were public.

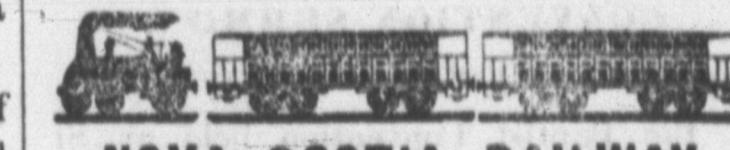
TURKEY.—The Cholera continues its ravages in Roumania; 10,000 persons have already died.

SPAIN.—The Spanish budget proposes to meet the excess of expenditures over the receipts by withholding the subsidies of clergy.

SWITZERLAND.—The Catholics of Geneva have protested against the removal of the priest Meruillard by the Swiss Government.

The Evangelical Conference at Geneva, voted on Saturday to issue an address to the "Old" Catholics. D'Aubigne was instructed to draw up the paper.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
Halifax, 26th September, 1872.