

collected in front of it, gazing with great astonishment at us, at the articles in our tent, and at our preparations for breakfast.

When we began to eat, we shut out their view by closing the door of the tent, but having nearly finished, I told br. Stoddard we had better open it, and let them see the "Sahibs" eating.

Scenes at Damra.—I am once more at Damra, which I left almost a year ago, prostrated with jungle fever.

Changed Scenes.—We were present at the market last Thursday. A large number were present. Their appearance and habits were quite in contrast to those we met at Neebaree.

Religious Intelligence.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Enclosed in a letter from Dr. Hobbs, of Sydney N. S. W. which will appear in our next, we have a communication which recently appeared in the Tasmanian Independent from the Rev. J. Kingsford a Baptist minister of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, showing that a remarkable work of grace has appeared there in connexion with the labors of the Rev. Walter Douglass.

I cannot refrain from dropping you a few lines to report how the work of the Lord is going on, through the instrumentality of our mutual friend and dear brother, Douglas. He arrived in this city about six weeks ago, an entire stranger, and now it may be almost literally said the whole city has gone out after him.

ing work is being carried on. Souls have 'come to Jesus,' in numbers from fifteen to thirty-one on the several occasions, and ranging in age from 6 to 71.

"I have had the honour and privilege of stand by the side of our brother on several occasions; I have watched him narrowly and his work closely, at first with a considerable degree of suspicion, but now all that feeling has gone, and I can and will say, I am proud, nay thankful, to stand by him as oft as opportunity is afforded me, whosoever he may go.

"During these meetings my two youngest children have decided for Jesus; and now I have two in heaven, and four on earth, all loving the Lord; and oh, sir I can't tell out to you what I feel. Aye, and besides this, some eight or nine young ones from my own Sabbath school, and older ones from my congregation, have been brought to decision.

"The half has not been told, nor can it be. 'The day will declare' that; all I can now say is, 'Oh magnify the Lord with us, and let us exalt His name together.' To Him I know we are all desirous of ascribing the glory, I should like to be able to write more descriptively, but am so subject to interruptions while writing, that I find it hard work to be at all connected.

The Boston Journal states that Rev. Daniel Williams gathered a Baptist church 50 years ago in Foster, R. I., and is still its pastor in active service, although 81 years of age; and that this has been his only pastorate.

Rev. W. C. Van Meter has resigned the charge of the Howard Mission, New York city, in order that he may organize a similar mission and a Home for Little Wanderers in Rome, Italy.

PENNSYLVANIA.—There were 242 persons baptized in Pennsylvania, during the month of January last, and of these 150 were in Philadelphia.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—Iowa.—Under date of February 24th, the Rev. W. P. Hazelton writes:—The cause of Christ is increasing in interest in this village. Last Sabbath after an impressive sermon, delivered to a large and attentive congregation, on confessing Christ, founded on Matt. 10: 32, the congregation repaired to the water side, and the pastor baptized a promising young man, who has been a teacher for two years in Iowa.

Brantford.—In connection with the Tabernacle Church and congregation, there is a Young People's Association, which holds weekly meetings, alternately of a literary and religious character.

Tragedy," and an original poem entitled, "The Maiden's Baptism," written by Mrs. Street of Bratford, was also read by Mr. Alexander.

GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.—Mr. Lafleur, in a recent letter, writes: "I may safely say that for twenty years past we have not had a more encouraging and successful year. In the different stations of the missions we reach an unprecedentedly large number of baptisms—forty-five, many of whom were Roman Catholics last year.

BISHOP COLENSO.—An American missionary, who has lived for many years at Natal, South Africa, speaks very pleasantly, friendly, and even hopefully, of Bishop Colenso. They have been for years on friendly and visiting terms, and have had many long talks together.

At present the status of the English church in Natal is any thing but pleasant or hopeful, with two rival "Successors of the Apostles," one employed in diligently pulling down what the other is laboriously trying to build up.

After a moment's reflection the bishop responded,—"Neither do I"; and thence took his new departure towards infidelity, while the "convert" went off to divorce his believing wife, to take to himself a couple of heathen women, to strip himself of his clothing and to return wholly to his old heathenish ways.

Our United States brethren are enjoying revival seasons in some parts. We copy a few items from our exchanges:

NEW YORK.—Dr. Hotchkiss, pastor of the Washington street church, Buffalo, is baptizing every Sunday evening.

Rev. M. H. DeWitt reports a delightful work of grace at an out-station of his church at Howard. Baptists and Methodists have worked together in the pleasant unity, and thirty profess hope in Christ.

The Baptist church at Urbana, Rev. R. Corbett, pastor, is in the enjoyment of a special work of grace. "We have been engaged in meetings for three weeks past, brother B. F. Balcom preaching every evening. The church has been revived, wanderers have returned to their Father's house, and sinners have been converted.

Rev. N. B. Randall is gathering a precious harvest in his new pastorate at Vine-land, N. J. Averaging two meetings a day since the Week of Prayer, more than fifty have been received into the church, and a much larger number of hopeful conversion. Congregation and Sunday school have more than doubled.

A friend writes from Virdin, Ill.: "Since the commencement of the late series of meetings here ninety-five parsons have been received into the Baptist church—141 having united with this church since the present pastor, Rev. H. M. Carr, commenced serving them, a little over two years ago. The society have built a commodious parsonage during the past year.

A Distinguished Ministry Ended.—The Rev. E. N. Kirk, D. D., of Boston, we regret to learn, is reduced to blindness. But he has used his eyesight while it lasted, as few are permitted to do.

The venerable Dr. Kirk is indeed under great affliction. His eyesight has gradually failed for two years past, until now the night of blindness rests upon him.

"As a result of a special effort," writes the Rev. J. B. Hutton, "eighteen have been added to the Evansville Baptist church (Wisconsin), fourteen by baptism."

Rev. A. H. BURLINGHAM, D. D., is rejoicing in his best year at St. Louis. Fourteen have been recently baptized, and many more are candidates for the ordinance.

CARLETON PLACE AND ALMONTE.—Pastor A. A. Cameron, of Ottawa, writes:—In Carleton, the Baptists have a small but neat Chapel. Wednesday evening over 200 people must have crowded their way inside.

The prospects at present are, that Almonte will be the Manchester of the Dominion. Its water privileges are equal if not superior to any on the Ottawa River.

Provincial Parliament.

HALIFAX, N. S., MARCH 27, 1872.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, March 19.—Several bills previously introduced, were advanced a stage.

Mr. Joseph McDonald introduced a bill to incorporate the Farmer's Clubs in the Province; and the Attorney General one to revise the Act relating to Crown Lands.

Mr. Blanchard said he thought it an unnecessary expense, as he believed there was but little probability of the roads being constructed.

Mr. Holmes concurred in the same view and made some enquiries as to what was the policy of the Government on the construction of railways.

Hon. Prov. Secretary said the Government measures would be laid on the table as soon as convenient. The powers of the Government had been greatly diminished since the Acts of 1867, and they would not be justified in entering on any large works at the present time.

Mr. Blanchard then moved for the appointment of a committee, with power to send for persons and papers, to investigate the payment by the Government of the sum of \$6,710.94 to Robert Boak, Jr.

Hon. Prov. Sec. said he was tired of the subject, and thought it time to let it die. It had already been fully discussed and was well understood by the people, and he moved in amendment that it was inexpedient to occupy more of the time of the House in the discussion.

Hon. Prov. Secretary moved the previous question, thus shutting out any further discussion. On the vote being taken the names were as follows:

Yeas—Ferguson, Freeman, Townsend, J. Flinn, Archibald, Gayton, Landers, White, Smith, Morrison, Wyld, Kirk, Campbell, E. P. Flinn, Robertson, Johnston, DesBrisay, Doucette, Ross, D. McDonald, Jos. McDonald, Prov. Sec.—22. Nays—Cameron, Rettie, McRae, Moore, McDougall, Holmes, MacDonnell, Allison, Hon. Jas. McDonald, Pineo, Blanchard, Vickery.—12.

The Provincial Secretary's amendment was then put and carried by the same vote. The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 20th.—Mr. DesBrisay, from the Committee on Local and Private Bills, reported in favor of the bill to incorporate Albion Lodge of Freemasons, Shelburne, and also of the one to incorporate the Block House Coal and Railway Company.

The Provincial Secretary introduced a bill to incorporate the Halifax Club building Company.

Mr. Pineo presented two petitions for grants in aid of the improvement of Roads in Cumberland County, and Mr. McDougall one of a like nature from Hants County.

The Provincial Secretary laid on the table a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Provinces relative to corporal punishment for criminal offences, and also one, from the same source, conveying information that the act passed at the last session of the Nova Scotia Legislature to regulate Pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake, Cape Breton, had been disallowed by the Dominion Government, as the matter was one not within the control of the local authorities, but under the management of the department of Marine of the Dominion.

Hon. James McDonald introduced a bill to incorporate the Acadia Co-operative Society.

The Home in Committee on Bills passed the following:—To amend the Act incorporating the Intercolonial Coal Mining Company; to incorporate the Albion Mines Debating Club; to amend the Act relating to the Poores Asylum in the city of Halifax; to incorporate the Block House Coal and Railway Company, and a bill respecting the treatment of Lunatics.

The House resumed. The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Crown Lands bill. Mr. Pineo asked for papers in connection with the Hon. Mr. Annand's delegation to Washington.

THURSDAY, 21.—Mr. Kirk asked leave of absence for Mr. Archibald. Mr. Woodworth introduced a bill to extend the legal capacities of married women, and the Hon. James McDonald one respecting the assigning of insurance Companies.

Mr. Kirk, from the Committee on the establishing of an Inebriate Asylum, reported that the committee were of opinion that such an institution should be commenced forthwith, and recommending that a grant of money be made to the object.

Mr. McDougall and Mr. Flinn presented petitions for abolishing the royalty on gold.

Mr. Morrison spoke at some length in defence of himself from charges of inconsistency in his political conduct, and the performance of promises said to have been made the electors at the last election.

Mr. Woodworth presented a petition from Hantsport respecting a school house. Petitions were also presented from various Government officials for an increase of salary.

Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to provide for the construction of a bridge at New Glasgow.

Mr. J. Flinn introduced a bill to incorporate the Point Aconi Coal Company, and also one to enable the city of Halifax to raise funds to repair the Fish Market Slip.

Mr. J. Flinn introduced a bill to amend Chapter 149, of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. J. Flinn submitted in writing questions as to the policy of the Government on Railways, amendments to the Education Act, and in regard to fisheries.

The Provincial Secretary submitted the estimates for the current year, of which the following is a summary:—

Table with columns for Assets (1st January, 1872), Advances for Roads and Bridges, Probable Revenue for 1872, and Estimated Expenditure for 1872. Total assets: \$40009.83. Revenue: \$720902.55. Expenditure: \$652620.00. Surplus: \$68282.55.