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. It would be as curious a spectacle to them as the Siamese twins or a collection of tropical animals would be to people at home, and they would enjoy the sight with as great a relish. Therefore during the remainder of our meal we allowed them to gratify their love of the marvellous. Afterwards a native assistant spoke to them of Him who came to save men; who is the true "bread from heaven" of which they that eat, whether white or black, American or Garo, are no longer strangers or objects of wonder to one another, but members of a common family, between whom exists a fellowship-loving, strong, and enduring. God grant that many who gathered together this morning may partake of that rich provision and

Scenes at Damra .- I am once more at Damra, which I left almost a year ago, prostrated with jungle fever. and from which a gracious Father's hand speedily raised me up. As I recalled these things, I felt that I had reason to call upon my soul and all that is within me to bless His holy name. Some expressed a desire for baptism, two of them, pupils in the Normal School-one, a woman somewhat advanced in life, the mother of a pupil who is a Christian, and the others residing in villages a few miles distant. Previous to the Sabbath we went out to see them at their homes, but did not meet them all .-In the meantime some had been examined and accepted for baptism.

The Sabbath came, bright and beautiful, like many days, months, indeed, that we have during our cool season. When the hour for worship arrived, it was my privilege to stand up before a congregation of seventy or more, who had gathered in this dark land for prayer and praise to Him who is the source of light. It was a sight to make glad a Christian's heart. I took for my text Rom. 8: 9. After the services five were carefully examined, and received for baptism. All of them for a year or more past had given up heathen worship. being fully convinced that it was sinful, and contrary to the truth which is found alone in Jesus. The old chief whom we visited last year, had signified his readiness to be baptised, but he did not present himself. One of the five received was his daughter-in-law. Her husband was baptized two years ago. He and a brother, baptized last year, are very decided and reliable Christians. Br. Stoddard led the new converts down into the "liquid grave" and in obedience to the command of the Lord "buried" six discipled ones in bap-

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. The women had nearly all laid aside their ornaments for the neck. and wear instead strings of colored glass beads, procurable in the various shops about the market-place. Their general appearance was more civilized than in those we had seen elsewhere. The native Christians from the villages about were present. and the heathen Garos, who are rather shy. looked with astonishment when they pressed through the crowd to shake hands, and manifested so much pleasure in meeting us. The love of Christ makes a bond which binds together in sympathy and fellowship people of diverse races and climes.

## 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 Indepen. ent from the Rev. J. Kingsford a Baptist minister of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, shewing that a remarkable work of grace has appeared there in connexion with the labors of the Rev. Walter Douglass. He says:

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. The Great Master was pleased to direct B. G. Wilson, Baptist minister, to offer the use of his chapel for especial services, to be conducted by our dear brother W. D., and a great, an amaz-

'come to Jesus,' in numbers from fifteen to thirty one on the several occasions, and ranging in age from 6 to 71. A noble band of young men and women have come and confessed Christ before a multitude of witnesses, so that those who were scertical are obliged to say, 'This is the Lord's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." And all this has resulted without excitement in the various meetings, simply as the effects of his stirring appeals, and his earnest entreaties there has been no going from seat, to seat to persuade persons to come up (as is the manner of some), but in every instance that I have witnessed the movement has been voluntary on the part of each one. Babes, young men and women, boys, girls, mothers, fathers, and old men; oh, such a sight! Our hearts have indeed been made glad, and with our brother we have sung with hearts overflowing with gratitude, 'Glory, honour, praise, and power be unte the Lamb for ever."

' 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, wheresoever he may go.

"Last evening he held a service in Mr. Griffith's chapel (Congregational). a most powerful sermon, from "Behold L stand at the door and knock," after which twentyfive avowed their attachment to Jesus. My brother Griffith appeared to be thoroughly overcome. The meeting was intensely solemn, and I am sure it was felt to be the

" 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 thus 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. We have sown the seed in days that are past, and the Lord has sent Walter Douglas to reap the harvest for us; so ' now both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.' The old man of 71. to whom I have before referred, is a member of my congregation. He has been a hardened sinner, a drunkard, and worse: about three years back he was induced to attend our ministry, and he has been the subject of strong conviction, but it was not till last night that he could sing,

> 'Oh happy day, Jesus has washed my sins away.'

"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. This, I am sure, you will not regard; my principal object in writing to you is, I have heard of the interest you feel, and I want you and the dear friends in Hobart Town to be 'partakers of our

"To you, yours and all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ, I send greeting. Grace, mercy, and peace be theirs, and the Lord abundantly bless you.

> "I am your brother in Christ, "JOHN KINGSFORD."

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. The managers of the Bible and Publication Society have appointed him to this work.

baptized in Pennsylvania, during the month of Rev. Mr. Burnham, of Mass. of January last, and of these 150 were in Philadelphia.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC .- lora .- 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 Iona. He had been brought up under the influence of the Presbyterian Church, but having experienced a change of heart, and fully investigated the subject of baptism, he concluded to unite with the regular Baptist Church of this place. This is the first time for two years that baptism has been administered | day since the Week of Prayer, more than here. Since then two others have been fifty have been received into the church, received into the fellowship of the church by letters. May God continue to bless.

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. At its last meeting, in addition to musical exercises and recitations, several extracts serving them, a little over two years ago. were read by the Rev. Mr. Alexander, from | The society have built a commodious par-Longfellow's last poem, "The Divine sonage during the past year.

ing work is being carried on. Souls have Tragedy," and an orginal poem entitled, "The Maiden's Baptism," written by Mrs. Street of Bratford, was also read by Mr. Alexander. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The association meets in the Tabernacle each alternate Monday evening, for literary pursuits, and the alternate week for the study of the Scriptures .- Canadian

> 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-torty-five, many of whom were Roman Catholics last year. Quite recently, in the neighbourhood of Roxton Pond, where I used to labor, and where our young brother Therrien works, ten Romanists, chiefly heads of families. sent in their re- happy by having a colleague in thorough signation to their priests, to follow the Gospel. At Longueil, in the Feller Institute, we have the largest number of pupils we ever had there, more than forty. Eight of the pupils are church members, and for some time past they have held prayer meetings, in which more than half the school join. At Grande Ligne the school is as full as the state of the house will permit. The scholars are boys and young men, twentysix in number. This is not the time to slacken our efforts and to show that evangelical Protestantism is a failure, when Catholicism, as a system, is crumbling on all sides, when the Epistle of Paul to the Romans is so freely and cagerly read and preached upon at Rome. The Lord is hastening the time, may we ever be found following close to Him.'

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. The bishop is described as a fine specimen of an English gentleman, -about three or five and sixty years old; affable, genial and conversational; open, frank and outspoken; and evidently honest and sincere, though unsettled and changeable in his religious notions, plunging heedlessly from one theological precipice after another into the dark abysses below them. But, after all, our missionary says he is not without hope that the bishop may yet make his way to the Rock that is higher and safer than any foundation that he has yet found.

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. Colenso's once flourishing mission is rapidly falling to pieces, and his converts are reverting into heathenism, the Zulus thinking that their old religion was, on the whole, preferable to Colensoism. The bishop's first development of skepticism is believed to have appeared when examining, with one of his prominent Zulu converts, the Bible account of the flood. The Zulu stopped at the description of the animals that were driven into the ark, and said,-"I don't believe that story. There

many animals." 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 use of members. of his clothing and to return wholly to his old heathenish ways. And others among the bishop's flock soon followed this sad example—the swine that were washed to their wallowing in the mire.

couldn't have been room in the ark for so

Colenso is a most studious and laborious man. Besides his commentary, he is a diligent writer, lecturer and preacher .--W. & R.

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

NEW YORK .- Dr. Hotchkiss, pastor of the Washington street church, Buffalo, is baptizing every Sunday evening. Just pointment of a committee, with power to PENNSYLVANIA. -There were 242 persons now he has the assistance, in his meetings, send for persons and papers, to investigate tutes.

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 pleasantest 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. Yesterday (Feb. 25) we baptized seventeen happy converts, and more will enjoy the privilege of the ordinance soon."

Rev. N. B. Randall is gathering a precious harvest in his new pastorate at Vineland, N. J. Averaging two meetings a 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 persons have been received into the Baptist church-141 having united with this church since the present pastor, Rev. H. M. CARR, commenced

A Distinguished Ministry Ended .- The Rev. E. N. Kirk, D. D., of Boston, we regret to learn, is reduced to blindness. vote. The House then adjourned. But he has used his eyesight while it lasted, correspondent of the Intelligencer says :

The venerable Dr. Kirk is indeed under great affliction. His eyesight has gradually night of blindness rests upon him. But he has been admitted to a kingdom where all is light, and where no night is. That light now beams in upon his soul, and illumines his inner being. He will await, in faith and patience, the time when deliverance from "the body of this death" will be granted. This city can present a list of preachers as illustrious as any in the land, and among the most honored and loved stands the name of Dr. Kirk. His "latter years" are rendered all the more the love of the church.

" 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 baptizsed, and many more are candidates for the ordinance. His two sons have put on Christ in baptism. Rev. A. A. KENDRICK, of the same city, is also made glad by the revival of God's work.

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 Meeting was a decided success, considering there are no male members of the Church resident in the village-but the sisters there seem to be like Dorcas for zeal and good works. The Church is making arrangements for securing a pastor of their own. It will soon be an important town

The prospects at present are, that Al monte will be the Manchester of the Dominion. Its water privilegas are equal if not superior to any on the Ottawa River. The Rosamond Woolen Factory is a magnificent establishment, giving employment to 350 hands. All its wool is imported from the Cape of Good Hope, and is reported to produce some of the finest woolen fabrics on the Continent.

## 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. Johnson one to incorporate the Alpin Lodge of Freemasons, Shelburne, and the Attorney General one to amend Chapter 26 of the Revised Statutes, of Crown Lands.

Hon. Prov. Secretary presented a petition from Truro, praying for the erection of new buildings for the Normal School at that

Mr. Freeman moved, and Mr. Robertson seconded, that 100 copies of the report on the surveys of the proposed lines of railway from Annapolis to Liverpool, and from Windsor to Bridgewater be printed for the

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 apsum of \$6,710.94 to Robert Boak, Jr .-He also wished the Committee to be empowered to enquire into the expenditure of 3,000 on Plaister Cove wharf, it having Slip been alleged the money was misappropriated by him. He charged the Government with having used a portion of the last named sum for electioneering purposes in the counties of Hants and Inverness -He denied having improperly used a single farthing of the money appropriated to the Plaister Cove Wharf.

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.

Mr. J. MeDonald and other members protested against so unusual a course. 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, Wylde, Kirk, Campbell, E. P. Flinn, Robertson, Johnstone, DesBrisay, Doucette, Ross, D. Me-Donald, 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 ABST

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WEDNESDAY, 20th. - Mr. Des Brisay. as few are permitted to do. The Boston 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 failed for two years past, until now the | the Block House Coal and Railway Com-

The Provincial Secretary introduced a bill to incorporate the Halifax Club build-

ing 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. Mr. Vickery presented a petition from the County of Cumberland praying for aid for a Railway from the Spring Hill Mines to connect with the Intercolonial. He spoke at some length showing the benefit it would sympathy with him, and who also commands be to the country, affording facilities for the conveyance of coal from the Spring Hill Mines, and giving an impetus at the same time to the lumber trade.

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 Poors 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. The Provinc al Secretary laid on the table the report of a Railway Survey from Spring Hill to Pugwash.

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 as-

signing 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. McDonnell enquired of the Provincial Secretary what results had come from the delegation to Washington, respecting trade relations with United States.

Mr. Pineo called attention to the large sums due the Lunatic Asylum.

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

The House then went into Committee of

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. At the close, of his speech he moved that the House direct the Local Government to take the necessary steps to secure the adjustment of all the claims of Nova Scotia against the Dominion.

FRIDAY, 22.-Mr. Woodworth presented a petition from Hantsport respecting a school house. Petitions were also presented from various Government officials for an increase of salary.

A bill relating to Justices of the Peace was deferred for three months. Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to pro-

vide for the construction of a bridge at New Glasgow. Mr. Blanchard introduced a bill to

amend Chapter 149, of the Revised Stathe payment by the Government of the 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 Mr. Holmes 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:-ASSETS 1ST JANUARY, 1872. Advances for Roads and

Bridges .....\$46009.83 LESS—Liabilities to Date. Undrawn Road Moneys....\$9461.62 " Navigation Securities 2596.00 Due Banks..... 9549.66

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PROBABLE REVENUE FOR 1872.

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