

Confession, Prayer, and business meetings of the church, our departed brother made every sacrifice in order to be there punctually at the appointed time, taking good care that others should not have to wait for him, nor he to disturb their devotional exercises by late coming. He contributed liberally to the cause of God, and in the estimation of some went beyond his ability, particularly at the time that the church was struggling to complete their Meeting house and Parsonage, for which very desirable objects our good brother manifested indefatigable diligence and perseverance. Last Fall he left home to seek a cure for his disease, but after a few weeks returned only to experience the rapid and alarming progress which it subsequently made, and to the fatal effects of which he fell a victim after a period of about nine months sufferings.

Our departed friend, had some conflicts with fears and doubts; and while in his last days he passed through deep waters, yet in the furnace of affliction the Saviour never forsook him. He daily became more purified, his faith and hope in Jesus waxing stronger and brighter. We could see, that although the outward man was rapidly perishing, the inward was being renewed day by day and ripening for the other world. He departed from all trials here below without a struggle or a groan. It might be truly said of him as was said of one upon a previous occasion, "Come see how a Christian can die." He was buried in the Baptist burying ground, in the presence of a very large concourse of people all of whom truly felt that a good man was being committed to the mother earth, the left a sorrowing widow, an affectionate mother, six children, and a large circle of relatives to mourn their loss; not sorrowing however, as others which have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Dear as thou wert, and justly dear, We will not weep for thee; One thought shall check the starting tear It is, that thou art free.

—Communicated A. J. Stevens.

For the Christian Messenger.

DONATION AT SACKVILLE.

Most of our brethren have expressions of good will from their congregations in the form of donation visits, or surprise parties, in the cheerful months of Spring. My friends at Sackville however, seem to think their pastor more needy of words and deeds of cheer as sombre Autumn approaches. Last Wednesday evening the parsonage in which I have rooms was invaded by the ladies of the community, reinforced soon after by their gentlemen friends for the purpose of giving me a surprise. A well furnished table was spread, and after tea my surprise was increased by the presentation of a purse, with a few useful articles amounting in all to nearly \$60.00, I am sincerely thankful for such tokens of sympathy and good will and hope the Lord may make me in some measure worthy of the esteem of such friends.

Yours, &c. H. MORROW.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

MISSION IN GUYSBORO COUNTY.

I have spent eleven weeks in the service of the N. S. Home Missionary Board at Isaac's Harbor, and vicinity, viz., Melrose, Country Harbor, Seal Harbor, Island Harbor, and Isaac's Harbor. Spending the greater part of my time in the place last mentioned. I preached as far as I was able Jesus Christ and him crucified, as the only hope for the guilty sinner. Many were interested some expressed a desire to seek Jesus. I am not privileged to report of any putting on Christ by a public profession, yet I have great reason to believe that some with whom I have conversed have found Jesus to be precious. "The Lord knoweth them that are His." The Baptist Church at Isaac's Harbor was first organized by the Rev. George Richardson in the year 1840. Since that time God has blessed His little Zion and the number has been increased. For the last few years they have been without much ministerial labor, and as we may expect from such circumstances the church is some what scattered as sheep without a shepherd. The Harbor is fast increasing in population, and a larger meeting house is indispensable. The present accommodations being quite unsatisfactory, steps are being taken to remedy the matter. A new house

has been erected and is almost finished on the outside. The people are anxious to have it completed soon. The most of them are fishermen and the price of fish is extremely low it will be impossible to finish it this season. More than that they have not taken any great draughts of fish owing to the scarcity on the western shore this summer.

Any help from sister churches would be thankfully received and can be sent to the clerk of the church, or either of the deacons. I must add that it is not without some degree of sorrow, I leave such an extensive field, and to kind a people. But Acadia has now called her sons to resume College work for another year. I hope God may send a man after His own heart, along those desolate shores to rightly divide the word of truth.

C. H. MARTELL.

Isaac's Harbor, Sept. 11th, 1872.

ELLERSHOUSE, Sept. 2nd, 1872.—The writer of the notice of the organization of the church in this place adds:—In copying the minutes of the church organization at Ellershouse, I find I neglected the number of members. You will please insert it in the following note:—

The new church at Ellershouse numbers fourteen members, seven of whom were from the Windsor Church, and the rest from various other churches.

At the first regular Conference, held on Saturday, Aug. 31st, the church adopted as its name "The Ellershouse Baptist Church." Bro. Jacob Miller was also appointed Church Clerk.

DENOMINATIONAL READING.—Pettengill & Co's Advertiser's Hand Book gives the religious periodicals in the United States at about three hundred with a circulation of about two and a half millions for each edition. Some of the leading denominations, and the ratio of their periodical circulation to their communicants, are given as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Denominations, Copies printed, Members. Includes Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholics, Congregational, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal South.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—First Quarterly Meeting of the Western Association was held with the Baptist Church in Newbury according to previous notice. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. J. L. Cambell, of Chatham, from Esther 8. 6, after which he was chosen by vote of the brethren to preside over the meeting.

A half an hour was then spent in prayer and conference, which was opened by Bro. Haviland the esteemed pastor of Newbury Church.

A Platform Meeting was held in the evening to discuss the future prospects of the Evangelistic work, in the Western Association, on which occasion Bro. Haviland presided, and able addresses were delivered by Revs. P. G. Robertson, H. P. Fitch, E. Turner I. Stumpf, H. Fitch, and J. L. Campbell.

Saturday was begun by a deeply interesting prayer-meeting led by Rev. Chas. Herrington. At 10.37 had a very excellent sermon from our young Brother Chas. Y. Snell, of Louisville, from Gal. 6. 9.

In the afternoon at 2.30 Bro. Ira Smith preached from 2 Tim. 1. 12. At the close of the sermon, the brethren went into committee of the whole to consider the propriety of an Evangelist this year, when after a free and full expression of opinion it was unanimously agreed that in view of the fact that many of the churches which contributed largely to this work last year have now settled pastors,—Be it therefore resolved that, if this work is to be safely prosecuted, each church in the Association must raise their due proportion, and that the clerk be authorized to strike that proportion and write to each church asking them to pledge themselves for that amount. If they do not, we deem it expedient to let the Evangelistic work rest, at least until the next meeting of the Association.

Sabbath day was packed with earnest work.

A prayer-meeting in the morning led by Rev. R. D. Herrington, 10.30, a sermon by Rev. E. Turner, 2 p. m., sermon by Bro. Fox, and a sermon by Bro. Beardall at seven. In addition to this there were sermons preached by ministers attending the meetings in Euphemia, Bothwell, Aldboro and Yorke school house.

The meetings were largely attended by ministerial brethren, and a spirit of devotion, earnestness and enthusiasm pervaded the whole. The Lord was in our midst and our souls were greatly refreshed.—Canadian Baptist.

Mrs. J. Latham, of Cambridgeport, Mass., gave during her lifetime, over four thousand dollars to the American Baptist Home Mission Society toward educating Freedmen preachers. She also gave large sums to other charitable objects. Among her directions as to how her money for Freedmen should be used is the following: "Tell the Home Mission Board and the teachers of Freedmen, First, to spend not one cent of my money upon a colored

student who uses tobacco in any form. Second, not a cent upon a student who is not smart, and honest, and pious. I cannot encourage stupidity. Third, not a cent upon a student who does not work hard to help himself. My dear husband,—who is now with God—and myself, toiled, and saved, and made great sacrifices for many years to accumulate property, and it would be a sin to waste it upon stupid or unworthy men."

One who sat by the death bed of the aged and resolute Christian woman writes: It was delightful to see the sweet, heavenly smile that would beam on her pale face, despite the pain, which was both continuous and excruciating. "I have not done much," she would say; "I wish I had done more." At the same time she spoke in affectionate terms of her Christian friends and with confidence of her future."

AN INDIAN'S GIFT OF \$60,000.—Rev. John Tecumseh Jones, a frugal and industrious Ottawa Indian, recently died, leaving his entire property, valued at sixty thousand dollars, to the cause of Baptist ministerial education in the State of Kansas. The general missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society—Rev. Robert Atkinson—both influenced and aided brother Jones in planning and executing this noble design.

At a convention held at Fort Garry, on Saturday last. A. E. Wilson, Merchant of Winnipeg, was chosen to contest Selkirk with Donald Smith.

UNITED STATES.

The Spanish frigate "Numantia" has sailed from New York. All on board are well. She lost eleven of her crew by yellow fever.

The President has issued a proclamation abolishing all duties on imports from Japan in Japanese vessels.

The Republicans have carried Maine by over 15,000 majority. They have elected every Congressman. The Senate is unanimously Republican, and the House nearly so.

The Massachusetts Democratic and Liberal Republican Conventions, held at Worcester, nominated Hon. Chas. Sumner for Governor.

Five persons were killed by the explosion of a tug boat on James River, near City Point, on Wednesday last.

The Indians have defeated Major Baker's troops in the Yellowstone Valley. Forty soldiers are reported killed and wounded, and eleven Indians. Baker's expedition is broken up and has returned. There are said to be twenty thousand hostile Indians in the Yellowstone Valley.

Three persons were killed and 9 injured by a boiler explosion in Cincinnati.

Recent failures in Baltimore aggregate two million dollars, but it is claimed assets will cover losses if the assets can be realized.

Bishop Eastborne died on the 11th Inst. Trinity Church was crowded on the occasion of the funeral obsequies. Four Bishops and one hundred clergymen took part in the imposing ceremonies.

Earthquakes accompanied by underground explosions have recommenced in the River Valley, Inago County, California but no damage has been done.

A first class line of clipper-ships is to be established immediately between Auckland and New York.

The British barque "Eugene" of Yarmouth, N. S., was picked up by the steamer "Dorian" and five of the crew put on board and brought her in to New York on Saturday last. She has a cargo of Yellow pine, is full of water, and has lost foretopmast, bowsprit, and main-topgallant-mast.

The ship "Northampton" from Liverpool to New York reports she fell in with the barque "Highland Mary" off the Grand Banks, bound for Quebec, disabled. Rescued her crew. [The "Highland Mary" belongs to Yarmouth.]

Gold 113½. Exchange 9; money four per cent.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—A despatch on Saturday states that the amount of the award made by the Geneva Tribunal to America, is a little over three millions of pounds. In commenting upon the result, the "Times" says "willingly will we pay this sum large as it is; to improve the laws of regulating the action of Nations to each other."

The "Alabama" award passed the Tribunal by a vote of 4 to 1, Chief Justice Cockburn being the dissentient. The "Florida" passed by the same vote. The "Shenandoah" 3 to 2. The rest of the vessels and the items in the bill were ruled out.

A later despatch from Geneva states: The Court of Arbitration met at 12.30. The five arbitrators, the agents of the respective Governments, several of the counsel, twelve ladies and ten journalists were present. Count Selopsis, President of the Court, read the arguments of the Arbitrators, concurring in the decision of the Tribunal, and announced that the sum awarded to the United States was \$1,550,000 (?) gold, (probably \$15,500,000.)

Sir Alexander Cockburn refused to sign the decision of the Tribunal. Count Selopsis was applauded at the conclusion. After the adjournment of the Court, 22 guns were fired in honor of the closing of its labors. The English representatives leave Geneva on Monday and the Americans on Tuesday.

Most of the London journals rejoice over the decision in the Alabama Claims controversy, and express hopes that the foundation has been laid for permanent good understanding between the two nations, now that all the necessary reparation has been made to America. The "Standard," however, thinks the tribunal should have awarded damages only for depredations of the "Alabama."

The condition of the hop crop is favorable with a prospect of a large yield. The Coldstream Band was refused permission to accompany the British Volunteers to Belgium.

The election at Preston was attended with great excitement. As the candidates drove to the polls their supporters detached the horses from the carriages and drew them through the street. The contest is close; both sides claim success.

Professor John Tyndall, the celebrated naturalist, will visit the United States in October.

FRANCE.—Advices from Paris state that Archbishop Dupanloup has expressed his doubts of the policy of President Thiers. The Prelate thinks Thiers' policy will not secure the prosperity of France. He favors Marshal McMahon, as President.

The proprietors of several collieries in the department of Pas-de-Calais, have executed their first contract for furnishing coal to England. The quantity sent is 257,000 tons. M. Goutant Veron is expected at Trouville, to report to the President what passed at his interview with the Emperor of Russia at Berlin.

The Radicals of France are determined to celebrate the anniversary of the first French Republic, with banquets in Paris and the Provinces, Gambetta has promised to speak at one of these banquets in the South of France.

President Thiers has been informed by Bourgoing (?) that the pope has abandoned all idea of leaving Rome.

The last edition of Paris "Illustration" was seized by the Police in that city because it contained insulting caricatures of the Prussians.

SPAIN & PORTUGAL.—An express train on the Valencia railway was overturned and demolished by a land slide. Among the dead are a General and a newly elected Senator.

The Spanish budget shows a deficit of 26,000,000 reals.

A destructive land slide occurred in Oregon, on the Banks of the river Cinca. The river was forced from its bed; a town was inundated and many lives destroyed.

The Carlists are again causing trouble to the Government forces.

A despatch from Lisbon reports that the English steamer "Bella" has been totally wrecked off the coast of Portugal, no details received.

The new Spanish Cortes opened on Saturday. The King promised that reforms in Cuba would be carried into effect as soon as the revolution was ended. A deficit in the Budget was announced, and the Cortes called upon to provide means for meeting it.

ITALY.—Cardinal Antonelli has received a communication from the Papal Nuncio at Vienna, stating that at the Conference at Berlin the Emperors agreed to forward a note to the Pope asking him to break with the Jesuits, as the latter are enemies of the Roman Catholic Church. The Nuncio states that the Emperors promise to intercede with the Italian Government in behalf of the foreign corporations at Rome.

GERMANY.—The Emperors of Austria and Russia gave an audience at Berlin on Wednesday to the French Minister, and received him in a friendly manner.

Bismark was accorded an honorary citizenship of Berlin, and in a speech of thanks took occasion to say that the meeting of the Emperors strengthened the confidence in a prolonged peace.

The death of Prince Albrecht, commander-in-chief of the Austrian army is announced.

25 miners were drowned by the sudden flooding of a coal mine near Huden on the Maas in Belgium, on Friday.

SOUTH AMERICA.—The Recent elections in Brazil were attended with considerable rioting. The Police in Rio Janeiro, acted with great severity in breaking up certain electoral meetings and their action is severely condemned.

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS marked "Tenders for Engine House Iron Roof," will be received at this Office, until SATURDAY, 21st inst., at 12 o'clock, noon, for

Roofing the Round Engine House at Richmond Works,

in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at the Engineer's Office, Richmond, where any information can be obtained. Security will be required for the fulfillment of the Work, and the Department are not bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

GEO. TAYLOR, Genl. Supt, Railway Office, 12th Sept., 1872.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

The Trustees of the Cape Breton County Academy will, on the 1st of November, require a Head Master to take charge of the Academy, salary \$600 per annum. Applications, accompanied by testimonials, will be received until October 12th.

Address F. FALCONER, Secretary. Sydney, Sept. 2nd, 1872. Sept 18. 5 ins.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., SEPT. 18, 1872.

A Toronto despatch says a large party of Engineers, under the command of Capt. Anderson, R. E., have left for Pembina, where they expect to meet an American party, appointed to determine the 49th parallel, the boundary between Canada and the United States, from the Lake of Woods to the Rocky Mountains. It is estimated that the work will occupy three or four years.

The first train of the St. Cloud and Pembina Railway, is expected to run to Red Lake River crossing, one hundred and sixty miles south from Fort Garry this month, giving a daily mail.