

For the Christian Messenger.

VALIDICTORY ADDRESS.

CANSO, Sept. 9th 1872.

Rev. A. W. Barss.

DEAR BROTHER,—It is with feelings of sincere regret that we have learned that you have decided upon leaving this, and have chosen another field of labor.

We are glad to record that during your sojourn among us, harmony and peace have prevailed within our borders, and mutual feelings of good-will have ever existed between Pastor and people.

We trust that you have been directed in your decisions by the Great Head of the Church, and that your ministrations may be blessed in whatever sphere of labor you may be called to occupy.

We hope that the contemplated change of situation may prove to be beneficial and advantageous to the health and well-being of yourself and family, to whom we tender, and who carry with them our sympathies and best wishes.

In behalf of the church, THOS. C. COOK, Clerk.

REPLY.

To the Baptist Church in Cape Canso.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Your address of the 9th instant is before me. I accept it as expressing the sincere feeling of your hearts. My family all join with me in tendering you our sincere thanks for the interest you have manifested in us during those four years of our sojourn with you.

Let us be thankful that peace has characterized our union. May you still live in peace, the peace of christian love, and the God of peace will be with you.

Had I known that such sorrow would have filled you hearts I could not have left you. The hope of obtaining better health and getting better advantages for my family has led me to accept the call to my new field. I trust the Lord is guiding me, and that he will provide for you a more faithful pastor than I have been.

Yours in gospel bonds, A. W. BARSS.

Sept. 17th, 1872.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

MR. SYDNEY SHAW,

of West Cornwallis, departed this life on the 10th of August, aged 64 years, leaving a sorrowing wife, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The circumstances attending his death were painful and mysterious. He left his residence about 7 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of burning some brush about half a mile away; not returning so soon as he was expected, the family became alarmed, search was made, and his remains were found about 11 o'clock on the grounds where he had lighted the fire, badly charred with the flames. It is supposed that he was seized with apoplexy, a disease to which he had been subject, and this led to the fatal results. For about 40 years Brother Shaw had been a faithful and honored member of the 2nd Cornwallis Baptist Church, and his sudden removal is deeply deplored by his brethren and the whole community. He was noted for his whole-hearted benevolence, sterling integrity, firm adherence to Bible truth, and active zeal in the cause of his Master. He was an affectionate husband and father, and was greatly beloved by his family. His funeral was largely attended, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Pastor from Joshua i. 2. May the "Father of fatherless, and the judge of the widow," be the stronghold of this family in this day of trouble.—Com. by Rev. E. O. Read.

MRS. HANNAH BELCHER.

wife of Mr. Stephen Belcher, and daughter of John and Annie Giffen, died at Osborne, Ragged Islands, on the 27th of June, in the 33rd year of her age. For some years preceding her death, Sister Belcher's health was very precarious. She was afflicted with that insidious disease—Consumption—to which she at last fell a victim. For some time past she had evidently been a subject of God's renewing grace; but as she saw herself more distinctly than she saw her Saviour, and comprehended more of her own unworthiness than of the riches of his grace, she was perplexed with doubt and fears with reference to her acceptance. During the revival of last Winter she was brought to trust more fully in Christ, and aroused to a deeper sense of her obligations. She, in company with her husband was buried by baptism, and re-

ceived into the fellowship of the 1st Ragged Island Church. Shortly after, her disease so increased that it became evident to her friends that she would soon take her departure to join the church triumphant. When first confined to the bed she seemed much depressed in spirit, and unconsoled to the will of God. On one occasion she said to me, "Oh! it is so dark. Do you think the Lord will let me die in this dark state? I long to realize the presence of Jesus." Upon a subsequent visit I found her much weaker in body. In reply to my inquiry concerning her health, she said with much feeling, "I am well now. I am in the arms of Jesus." She then told me that she had lately enjoyed more of the Saviour's presence, and had become more reconciled to his will, I saw her a few days later when she appeared to be lingering on the very brink of the eternal world. And now the burden of her cry was, "I want to see Jesus, I long to be with Jesus." No object on earth or in Heaven now possessed such attraction for her as the Saviour. Thus she lingered a few days, apparently within sight and sound of the celestial city, longing to depart and be with Christ, and then her happy spirit took its flight. She left in the care of her aged mother two small children, who will never know what a precious mother they have lost. Her husband who was absent from home did not receive the sad intelligence until some time after. May God sustain the sorrowing friends, and sanctify their deep affliction to the good of all who mourn.—Com by W. H. R.

Religious Intelligence.

REVIVAL AT FALL RIVER, WAVERLY.—

DEAR BROTHER,—You will be pleased to learn that God is blessing Fall River with an outpouring of His Spirit. Bro. Burgess has been labouring there under the appointment of the Baptist Home Missionary Board, and has been the instrument of much good. Mr. McNaughton, Presbyterian, also spends part of his time with them and renders efficient service. A few weeks ago I had the privilege of baptizing three, and yesterday four more followed Christ in that ordinance. Four of the baptized are heads of families, and promise to be useful in the Redeemer's cause. Our Presbyterian brethren have also had valuable accession to their numbers. The meetings are conducted together, and the greatest harmony prevails. Yesterday our Presbyterian brother took occasion to refer to their mode of baptism, and we felt called upon to present the New Testament teaching on the subject in the evening. We hope however that understanding each other better they may work still more unitedly in waging war on our common enemy. It is in contemplation to form a Baptist church there on Wednesday next.

Yours &c., H. MORROW.

Sackville, Sept. 23, 1872.

NEW BRUNSWICK ITEMS.—Rev. Wm. Everett has commended his labors in the Bussels Street Church St. John. He would not agree to occupy the pulpit more than a year, until he could survey the ground more fully and learn more clearly his duty as to the future.

Just like him,—cautious, prudent and systematic, qualities that are invaluable in any minister, and especially so in a Baptist minister who aims at extensive usefulness. We trust he may have a continuation and increase of the blessing which has attended him in his pastorates in the United States.

The editor of the Visitor informs us that "the venerable parsonage of the Germain St. Baptist Church has been 'reconstructed' during the summer just closed, and is now quite an ornament to Germain Street, a credit to the Germain Street Baptist church, and will, we hope, stimulate some other Baptist churches in this city to build parsonages. We envy and congratulate Rev. Mr. Carey and his family upon the enlarged and improved residence provided for them. We are strongly tempted to break the article in the dialogue which reads, 'Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.'"

CONGREGATIONAL.—At the late meeting of the Congregational Union of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, held at Kewick, York County, New Brunswick, the following were elected officers for the year; Rev. W. Wilson, Chairman; James Woodrow, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. S. G. Dodd, C. Duff, A. Magregor, J. Whitman, and Isaac Burpee, M. P., Hon. Freeman Tupper, Freeman Dennis, and A. P. Bridges, Committee. The Union meets with the church at Yarmouth next year.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—Sept. 23rd, 1872. —Dear Brother,—You will be glad to learn that we are having some tokens of good here. On Sabbath the 15th inst., I had the pleasure of burying one with Christ in baptism at Indian Harbor. Yesterday I baptized two young men and received them into the fellowship of the 2nd St. Margaret's Bay Church. We are expecting a rich blessing. Brother L. B. Gates came here last Friday to spend two Sabbaths, and as my stay here cannot be long we hope "he will winter, yea even abide with us."

Yours &c., WM. E. HALL.

"Praise services" at the First Congregational Church in San Francisco are drawing large congregations and awakening deep feeling. The singing is led by a few brass instruments, and only familiar hymns are sung, in which the whole assembly join with fervor.

Mr. C. Robinson, formerly a curate at West Bromwich, England, has gone over to Rome, and issued a manifesto to "his late Congregation, communicants, and penitents;" from which it appears that what has disturbed his belief in the Church of England is, that it is "the most divided of all religious bodies on the face of the earth."

Dr. Schaff is now in Europe making arrangements for the holding in New York in 1873 of the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance that was postponed on account of the German and French war. One great obstacle to be removed was the alienation existing between German and French Christians, in consequence of the war. Dr. Schaff by his eloquent and Christian presentation of the case, has induced the French Committee unanimously to agree to co-operate in the meeting at New York.

During a recent revival at Concord, N. H., twenty-four persons were immersed by four administrators, who walked abreast into the water: Rev. A. E. Drew, Methodist, Rev. S. Curtis, Free Will Baptist, Rev. J. Hook, Adventist, and Rev. J. E. Lovering, Unitarian.

EVERY little while some one gets off a mournful paragraph of our denominational decadence in Great Britain. A correspondent of the Freeman furnishes figures to prove that, whereas, the membership of known Baptist churches was only one in 171 of the population in 1859, it was one in 97 in 1871. A like gratifying exhibit is made of Sunday schools. In the former year named, the Baptists had one scholar to 136 of the population, but, in the last named year one in 73. Croakers will do well to note these facts.

The Texas Baptist General Association, at its recent session, came to the point on the total abstinence question, in the following direct manner:

- Resolved, 1. That we consider the taking one dram, simply for the gratification of the appetite positively sinful, and we do earnestly entreat our brethren every where to abstain from the use of everything that will intoxicate. 2. That while we deprecate dram-drinking, we consider the manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks, either by wholesale or retail, much more sinful.

Rev. A. Martell, formerly of Park Hill, Ontario, has accepted the unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Romeo, Mich., and has entered upon his labors.

The Rev. John Stock, L. L. D., has announced his intention of retiring from the pastorate of the Church at Morice Square, Devonport, England, at the close of the present quarter, and his acceptance of an invitation from the Church at Salendine Nook, near Huddersfield, which church he left fifteen years since to come to Devonport.

The Company of Old Testament Revisers have concluded their twelfth session. The second revision of the Pentateuch was completed as far as Leviticus xvi.

Sir Moses Montefiore has returned to Ramegate from his mission to St. Petersburg on behalf of the Jews in Russia. The Jewish Chronicle understands that he has every reason to be gratified with the result of the mission which he undertook at the instance of the Board of Deputies.

GARRISON CHAPLAINCY.—Rev. Mr. Kidson of England has been appointed Chaplain of the troops in Halifax. He will probably arrive here by the next mail steamer.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., SEPT. 16, 1872.

The Manitoba elections have been attended with serious disturbance. A party of Canadians went over to St. Beniface to prevent Riel from voting. They cleared out the half-breed, took possession of the poll books, and gave the Chief of Police and his assistants a severe beating.

The offices of the "Gazette" and "Manitoba" in Winnipeg, have been gutted. All quiet, however, at latest accounts.

Schultz, Smith and Cunningham have been elected Dominion members in Manitoba; also Riel. It is said all but the first named are conservatives.

The Hamilton, Ont., exhibition has this year 7440 entries, upwards 1200 more than the last.

The engineers of the Canadian boundary survey have arrived at Pembina.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The body of an old man, much decomposed, was found on a bye road below Fredericton last week. It was supposed to be the remains of a man named Tony who strayed from the Alms House in Fredericton last winter.

DISTRESSING RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday last Mr. Enoch Wright, about 24 years of age, was engaged in loading logs on cars of N. B. & C. Railway, near Canterbury. The cars were set in motion and he, unfortunately, fell between them, the wheels passing over both legs and crushing them off above the knees. A special train was at once despatched to Woodstock for a doctor, but before its return death had come to the sufferer's relief. St. John Telegraph.

Fredericton boasts of "the oldest apple in the world," the Reporter says that a resident of the city has an apple which was given to his sister in England thirty-six years ago. The apple was laid away in a drawer, and notwithstanding the lapse of years is still sound, although as hard as a piece of mahogany.

GENEROUS.—L. P. Fisher, Esq., Chairman of the Board of School Trustees for the town of Woodstock, N. B. has deposited with the Treasurer the sum of eight hundred dollars as a donation in aid of the Educational interests of that district.

An accident occurred in Parry's Shipyard on Saturday. A staging gave away, and Jacob Crofiker, W. Eastarooks, and B. McLean from St. John fell about fourteen feet and were all severely injured, though no bones were broken.—Sackville Post.

Shares in the stock of the Bank of New Brunswick have been sold by auction lately at 50 per cent. above par.

The St. John policemen are allowed to carry revolvers to protect themselves against the roughs.

COAL BY RAILWAY is being carried from Spring Hill, Cumberland Co., N. S. to St. John.

UNITED STATES.

The public interest appears to be about equally divided between the cricket matches which are being played between the English eleven and the New York clubs, and the Presidential campaign. An occasional railroad disaster or steamboat explosion comes in as giving a little variety.

The Italians in New York celebrated the anniversary of the occupation of Rome on Friday.

A Dakota vigilance Committee on Friday last lynched two horse-thieves.

It is reported that Charles O'Connor has accepted the Louisville nomination.

The steam tug "Passaic" exploded on Saturday fatally injuring two of the crew.

The Soldiers and Sailors Convention at Pittsburg adopted a resolution strongly endorsing President Grant, and urging his reelection.

A one hundred thousand dollars defalcation is alleged in New York Sub-Treasury, but not generally credited. An investigation is to be had.

Two persons extensively engaged in counterfeiting nickel coin have been arrested in Philadelphia.

A new and terrible cattle disease has broken out in Nevada.

A LESSON FROM TURKEY.—A dispatch from Constantinople informs us that Mahmond Pasha has been condemned to banishment and the confiscation of his estate for appropriating public moneys to his own use. Even effete Turkey rebukes the lax morality of christianized America.—National Baptist.

Hon. Sydney Perham, a first class Temperance man has been elected Governor of the State of Maine—for the third time in succession—by a majority of about 16,000.

A premature explosion in the Hoosac Tunnel, on Saturday, killed one workman and badly injured three others.

Forrester has been acquitted of the Nathan murder.

New York, Sept. 23, p. m.—Gold, 113 1/2. Exchange steady.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—The Bishops of Lincoln, Ely, and Westminster, of the Church of England, were present at the opening of the old Catholic Congress at Cologne on Saturday last.

The mine owners of Newcastle have refused an advance of 15 per cent. in wages, on the ground that the price of coal has fallen, and a further decline is expected.

There was frost in some parts of England on the 20th inst., the first of the season.

The leading London Bankers assert that the cause of the advancing Bank of England rate of discount is the low rate of sterling exchange at New York.

Charles Sumner's health is greatly improved, he leaves London for Paris soon.

The English Tory journals express great dissatisfaction with the result of the Geneva arbitration.

As Prince Arthur is soon to visit Birmingham, the authorities made the usual appropriation for the expenses of his reception.

The Princess Beatrice Victoria, the only unmarried daughter of Queen Victoria, is said to be engaged to the Marquis of Stafford.

There has been a collision between two railway trains near Glasgow. Two persons were killed, and several wounded. The wrecked cars took fire and were burned.

The Internationalists in session in London adopted a platform in favor of Universal Suffrage by ballot, for Legislative and Magisterial officers; Compulsory and gratuitous common school education; the disbanding of standing armies; the abolition of indirect taxes and the substitution thereof of a progressive income tax; and the suppression of usury.

Previous to adjournment, on Thursday last, resolutions were passed condemning proceedings at the recent Congress at the Hague, as tending to the disruption of the order.

John Fox & Co., of Mincing Lane, London, have suspended. Their liabilities are £500,000. They have connections with American houses. Their suspension is caused by recent failures in Baltimore.

A very severe thunderstorm occurred at Rochdale on Thursday. Several persons were killed by lightning, and the crops were badly damaged.

Acts of Incendiarism are now frequent in the agricultural districts, and farmers are organizing Vigilance committees for the protection of their property.

Fifty children, in charge of Miss Rye, left Liverpool for Quebec on Thursday last, in the steamship "Sarmatian." Homes have been secured for them in Canada.

The barque "City of Hamilton" from London for Philadelphia, put into Ryde, Isle of Wight, in consequence of a mutiny among the crew.

Prince Arthur last week opened Roundhay Park at Leeds, with appropriate ceremonies, in presence of a large assemblage.

The wife of Prince Bismark has arrived at Torquay, where she soon will be joined by her husband.

During a thunder storm on Friday the lightning struck a mill in Lancashire, and killed four women. Several other operatives were injured.

Seven persons were drowned by the capsizing of a boat on the Clyde yesterday.

A despatch from Turehan reports Cholera raging with great violence. In Booketra it is estimated 1000 persons are dying daily.

The London Labor League have adopted resolutions approving the award of the Geneva Tribunal as binding England and America together.

A telegraph cable is to be laid between Brazil and the Portuguese coast.

Steamship China, from Liverpool on Saturday for New York, returned disabled by breaking of machinery. Her mails and seventy passengers were transferred to the "Calabria," to sail on Tuesday. The cargo and remaining passengers will be forwarded by the "Russia," later in the week.

Snow fell at Sheffield and neighborhood on Sunday. Console 91 1/2.

FRANCE.—Eight hundred and eighty Communists, condemned to transportation, embarked on Thursday last for New Caledonia.

The charges against Edmond About are; publishing hostile articles in German territory, and circulating them in Lorraine. The prisoner sent word to President Thiers entreating him to be calm.

It is reported that he will be tried by a German Court Martial at Strasbourg, on the twenty-fifth of this month.

The French Government has issued stringent regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of Rinderpest.

GERMANY.—Father Hincinthe is spending his honeymoon in Brussels.

The Emperor William, Bismark, and the Bishop of Erliland are having a sharp quarrel over religious matters.

The Prussian Minister of Foreign Affairs has resigned, in consequence of a disagreement with Bismark.