

year. In every little village four or five "beer houses" are to be seen where men who work like horses all the week, spend their earnings like asses on Saturday night. Yet in the face of all this, hundreds of christians (are they christians?) oppose the permissive bill, and cry out against teetotalers as wild fanatics. Still in church those Christians make long prayers, and say "Thy kingdom come, O Lord hasten the time when peace and righteousness shall reign over the whole earth." In my opinion such expressions, from such people, never reach beyond the house top, and are never presented before the throne of God. If they enter the ears of the Lord of hosts, surely, it must be as an abomination. Is it not plain, to all who wish to see, that peace and righteousness never did, nor never will reign where intoxicating drinks are constantly sold? They are as much opposed, as light to darkness, and as Christ is to the devil.

I remain yours, &c.
J. MEADOWS.

May 20th, 1873.

For the Christian Messenger.

DEDICATION OF A NEW BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE IN LUNENBURG COUNTY.

New Canada is a settlement 12 miles above Bridgewater in a fork of the Lavare River, and on the West side of the main stream. It is an agricultural district situate on the shores of a beautiful lake. Any one who has been in Hebron in Yarmouth County, and has seen that delightful locality, and the position of the Baptist Meeting house there, may form some idea of the house lately built by the Baptists of New Canada, and which was dedicated to the service of God, on the Sabbath of June 29th, the time of the Association in Bridgewater. The first service was held at 10 o'clock, A. M. when Bro. E. O. Read of Berwick preached. The next service was held at 2 o'clock when another sermon was preached by the writer. The Sermons were both appropriate and the house was filled on both occasions, and large numbers stood outside listening through the open windows. At the close of the afternoon meeting, an extract of a letter from Rev. R. S. Morton, was read, in which he stated that the first time he visited that place a little more than twenty years ago, there were no Baptists in the place. The writer of this preached there four years ago at the time of the Association in New Germany, in a small school house. The meeting house lately built is a neat structure which will accommodate about 300 people. It has a singing gallery, and, judging from what we heard on that day, their service of song is excelled by few churches in the province. This Baptist interest is a branch of the church in New Germany which is presided over by Rev. W. E. Hall. May it flourish and be soon a worthy bride for the Master.

It is encouraging to witness the progress of Scriptural principles in this place, as well as in other parts of Lunenburg County. The two stated pastors in that part of the county, brethren March and Hall, are good men and true, and though they doubtless may encounter difficulties in the immediate sphere of their labors, yet their success is not confined to those spheres. A great change is apparent in the county since they began, and to all appearance the fields are white ready for the harvest. The ywho have gone forth weeping bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them.

Yours, &c.,
D. FREEMAN.
Bridgewater, June 30th, 1873.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

"God moves in a mysterious way."

CHARLES ARNOLD CROWE,

died suddenly, while bathing in Charles River, Dover, Mass., on the 23rd inst., aged 16 years and 9 months. Deceased was the only son of Deacon James A. Crowe, formerly of Halifax, N. S. Being one of a Sabbath School picnic party with whom he went out full of pleasant anticipations on yesterday morning, it is exceedingly painful for me to record this sad event. It seems that Jehovah's voice is saying, "Be still and know that I am God." "Be ye also ready." "And Aaron held his peace." The alarm was given shortly after reaching the grove and every possible effort was made to restore consciousness, but life had fled—the soul had returned to its Maker. He is spoken of by his acquaintances as

an amiable lad, quiet and unobtrusive in manner; and by his Sabbath School teacher as an attentive scholar. It is hoped that his sudden and unexpected removal from our midst will be overruled for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in the neighbourhood of his late home. "No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." What does that mean? May not we each ask of ourselves, what fruit is my life bringing forth to the glory of God? Why am I left with another opportunity to go, work to-day in the vineyard of my Lord? But what does this mean? Why is this promising youth, the hope of a father's advancing years, cut down now, in this place—in this way? "What I do thou knowest not now," saith the Saviour, "but thou shalt know hereafter."

"Smitten friends
Are angels sent on errands full of love.
For us they languish, and for us they die.
And shall they long wish? Shall they die in vain
Ungrateful shall we grieve their hovering shades
Which wait the revolution in our hearts,
Senseless as herds that graze their hallowed graves,
Tread under foot their agonies and groans,
Frustrate their anguish and destroy their deaths?"

R. T. UPHAM.

Boston Highlands, June 24th, 1873.

DEACON BENJAMIN BRAY,

departed this life at New Horton, Alder Co., N. B. May 14th, aged seventy-six. He was baptized by Rev. Wm. Pulcifer in 1840, and united with the Baptist Church at Harvey, and became one of its most active members. He was subsequently chosen Deacon, which office he filled with credit to himself and profit to the Church. As a Christian, he was regular in his attendance upon the means of grace, and willing to let his voice be heard in the prayer and conference meetings. He was truly a hospitable man; his house was open to the weary pilgrim, and was especially the home of the Christian minister. When money was required to sustain the cause of religion at home or abroad, he was always ready to give; and when settling up his business, with a view to his departure for the Better Land, he remembered the cause of Missions with a generous bequest. His last sickness was protracted for several weeks and was very severe, being an affection of the bowels. He bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude and looking forward to his last change with a hope blooming with immortality and eternal life. His funeral was numerous attended, and an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Carpenter, from the words in the second epistle of Peter, first chapter, first verse—"Precious faith." He leaves a widow, eight sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss.

E. F. FOSBAY.

Hopewell, June 23, 1873.

Religious Intelligence.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Bond Street Church are proposing to erect a new House of Worship. The new building is to cost, exclusive of site, about \$40,000; and of this amount fully \$30,000 have already been subscribed. The intention is to have estimates and plans prepared during the coming winter and to commence building operations early in the spring.

The Baptist Mission to Manitoba, is commenced. Rev. Alex. McDonald, writes from there, June 2nd. He had a safe and pleasant journey, and reached Winnipeg on the evening of Friday, May 30th. On the following Sabbath, he preached in the Presbyterian chapel in the Town of Winnipeg, and in the Presbyterian chapel in the parish of Kildonan by request—Rev. Messrs. Black and Bryce being absent from home.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN.—The Leinster Street Baptist Church, have given a unanimous invitation to Rev. J. D. Pope, of Minnesota, to become their pastor. He has been preaching there for a few weeks past, and would, it is believed, be a valuable acquisition to the community if he should decide to accept the invitation.

An Ordination Service was held at Carleton on the 16th ult., of Mr. J. D. Eatman, to the Gospel ministry.

A new Baptist church was instituted at Otnabog, Hampstead, on the 19th ult. There were 22 members at the formation, Revs. Everett, Biggs, and Crandall, officiated on the occasion.

Rev. R. D. Porter, pastor of the Baptist church at Calais, Maine, illustrates the International character of the gospel in a recent letter to the Visitor. He says:—

"The St. Croix is our Jordan, and while this river is a great political boundary, religiously it is no boundary. The Gospel of Jesus does not know men as Jews or Greeks, Yankees or Provincials. All are one in sin, and one in Christ, and the field is the world. The largest proportion of those baptized by me, during my labors in that locality, have received the ordinance from the New Brunswick bank of the river and a large proportion of them reside on that side, but cross over into the State of Maine to find their sanctuary and attend public worship. But in connection with the cause of God, I believe I have never heard national distinctions referred to, and I do not know as they have been thought of.

A recent project of our Baptist brethren in the United States is to commemorate the national centennial in 1876 by raising, meanwhile, an educational fund for completing the endowment of all their institutions of learning in the country.

A BROTHERLY INDEPENDENT.—The Hon. Benjamin Bates, of Boston, who gave 100,000 dollars to found the Bates College at Lewiston, for the use of the Free Baptists of New England now offers a second donation of the same amount as an endowment fund, on condition that a like sum is raised by January 1, 1878. Mr. Bates is a Congregationalist.

WHITEFIELD AND THE BAPTISTS.—It is noted by one of our American contemporaries, the Baptist Union, that though Geo. Whitefield was not himself a baptist yet nearly all in America who entered the ministry under his influence became Baptists. It is added that they were all effective revivalists. Shubal Stearns, the founder of the Separative Baptists; Stephen Babcock, the founder of the Free Communion Baptists; and Benjamin Randall, the founder of the Freewill Baptists, were among them.

BAPTIZING A CHURCH CLERGYMAN.—The announcement that a clergyman of the Church of England would be baptized by immersion at the Eid-lane Baptist chapel, Colchester, on Sunday evening drew a larger congregation than usual. The clergyman in question was the Rev. G. A. Hayward, of Lexden, formerly a minister of the Church of England. He accepted an invitation to preach a sermon, and delivered an admirable discourse, founded upon the text, "Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness," and was afterwards baptized by the Rev. E. Spurrier. The congregation was large, and the interesting rite was witnessed by all present. Mr. Spurrier afterwards baptized two young ladies.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALFAX, N. S., JULY 9, 1873.

Ritohie, Gregg, Gillespie & Co. of Quebec suspended payment on the 3rd; liabilities over \$500,000, principally to the Banks.

A despatch to Alpin Grant Esq last week stated that Hon. Mr. Archibald had been appointed Judge in Equity.

Mr. Gibbs, the new Secretary of State for the Provinces, has been elected by a large majority.

The Governor General is shortly to visit the Maritime Provinces.

W. Ross Esq., M. P. for Victoria accepted office under the Dominion, lately occupied by Mr. Thomas F. Knight—the Inspector of Customs. This necessitates his leaving parliament and the election of a new member to the House of Commons. The appointment of Mr. Campbell to the Legislative Council will render necessary the election of another member to the local legislature also. The C. B. Times mentions Mr. McCurdy and Mr. Tremaine of Baddeck, as candidates.

At Montreal, a few days ago, some boys, who were playing La Crosse, were set upon by five ruffians, and two of the boys were ill treated. A man, named Miller, hearing of this, followed the ruffians, probably for the purpose of having them arrested. When he overtook them, they all set upon him and beat him so badly that he died shortly after. A coroner's jury have found a verdict of wilful murder against four of the gang, named Gaylor, Godmore, Frigon and Cote—Citizen.

At Dundas, Ontario, one day last week, two children named Dakens, who, with a number of others, were playing about a sand pit quite near their dwelling, were buried by the falling of a quantity of the sand. One a boy about 3 years old, was got out alive, and will recover, but the other, a child about 20 months old, was found to be quite dead.

An extra "Canada Gazette," issued on Tuesday, contains the appointment of Hon. Alexander Campbell, Minister of Interior; Mr. O'Connor, Postmaster General; Mr. Gibbs, Minister of Inland Revenue; Mr. McDonald, (Antigonish) Minister of Militia. Mr. McDonald was re-elected for Antigonish on Saturday last, by acclamation.

PACIFIC RAILWAY INVESTIGATION.—The investigation by the Parliamentary Committee, appointed in the matter of the Huntington charges respecting Government conduct in Pacific Railway matters, was opened at Montreal on Wednesday last.

All the members of the committee were present, namely, Cameron, Chairman; Mr. Donald, of Ploutou, Blanchet, Blake and Dorion.

After some discussion it was decided to

take counsel together in conjunction with the Minister of Justice, with a view to asking by telegraph if the Imperial Parliament would itself pass an Act to give the Committee the same powers as under the Oaths Bill, were provided by it.

Sir John A. Macdonald stated in the letter that in the absence of the Governor-General he could not say what view the Government would take upon the proposal. If, however, the Committee desired it, he would submit the suggestion to the Governor in Council.

Hon. James McDonald moved a resolution to the effect that the Committee could not legally examine witnesses except under oath, which motion was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman.

Mr. Blanchet then moved that the Committee adjourn till the 13th of August, unless sooner called together by the Chairman.

The motion was carried and the Committee adjourned.

A portion of the correspondence of Sir. Hugh Allan with American capitalists was published in the Globe of Friday last. It looks badly and has caused considerable excitement at Montreal.

Hon. Peter Mitchell is expected in Halifax this week.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

NEARLY DROWNED.—A Mr. Harrison endeavored to board a ship in the harbor a day or two since in company with a companion. He took it into his head en route that he would have a swim without thinking whether he had ever done such a thing before in his life, and the result was that he sank and came up again, and was about to sink again when he was saved by Mr. L. Maginnis, who happened to be passing in a boat. Persons who cannot swim should be careful about their mode of bathing, especially when they are "wet" enough already.—St. John Telegraph.

On Thursday a man named George Williamson was killed by being struck by a stone while he was blasting at the water works, near St. John.

Alderman Rowan, has been appointed by the Dominion Government to represent the Maritime Provinces at the Vienna Exhibition. He will leave St. John on his mission this week.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—The Sentinel says that on Friday afternoon last John Wesley Armstrong, with others, was engaged in raising the frame of a barn for Mr. C. Bull, some eight miles below Woodstock. Before their work was finished a sudden equal arose, and striking the fragile frame it fell. Armstrong was within, and attempting to escape, was caught between two of the failing beams and crushed to death.

Four men who left St. Stephen, N. B., a few days since, on a fishing excursion down river, are all supposed to be drowned. The body of one of them, Mr. Vanstone, has been recovered in Pendleton Passage, near St. Andrew's.

On Thursday the Wardens, Vestrymen and Parishioners of Trinity Church, St. John, met and presented an address to their late rector, Rev. J. J. Hill, on his departure from the city. The address was accompanied by a gift of \$1,100.

One night recently, as two men were passing from the wharf to the barque St. Michael, lying at a wharf at Newcastle, they slipped and fell into the water. There being nothing by which they could hold on, they became nearly exhausted. Their cries for help awakened Captain Jas. Bond (commander of the St. Michael), who was asleep in his cabin. He ran immediately on deck, fastened a rope about his body, and jumped down in the dark, a distance of 15 feet, and found the two men just in time to save them from drowning.

P. E. ISLAND.

A Charlottetown despatch to the St. John Telegraph says:—There is a general surprise felt here that no Dominion official have arrived to put the machinery in motion. All the departments are being managed as formerly. The Customs Department has not received books or definite instructions, and nothing has been done towards the Collection of Inland Revenue! No stamps of any description are to be had, a matter that affects contracts as well as the revenues of Governments. The Local Government here are very reserved about the appointment of Senators, but it is said that the Hon. R. P. Haythorne will be one, and that J. S. Carvell has strong claims, and may be another. The four senators will probably be taken from the two political parties. The friends of the Pope party claim that they will carry 5 out of 6 of the seats for the Commons. It is alleged that Mr. Laird, and probably Mr. Brecken, will be elected for Queen's County; J. C. Pope and John Yeo for Prince County; and Austen, McDonald, and R. McLean, for King's County. The elections to the Commons and recent appointment, will probably leave vacant six seats in the Assembly and two in the Legislative Council.

The Hon. Mr. Robertson, Lieutenant Governor under the Imperial Government, was on Tuesday last, sworn in as Lieutenant Governor under the Dominion.

UNITED STATES.

President Grant issued his proclamation on the 1st of July, carrying into effect the treaty of Washington relating to the fisheries.

Six or seven deaths daily occur from Cholera at Nashville and seven at Cincinnati on the 1st.

There was a large attendance on Tuesday at the funeral of the President's father at Covington, Kentucky.

The Jury, for the trial of young Walworth for shooting his father after being out about five hours, returned a verdict of "Guilty of murder in the second degree." He was sentenced to the State Prison for life on Saturday last.

There was a tornado last week of Neosho County, Kansas, ruining crops, demolishing houses and barns, and killing a number of women and children. Preble, Ohio, was also visited by a heavy storm.

The Indians, by whom Lieut. Almy was killed, have been overtaken by the cavalry, under Lieut. Babcock, and forced to a battle, in which 14 of them were killed and six captured.

Commander Greer has been detached from the Naval Academy, and ordered to command the "Tigress" in the "Polaris" search.

A despatch to Toronto, July 5th, says—The Mennonite deputation, while on a prospecting tour in the French settlement of White Horse Plains were set upon by a party of Half-Breeds, but were rescued by fifty soldiers despatched to their assistance. The party all arrived safely in Winnipeg. The military have five prisoners.

Some cases of what is declared to be Asiatic cholera are reported at New York. The Board of Health declares they are not real cholera cases; but eminent physicians say they are, and assert that the Board is endeavoring to conceal their true nature.

Heavy showers last night and this morning, the weather is hot and sultry. Numerous cases of sunstroke on Friday, including several of the militia men during parade.

In New York on the 4th, there were thirty-one accidents from firearms and fireworks. As many more in Brooklyn. Five fatal accidents at Rochester, N. Y., and many others reported from all parts of the country.

Many pounds of giant powder and seventy pounds of nitro glycerine exploded at Colesville, Pennsylvania, with terrible shock. Every window within a radius of two miles was broken, and the earth for a distance of five hundred yards was torn into great chasms sixty to seventy feet deep; great trees were torn up and hurled nearly half a mile.

Five persons, names unknown, two gentlemen, two ladies and a boy, sailing in a boat at Chippewa, on Friday, were swept into the Rapids over Niagara Falls.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—The principal items of English news the past week have been respecting the movements of the Shah of Persia. His arrival was attended by thousands and whenever he appeared in public to see the institutions of the metropolis he received loud demonstrations of popular favor. He was to make his farewell call on the Queen on Wednesday, and on Saturday to depart for France. Before leaving London, he made many presents, including \$8,000 to the servants of Buckingham Palace, and £12,000 to the policemen stationed there.

At a meeting on Tuesday last, resolutions were adopted protesting against the introduction of the Confessional into the Church of England. The Earl of Shaftesbury presided, and the meeting was large and influential.

The examination of the Bank of England forgers at London was concluded on Wednesday, and the defendants fully committed. True bills were found against George Bidwell, Austin Bidwell, George McDonald, and Edward Noyes. They will be tried at the Old Bailey, in August.

Several persons were killed in Kousal Green on Wednesday last by falling of the walls of a building on fire.

Sir Samuel Baker's report from Africa is highly satisfactory; the slave trade has been suppressed, and the country as far South as the Equator annexed to Egypt.

The Fourth of July was celebrated with a banquet at Willie's Rooms, in London, at which all prominent Americans then in London were present. The day was similarly observed at leading cities of the continent; the American Ministers presiding in all cases.

FRANCE.—In the French Assembly, Dulvaux motion for the consideration of Thiers' constitutional bills, was rejected, and the appointment of a special committee on the bills postponed for a month.

A fresh bone of contention is to be introduced into the French Assembly, in the form of a motion to consider the Constitutional Bill proposed by M. Thiers before his resignation.

President McMahon's first reception was the most brilliant official festival since the fall of the empire. The house was filled by army officers all in full uniform, and literally everybody was present. Versailles has narrow resources in the way of conveyances, and though the rain fell in torrents, everybody had to walk from the railway station to the President's house. There was not a duke left in the Faubourg St. Germain; all the Orleans family were present. There were 809 persons in the saloons. The Marshal President was in buoyant spirits. He wore the uniform of divisional-general, and on it the grand ordon of the legion of honor and the military medal. Mme. de MacMahon was attired in blue and white, the Blessed Virgin's colors to place her