

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

BARRINGTON.—Opening of new Meeting House.—DEAR BROTHER SELDEN.—The new Baptist Meeting House in Barrington, was dedicated to the worship of God on Sabbath 9th inst. Rev. W. H. Porter of Yarmouth preached in the morning from Eph. i 22, "And gave him to be Head over all things to the Church." In a very interesting discourse, he set forth the oneness of Jesus and his people, the dependence and security of Christians and the importance of living near the Divine Head. In the afternoon bro. P. preached with power and effect from Matt. xiii 33, "The kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven, etc." Rev. M. E. Henry, (Presbyterian) preached in the evening a very elaborate and forcible sermon upon the position, responsibility, and service of Christian Ministers, from 1 Cor. iv. 1, 2 Rev. H. Achilles on his way to his mission station in Argyle, reached Barrington on Friday evening, and fearing that no other minister would come, (as bro. P. did not arrive until Saturday evening) he kindly remained until Sabbath noon, and assisted in the morning service. In the afternoon he proceeded to Pabuco. Bro. Skinner, licentiate, was also with us, and took part in the exercises. The large congregations that assembled during the day, manifested a deep interest in the discourses, and I trust that seed was sown which will yet bring forth fruit to the glory of God. This was truly a refreshing season for the little Church. On the preceding evening, in conference, the brethren and sisters gave expression to their heartfelt gratitude for the success which had thus far attended their efforts to erect a place of worship. One brother could say that of all the male members who commenced the work ten years ago, he, with the exception of the pastor, was the only one remaining to see it thus far completed. Death, and change of residence, have removed all the rest, and this is the chief reason why the work has been so long retarded. In the meantime a few have joined our ranks, and two good men with Baptist wives have come to our assistance. I hope that I may yet enjoy the privilege of welcoming them to church fellowship. One sister could look back to the time when she, as a Baptist, was entirely alone in Barrington. Not another of the same faith and order could then be found in the township. Now there are two churches, ably 75 members, and three respectable Meeting Houses nearly completed.

We are very grateful to our kind friends in different parts of the Province for the valuable assistance rendered, and also to our friends of other denominations in the vicinity, who have contributed to our aid. The house is 35 x 45 ft. It has no gallery. The tower, one half of which rises from the ground, affords a suitable lobby. The original design contemplated a steeple, but as it seemed impracticable to erect one at present, the tower has been surmounted with a pointed roof. The two flues which rise from the ground, unite in one, forming an arch over the speaker's platform, and greatly improving the appearance of the back wall. The first platform is 10 x 11 ft., 8 inches in height. The next, of the same height, is semicircular—the base of the arch occupying the full space between the flues. On the front of the latter is a neat desk. As suitable materials for finishing could not well be obtained at present, the seats are temporary—but having slat backs, they are very comfortable. The Lord has so smiled upon our efforts that the remaining debt is not very large. The seats will be free. We also expect to adopt the voluntary weekly offering system. Brethren pray for us, that the Lord may smile upon us, and that His work may appear unto his servants and his glory unto their children.

Fraternally, W. H. RICHAN. Shelburne, Feb. 18th.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—Dear Messenger.—We have been desiring and labouring for a gracious outpouring of the Spirit of God, but have not seen all we desired.

Nevertheless the religious interest is somewhat revived and the congregations are increasing, (having been scattered during the absence of a pastor,) and one person has made a profession of religion.

This is rather a difficult field to work, there being so much ground to go over, and so many preaching stations, but we are endeavouring to do what we can, under

God, to bring things to their proper place and our beloved friends are very thankful concerning our temporal wants. The church is (for convenience) divided into four districts, and they have made us donation visits as follows: viz: No. 1 and 2 \$99 41. No. 4 \$36.24. No. 3 \$43.17

I give the number of districts as the donations came off. At all the donations there was all the doings and we thought equal to any thing that takes place of any donations. The amount as you will see was \$178.82, and it was principally money. May all the donors experience that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

As ever yours &c., J. C. BLENKNEY.

Lower Granville, Feb 17th, 1872.

KENTVILLE.—The Star says:—We are informed upon good authority that an effort is being made to erect a Baptist Meeting House at Kentville. A subscription paper has already been started and we understand that nearly one thousand dollars has been signed in this town.

JEMSEG N. B.—The revival at Jemseg is in beautiful progress. Between twenty and thirty have been baptized, and more are expected to follow Christ in his own ordinance. May the blessed work extend to all our churches.—Visitor.

GRAND LIGNE MISSION.—Rev T. Riendeau has made a tour among the Ontario churches on behalf of this mission, and writes to the Canadian Baptist:—

Very many dear people of God, have encouraged and cheered me in my long and toilsome journey among churches and friends in Ontario. The result so far, of ten weeks of hard and prayerful labor, is \$1432 00 collected for our French Mission. Our Committee and Missionaries join with us in giving our united and grateful thanks every, and for all contributions, large and small, to our missionary cause.

On my return I visited our two mission schools and found eighty-three scholars following the classes. And at my last visit at Longueuil, ten of the pupils prayed at the evening prayer-meeting. Please dear friends remember us at the Throne of grace.

GERMANY.—Letter from Mr. Wiehler.—Let me tell you something of the L. T. churches. The wonders of divine grace among them in the conversion of sinners exceeded all our conceptions. In some of the villages we have as many as two hundred members. Their religious ideas are peculiar. The people do not easily laugh; they are much more easy to we p. Their Christianity is very earnest. Hence it is that every difficulty between brother and brother gives rise to so much labor. They have much talent for preaching and praying. They have a very strange way of speaking, especially the females, like water issuing from a water-pot. They are examples of Christian fortitude.

From Riga we journeyed to St. Petersburg. In this great city we found thirteen Baptists, some of whom emigrated from Riga, and were baptized there several years ago, by bro Oncken. The enemy of souls had greatly scattered the little flock, so that we found them wholly without meetings. But we gathered them together for consultation, prayer, and exhortation. Several other friends met with us, and the work was commenced afresh. The hearts of the brethren flowed together in love, and they determined to hold meetings again regularly on the Sabbath. I have learned from the pastor at Muenel, that since our visit two have offered themselves to the church, asking to be restored. The members have also become interested in the work of evangelization, and ready to offer their aid; besides, they earnestly begged that if possible, a missionary might be sent to them.

NOTE FROM MAINE.—A correspondent of the Christian Era writes to that paper:—Your readers will be glad to hear the Lord has not forgotten to be gracious to his people in this State, although extensive revivals are not numerous. The "week of prayer" was observed, probably, more generally than has been usual, and in many places with apparent good results. A powerful revival has been enjoyed in Searsport, and others of greater or less power have been enjoyed by churches of different denominations in Eastport, Calais, Orono, Skowhegan, Naples, Portland, Lewiston, Auburn, Biddeford, Buxton, and some other places.

NEW YORK.—At the Strong Place Church, Brooklyn, the religious interest has been marked during the past month, quite a number have made themselves known as inquirers, and several recent converts are awaiting the ordinance of baptism. —At the Pastors' Conference last week, the report of baptisms aggregated fifty. Great religious interest has sprung up in Morrisville, Madison Co., N. Y. The work commenced in the Baptist church, S. S. Bidwell, pastor, where Rev. Mr. Paterson, evangelist, is holding a series of meetings. About one hundred have been forward for prayers, the majority of whom have now professed conversion. Persons of all ages are under the influence of the revival. It is the topic of conversation everywhere. A dumb man rose the other evening and invited sinners to come to Christ. His mute eloquence brought tears to all eyes.

LOWELL, MASS.—The Worthen street Baptist church is in the midst of a glorious revival of religion. The meetings held daily and nightly are of peculiar interest. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Miller, coming from a sick bed to the work, has attended every meeting for four weeks, and has baptized a score of willing converts. The good work is still progressing and never perhaps since the days of the lamented Dr. Porter has there been such unity of labor in the church.

The work of grace is reaching hearts in the Old Flint Church. Good brother Malory is faithfully at work, assisted by brother Pratt of Salem. Conversions are multiplying. The Branch street interest is hopeful for the future. Baptisms are occurring monthly. We learn that the religious feeling and fervor are deepening.—Era.

SOMETHING UNUSUAL.—A few days since the members of the Eutaw Place Baptist church, Baltimore, Md., unanimously resolved to increase the salary of their pastor, Rev. Dr. Fuller, the popular head of the church. The Doctor, when informed of the fact, wrote a respectful note declining their generosity, at the same time expressing his sincere gratitude. On a late Wednesday night there was a large audience, who remained after the usual sermon and benediction, and after the pastor had left they unanimously resolved that the church in let upon the pastor complying with this resolution. The controversy was not settled at last accounts.

ROME.—Mr Van Met'r writes Jan 17th, and gives account of his schools in Rome. He says:—"I think the papal will, after this, seek other fuel than the Word of God when they wish to make a bonfire. My evangelized day school is re-opened and a night school for adults is in successful operation. Next Sunday the teacher proposes to open a Bible school. In Trastevere, the evangelical night school for men and women is crowded. The Vatican Mission, which by its presumptuous proximity to his holiness ought to be crushed, is re-opened. Last Sunday night 105 there listened to the sermon. To day 46 girls and boys were in school. Last night 63 young men and youths were in night school. About half the time in the evening is given to religious teaching, the other to reading, writing, &c. The teacher is one of my missionaries. Philip Philips came to Rome and brought a blessing with him. He pledged to raise the salary of a pious English lady who has been ten years in Italy and who speaks French and Italian. She is to take charge of my little depository in the Vatican Mission and visit among the families.

WELLSBURY.—The Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia worship in a large edifice that will seat about 500 persons. It is furnished with pews nicely cushioned and is well heated and ventilated, and cost \$1,500. The church was organized in March last with 48 members, and now numbers 110, with a Sunday School of 300 pupils. The members are making a rare worthy efforts to build a large and commodious house of worship.

THE BOSTON MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE of Monday the 10th inst., was rendered highly interesting by the presence of the Rev. C. H. Carpenter from Burmah. He compared the amount contributed for extending the gospel at home, with that expended on foreign missions, and found it to be as 25 to 1, and urged a larger amount of consideration for heathen lands. The Reports from the churches were very cheering. Mention was made by several of the ministers, of conversions in their congregations:—

Dr. Lorimer, of Shawmut Avenue, spoke of special services continued and of conversions. On Sabbath evening some seventeen or twenty rose for prayers. Rev. Mr. Smith of Somerville, spoke of the building enterprise in which his people are engaged, and of a quiet work of grace now going on among them. His heart has been made glad by the conversion of his son, a member of Harvard College. A new impulse is reported by Rev. W. V. Garner as having been given to the work in Charles Street; three young men have been hopefully converted within a few days, and some fifteen are under conviction. Rev. C. Y. Swan rejoiced in the presence of the Spirit at Bowdoin Square; meetings are deeply interesting; the church seems to be awake and at work. Dr. Young, of Woburn, reported a very hopeful state of things there; three have been baptized. Rev. Henry A. Cooke, of the Bethel, said there had been, during January, one conversion a day on an average. Among twenty-two converted at the Mariners' Exchange, thirteen different nationalities were found. Dr. Fulton, of the Temple, stated that there was much to encourage among his people, conversions were occurring, and attendance good on the meetings; still he desired to see the church more fully awake and engaged.

A dispatch from Berlin, states that the Post of that city, in an article evidently inspired by the Government, says the proclamation of the dogma of Papal Infallibility has created a new Catholic creed, and its believers should be treated in the same manner as members of other new religious societies.

Religious equality has recently been established in the Leeward Islands, West Indies, by the British authorities, the Government aid having been withdrawn. All the English colonies in these islands are practically free from the Established Church system.

The Provincial Government has invited the New Brunswick members of the Dominion Senate and House of Commons to meet the Local Legislature in Fredericton on Friday the 25th inst., to consider the best course to be taken in order to secure "Better Terms."

SAD ACCIDENT AT NEWTON.—Our Boston exchanges give us accounts of a fatal accident which occurred during the previous week to Mr. Allen H. Lincoln, son of Rev. Heman Lincoln, D. D., Professor in Newton Theological Seminary. The deceased was a member of Brown University, and at the time of his death was spending a vacation at home. In company with some other young friends he was coasting on Seminary Hill, when the sled turned over and threw him, with great violence, against a tree, crushing in his forehead, and causing instant death. The others escaped with slight injuries. The deceased was a young man of uncommon promise, and within a comparatively short time past had become a Christian. This afflictive dispensation has been the means of awakening deep interest in the minds of the friends and associates of this promising young man.

AFRICA.—Baptism of Natives.—Under date of Aug 19, 1872, Mr. Vonbrunn writes from Vonbrunnsville:—

I returned home July last from King Boin Flan's. He died while I was there. I found him very low, being taken some time ago by a severe sickness. On seeing me he tried to speak but was very weak, I prayed for him. He was glad. He prayed by himself when I was absent. I buried him soon after he died.

On the 4th of the present month, I had the great pleasure to baptize the largest number of the Bassas since I became preacher among them. People having heard of the intended service, gathered in great numbers, both settlers and native Africans, to witness the ceremony. I baptized 7 females and 12 males, all Bassas except one little boy of the settlers, making 19.

ONTARIO.—Zion Church, St. Catharines.—Pastor R. N. Fairfax informs us, that the Zion Baptist Church of St. Catharines have been holding special meetings for several weeks, and the Lord has been pleased to pour out his Spirit. On the 9th inst., nine were baptized and others are waiting the ordinance.

WOOLWICH.—Bro. Stampf informs us through Rev. C. Walker, that he has been preaching at Woolwich for two weeks and over—preaching nightly, and that 35 have professed to have found Christ. He baptized 10 a week ago and expects to baptize again soon. He says a good work is going on at Woolwich.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., FEB. 26, 1873.

Messrs. Hayt'orne and Laird, members of the Prince Edward Island Government were at Ottawa last week to confer with the Government, relative to the admission of the Island into the Canadian Union.

Chauveau is gazetted Speaker of Senate, and the following gentlemen have been made Queen's Counsel: C. B. Owen of Yarmouth; S. H. Moore, Kentville; Wm. Howe, Halifax, and Matthew Henry Ritchey, of Halifax.

The Steamer "Nevada," from Australia, arrived at San-Francisco on Friday. She was delayed by returning to Honolulu to re-coal. Her news was unimportant.

Several failures have occurred at Ottawa within the past few days. The banks are shutting down and there is almost a panic.

The Quebec Temperance League, in session in Montreal on Thursday, takes a strong stand in favor of absolute prohibition.

BIC.—The house of Mr. Belanger, a farmer was destroyed by fire on the 12th inst. and three children burned to death.

Mr. McGillibon, of Montreal, has prosecuted the Daily Witness for libel. The Belgian Brothers have also entered a prosecution against the Daily Witness for stating that a boy has been punished by solitary confinement for five weeks in the Reformatory of the Brothers.

TORONTO.—A man named Peck was garroted and robbed of \$500 here a few nights ago.

On Friday of last week a brutal murder was committed and lynch law carried out in a lumber shanty on the Upper Ottawa. Two men having quarrelled, one was badly beaten and afterwards stabbed his opponent fatally. While in bed the other man aroused the murderer, bound him fast till morning, and then, after a mock trial, hanged him to a tree till dead. Twelve of the party have been arrested.

Hon. Senator Tessier has been appointed Judge of the Superior Court of the Dominion.

A man named Little was killed at Grenville Canal Works, Ont., by a blasting explosion.

At Montreal several serious accidents have occurred from tobogganing.

It is said to be beyond doubt that Sir. P. Hinks has accepted the Presidency of the Bank of Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

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years. The deceased was baptised by the late Rev. Harris Harding, and was for many years a highly esteemed and useful member of the 1st Baptist Church in Yarmouth. When the new church was formed in Milton, she became one of its constituent members, and was much beloved as a mother in Israel. Her illness was only of a few weeks duration, and was borne with remarkable calmness and submission to the divine will.—She leaves a sorrowing husband, one son and several grand-children to mourn their irreparable loss. Two brothers and a sister survive her—one of these is D. C. Landers, Esq., M. P. P., for Annapolis Co. Her funeral services were conducted by her pastor, assisted by Revs. W. H. Porter and Dr. Day. A sermon was preached in the 1st Church and much respect was shown for the departed as well as sympathy for the bereaved.—Com. by Rev. J. Wallace.

JAMES MARSTERS

of Summerville, Hants County, died on first day of December last in the 83rd year of his age. About sixty-years ago he was enabled through grace to rejoice in the pardoning mercy of God, and, although since that time he has had many a struggle with the enemy of souls, he never doubted his conversion to God. The cause of Christ was his cause. When the church prospered his heart was made glad. When anything occurred to mar the peace of Zion it made him feel sad. Having a large share of the social element blended with his love for God he loved to meet with his brethren for the maintenance of prayer and conference meeting, always ready to do his part in christian work. When his brethren said, Arise and let us build he hastened to strengthen their hands. Our brother was twice married. One of his sons with us is a deacon of the church, others of his children are trusting for salvation in the finished work of Christ, may they all be found among the redeemed at last. Although his last sickness was very distressing it was of short duration and patiently borne, and now his body lies in the narrow house and his spirit has returned to him who gave it. To life and to duty let us up and depart.—Com. by Rev. G. A. Wethers.

LINES

ON THE DEATH OF A FELLOW-STUDENT, AT THE NORMAL SCHOOL, ILLINOIS.

All ruthless the bonds discovered by death, And cruel the fate that tears us apart, Our circle is broken, our clas is bereft Of that one, who ever brought cheer to the heart.

We watch for thy form to enter the door, We list for thy voice to join in the song; But in vain,—we hear not thy strains as of yore, Thy bright smile no longer illumines our throng.

We see thy seat vacant, and gloomily sigh; We think of the music which all loved so well. These chords are exchanged for those sweetened on high, God called for thy harp, heaven's chorus to swell.

Oh! can it be true that our sister is dead? No bloom of health, a few days ago Alas, soon, as a sun, on a summer's day, did And plants full of promise, the reaper lays low.

It seems but a night-watch, since she was at school, Th n, hells we thought the dread monster so near.

Hit time of approaching outsteps every rule, We know not the place, or the hour he'll appear.

A still greater sadness is gathered around, As we think of her far from the land of her birth; A stranger, an orphan, no kindred are found To follow her corpse to its bed in the earth.

But yet, not alone shall she go to her grave, Her school-mates would mingle the sisterly tear;

In grief for the lost one their love could not save, From death's icy embrace, whom they held so dear.

While others thus grieve, what anguish 'twill bring, To her dear brother's heart, so far, far away;

Still the love, faith, and hope, of the Christian will bring A halo, which turns even darkness to day.

This trial, though keen, has in mercy been sent; The Shepherd has gathered a lamb to his fold;

The rose has been plucked, ere its fragrance was spent, The tender one taken from dangers untold.

Sleep on, then, departed, though cold be the bed, And lonely the grave where thine ashes rest; We trust that thy spirit ascended to God, And in glory we'll meet thee, dear sister again.

R. CLAY.

QUEEN ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, TORONTO.—The work of the Lord is being revived in this church, and as a consequence 16 have made a public profession of faith in Christ in the ordinance of Baptism. May many more of the saved be added to their numbers.