

ed opinion of Baptists, that the faith of the candidatures the reception of church-members, nor yet that unbaptized persons are proper administrators of church ordinances. Personally, we think that the unreasonableness and unscripturalness of such a practice has been, and can be again, made to appear.

A BAPTIST.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. MARGARET LAYTON.

Margaret, beloved wife of Deacon Ezra Layton of Great Village, Londonderry, recently departed this life, in the 61st year of her age. Sister L. possessed natural kindness of heart, and this, sanctified by divine grace was conspicuous throughout her life. In her youthful days she gave her heart to Jesus, and was baptized by Dr. Tupper at Amherst. For the spiritual welfare of her family she was greatly solicitous. She loved the church, and sought its prosperity while the whole community received a share of her thoughtful attentions. She had suffered considerably at different periods of her life especially through the past winter. Though she had not those rapturous views that some are permitted to experience, yet she trusted in the atoning blood. Christ was her hope, and support, and in his arms on the morning the 11th inst. she sweetly fell asleep. The occasion of her death was improved by a discourse from Heb. vi. 12, "Followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Her husband and children sorrow but not as those without hope. Their tears are dried by the assurance that she has gone to be with Jesus.

M. P. F.

Great Village, March 1874.

MRS. ELIZABETH BOGART.

relic of the late Jacob Bogart, Esq., departed this life at the residence of her daughter, (Mrs. Wylie) Granville Ferry, on the morning of the 4th of March, 1874, in the 87th year of her age. Sister B. professed faith in Christ and was baptized in to the Lower Granville church, by Rev. David Harris. She was no ordinary woman. Though aged she was of a cultivated, and buoyant mind, sustained by an unwavering faith, and bountifully supplied by nature, culture, and divine grace, with a large measure of sagacity and sterling sense. She was equally blessed with a hopeful and trusting spirit, in which no element of scepticism could find a footing. Her knowledge of scripture truth was real, and hence both a benefit to herself and those who had the pleasure of her association. She was not intensive but always ready to defend the right. Sister Bogart had not the privilege, for years, of attending the house of God, but was always wanting to hear; how the battle was going, and her first enquiry was "What was the text?" and "Was it a good meeting?" None of all the church members were more anxious for its prosperity. She was particularly interested in all religious societies, but most especially in the church of Christ. Her mortal remains were borne, accompanied by a large number of mourners, to the Baptist church, at the Ferry, at 11 P. M., on Sabbath the 8th, where a funeral sermon was preached by her pastor, from 2 Cor. v. 2; after which they were taken and left in the silent graveyard, to await the fulfillment of the declaration, "They who sleep in Christ will God bring with him."

J. C. B.

Religious Intelligence.

BERWICK.—Dear Editor,—I presume many of the readers of the Messenger will rejoice to learn of the gracious manifestation of God's presence in Berwick. For some time past the cause of the Redeemer has languished. A withering blight has been upon us, and the enemy has triumphed. "But Lo!" what hath God wrought? He hath not utterly forsaken his heritage. We believe that God in his special providence, directed Bro. Isaiah Wallace to visit us. In the spirit of his Master he came, an "Ambassador of peace." And while laboring incessantly, in preaching, and visiting from house to house, bearing precious seed, he has found a place in the hearts of the people. They are now with him as a host coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Some two weeks ago Bro. Wallace came with us, he found the church scattered, and souls famishing. His heart yearned for Zion. But his faith was strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. However prospects began to brighten. Last Sabbath three willing con-

verts publicly put on Christ by baptism. This morning a host assembled beside the baptismal waters, and witnessed a good confession of twenty-one willing converts, who in the likeness of Christ, were buried in baptism. At Cambridge, in the afternoon four others yielded to the Saviour's command, and were baptized. This we believe to be but the beginning of a still greater display of God's mercy. It is an important crisis with us. Multitudes are flocking to the temple gates. Hosts of anxious souls are looking Zionward. Upon earnest prayerful solicitations. Bro. Wallace consents to remain with us another week.

Truly it may be said of us, we are borne upon the "Great Tidal Wave" of God's grace that is now so marvelously sweeping over our land. May it continue to flow on until many, many hearts shall be deluged with that "peace that passeth all understanding."—Communicated.

March 22, 1874.

Rev. Isaiah Wallace, we had just learned, baptized upwards of fifty at Berwick and Cambridge on Sunday last.

AYLESFORD, March 23.—Mr. Editor,—We have held two Foreign Missionary Meetings in this Church. The first was held on the Plains, March 2nd. The other was held March 3rd, at Morrystown. Dr. Tupper, and bro. Charles Graves, rendered valuable assistance. We raised money to the amount of \$63.25 for the Foreign Mission.

I received five into this church yesterday, three by baptism and two by letter, the work is still going on.

Yours truly,

J. L. READ.

WESTPORT, 20th March, 1874.—As your readers will be pleased to hear of the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world, you will notice in your valuable paper the accessions to the church at Westport. Twenty-six have been baptised and joined the church and two others stand candidates for baptism. We have not had any additions to our church for six years, then we had quite a number Eld. J. A. Moore was with us and the Lord blessed his laborers. Last November (Elder Rideout visited us, and we secured his services; and from the week of prayer we commenced holding some extra services and have continued the largest part of the time since. Elder R. has laboured faithfully, his labours have been blessed and souls saved and more are inquiring the way to Jesus. Hope we may have more to leave the ranks of the unconverted. Brethren pray for us.

Yours fraternally,

H. E. PAYSON.

WOLFVILLE, March 26th, 1874.—On Lord's day, the 22nd March, nineteen persons were publicly received into the Baptist Church at Wolfville, 15 after baptism. Among them were, a father and son, two sisters, a husband and wife, a mother and daughter. Since last October the pastor has baptized eighty joyful converts, and there are still others enquiring.—Com.

CANNING, March 24, 1874.—Dear Bro.—The little church in Canning has been greatly encouraged of late. Last Sabbath fourteen were added, and the Sabbath before twenty-two, in all thirty-six. Twenty-nine of these by baptism mostly from the Sabbath School. The church is more than doubled in number. The work is still going on. We expect to receive more candidates next conference. We hope also to report accessions in Percan, where there is a number of converts. Rejoice with us and pray for us. Two of the number baptized last Sabbath were our own son and daughter. To God be all the praise.

We were greatly aided during the last fortnight by bro. McDonald from Acadia College, and hope that he will be with us again next week.

Yours in the Lord,

D. FREEMAN.

NICTAUX, ANnapolis COUNTY.—Rev. W. J. Bleakney writes, March 22, 1874.—Brother Seiden.—God is doing great things for us in this place. I can truly say I never witnessed such rich and full manifestations of the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as I have seen and felt during our series of meetings. Sabbath before last I baptised three, last Sabbath twenty-two, and expect to baptise a large number next Sabbath. The blessing is still descending in great abundance.

Another brother "W. A. M." writing from Nictaux, says:—"Our hearts have often been made to rejoice while perusing

your valuable paper, by learning of the outpouring of God's spirit in so many churches throughout the province. We "as a church desire to thank God that some showers of divine mercy have fallen on our thirsty Zion. \* \* \* Others have been received for membership and many more are following on to know the Lord."

MILTON, QUEENS Co.—The news from Milton is still cheering. A friend writing under date of Mar. 23rd says:—"Six were received into church fellowship yesterday—three by baptism, two by experience, one restored—all heads of families. The prospects of a larger ingathering are good."

BROOKFIELD, March 23, 1874.—Yesterday (Sab. 22) three more believers were baptized at South Brookfield, and in the afternoon I baptized three at Kempt.

G. BALLENTINE.

LIVERPOOL.—The pastor of the Baptist Church administered the ordinance of baptism on Sabbath 15th. Others were expected to be received and baptized last Lord's Day.

KENTVILLE.—Rev. James Parker writes: I baptized thirteen yesterday, in Kentville, and one was received on experience. God is doing a great work in Kentville.

Monday March 30th 1874.

BILLTOWN, CORNWALLIS.—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock baptized twelve persons into the Billtown Church last Lord's Day.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL 1, 1874.

OPENING OF THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

On Friday last 27th inst. His Excellency the Governor General opened the first session of the present parliament. Having taken his seat on the Throne, Earl Dufferin commanded the attendance of the House of Commons. The members accompanied by the Speaker appeared at the Bar.

Hon. Mr. Anglin informed His Excellency that the House of Commons had chosen him to be their Speaker, and he prayed for the accustomed parliamentary privileges, after which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following

OPENING SPEECH.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Hon. Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have convened Parliament at the earliest possible moment consistent with the delay entailed by the recent Dissolution.

Your attention will be invited during the present Session, to measures having reference to the representatives of the people in Parliament, embracing the system now prevailing in Great Britain, and in most other countries enjoying Constitutional Government, of taking votes by ballot; and to the establishment of a General Court of Appeal.

Measures will also be submitted to you for the amendment of the laws relating to Controverted Elections, the Militia and Insolvency.

The enactment of 1872, respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, having failed to secure the prosecution of that great enterprise, you will be called upon to consider what plan will best and most speedily provide the means of transcontinental communication with British Columbia. The report of the Chief Engineer will be laid before you, showing what progress was made during the past year in the surveys connected with the proposed line. The destruction of the Railway Offices by fire involved a serious loss of maps, plans, and papers, the possession of which would have made the report more complete.

The canal and harbor improvements are being vigorously prosecuted, with a view to ensure an equal accommodation for the rapidly growing trade of the country.

The report of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, on the proposed canal between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy, will be submitted for your consideration.

With the progress already made in the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, another year will be required to complete it. A report indicating its actual condition will be laid before Parliament, and a measure will be introduced to vest in the Department of Public Works the powers now exercised by the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Regarding the question of compensation due to the Dominion for the Fishery privileges conceded to the United States by the Treaty of Washington, and of negotiations tending to widen reciprocal trade relations with that country, at the instance of my Government the Imperial Authorities have given directions to the British Minister to discuss the whole subject with the Administration at Washington; and have associated with him a Canadian Commissioner.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—

The accounts of the last financial year will be laid before you, as well as a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the present year, to the latest practicable

period. I regret to state that the receipts of the present year will not be sufficient to meet the expenditure. It will therefore be necessary for you to consider the best means to be adopted for making good the anticipated deficiency.

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you. They have been prepared with as much regard to economy as is consistent with the efficiency of the public service.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Combined efforts of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to promote Immigration have met with a reasonable measure of success, thus adding a considerable number of desirable persons from other countries to our industrial population.

Notwithstanding the commercial depression which, through exceptional causes, prevailed to some extent during the past year, it is satisfactory to know that the general prosperity was not seriously affected. I do not doubt but that as the great natural resources of the Dominion become more widely appreciated, the results will be a healthy stimulus to the enterprise and energy of our people, and a still larger accession to our numbers.

I trust that your deliberations may be directed by wisdom, and aided by Divine Providence.

In the House of Commons the new Speaker received the congratulations of Sir. John A. McDonald and Hon. Mr. McKenzie, on his elevation.

The consideration of the opening Speech was deferred till Monday.

Sir. John A. McDonald intimated that owing to ill health he would not be able to hold the leadership of the Opposition. It was supposed that Hon. Dr. Tupper would be chosen to that position.

There is to be no recess at Easter, as usual, as ministers are desirous to push on the public business as fast as possible.

The Gov. General's speech causes disappointment in certain political circles, on account of the vague statement of policy respecting the Pacific Railway.

Riel was sworn in as member of the House of Commons on Monday morning but has not taken his seat yet.

An armed police are stationed in the vicinity of the Parliament building to protect Riel from violence in case of arrest, for which warrants are out, or otherwise.

The Speaker stated he had received a document from a gentleman who had contested the seat for Provencher against Louis Riel, stating that as he (Riel) was disqualified, the petitioner was entitled to the seat. The Speaker said he decided not to present the document to the House as the law of 1873 had taken all such matters from its jurisdiction and referred them to judges of the Province.

Lady Dufferin's reception on Friday night in the Senate Chamber was very largely attended, and was very brilliant.

It is announced that small-pox is again on the increase in Montreal. It is estimated there are at least two hundred cases in the city, and several deaths occur daily.

SUICIDE.—The Toronto Globe of the 23rd, gives an account of the suicide by poison, of Mr. J. N. Winstanley, Barrister, previously living in Toronto. It seems to have been long premeditated by him, and done in the most cool and deliberate manner.

A letter written by him previous to the terrible act, shews that he had tried to believe in the non-immortality of the soul, but was still in doubt. He thought circumstances had been against him for about 25 years, and that in ridding himself of his burdensome life, no one could say truthfully that it would be for the best.

The jury returned the following verdict: "That deceased came to his death by taking oil of almonds, a strong poison, well knowing its properties and effects."

NEW BRUNSWICK.

In the late division in the House of Assembly, on a motion of want of confidence, the government was sustained by 25 against 15.

It is expected that the Legislature will be prorogued this week.

A fire occurred on Thursday night in the shop of Mr. John Allen, on the corner of Church and Canterbury streets, St. John. The flames extended to the houses of Mr. Brennan and Mrs. Mahony, and to the boarding house of Mr. Dougherty. The loss of furniture and goods was heavy.

St. John is rejoicing in having had a kitten with eight feet.

UNITED STATES.

The Mississippi river has overflowed the Levee, and spread itself fifty miles wide from Cairo to its mouth.

A serious riot among laborers is reported from Hoboken, New Jersey; some new Italian hands on the Lackawanna and Great Western Railroad were attacked by the strikers, one man fatally wounded.

Indications are that the United States Senate will pass the four hundred million currency Bill nearly the same as it passed the House.

The strike of the Erie Railway freight hands is at an end and the strikers were to resume work on Saturday, at the terms offered by the company.

There was a heavy fall of snow in Boston on Friday night last, but it melted during the morning when the weather was warm, with wind north, and signs of clearing.

A tow boat on the Mississippi River was blown up near Monticome Island, and ten men killed and others wounded.

Communication by cable between Havana and Santiago de Cuba is re-established.

Ditson's music store in Boston was damaged by fire last week to the extent of \$70,000.

A fire kindled by sparks from a locomotive occurred near Breslau, N. Y. spreading miles around, and destroying property worth \$150,000.

The loss by fire at Kensington, Penn., is \$225,000; and at Elmira, Ill., \$200,000.

A monumental structure to embrace a statue of Charles Sumner, is to be erected in Boston.

The loss by explosion of steamboat 'Crescent City' on the Mississippi, is estimated at \$300,000.

The trouble with the railroad strikers of Susquehanna Depot is settled.

New York, March 30th.—Gold 12 1/2. Exchange unchanged.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—It was estimated that ten thousand people witnessed the landing of the Highlanders at Portsmouth on the 23rd. Several accidents occurred in consequence of the pressure.

The Queen ordered an inspection to be held in Hyde Park on Monday last of all the troops of the expedition which have reached home.

At a meeting of the leading Irish members in Parliament on Wednesday last, it was unanimously resolved to press the subject of Home Rule during the present session, notwithstanding the failure of Mr. Butt's amendment to the address.

In the House of Commons on Friday last, Mr. Cross, the Home minister declared that it was not the intention of the Government to interfere with the execution of the sentences of the Fenian prisoners, and the declaration was received with cheers.

The "Times" correspondent at Marshal Serrano's headquarters telegraphs that the losses in the battle on Friday before Bilbao were enormous. General Primo D'edivera was mortally wounded.

Great excitement was created here on Saturday by a rumor of the death of Thiers.

The remains of Dr. Livingstone have reached Suez, en route for home. An extended account of his last illness and death is published.

The "Great Eastern" will start in August to lay the Portuguese telegraph cable from St. Vincent, in Cape de Verde Island, to Pernambuco.

It is reported that Ralph Waldo Emerson will receive nomination for Rector of the University of Glasgow to succeed Right Honorable Benjamin Disraeli.

Twelve thousand Staffordshire coal miners are reported on a strike for higher wages.

FRANCE.—In the Assembly on Friday, a motion was made to take a vote to decide the future form of government of France; which, after a heated debate was rejected by a vote of 330 to 250.

The Assembly resolved to adjourn from March 28th to May 2nd.

A deputation of Royalists are soon to visit Count de Chambord, and make a last effort to effect the restoration of a monarchy.

SPAIN.—A desperate engagement was fought on Tuesday of last week before Bilbao. The Republican army under Serrano, attacked the Carlists at six o'clock in the morning and met with a stubborn resistance. The battle was kept up all day and only stopped by night, when the Republicans encamped on the position they captured from the Royalists. The loss of the national troops was 470 men.

General Loma commanded the centre, and General Derivera the right.

Advices on Saturday state that the great battle was renewed on Friday and continued throughout the day; reports as to the results are conflicting, each side claiming the advantage.

A despatch from Madrid to Daily News report that Concha, successor of Captain General Jorjallas, at Havana, receives the title of Governor General of the Antilles, with unlimited powers. He will have supreme command over Cuba and Porto Rico.

CUBA.—A despatch from Havana, says it is reported there that the Spaniards lost very heavily in the battle near Puerto Principe. The Cubans remained in possession of the field at night and the killed and wounded fell into their hands.

ITALY.—The King on the 23rd ult, received some 3,000 persons from all parts of the kingdom to congratulate him on the twenty fifth anniversary of his accession. The Minister of Foreign Affairs presented his Majesty an address from American and English residents.

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

On MONDAY the 23rd, petitions were received for various roads, bridges, mining areas, and acts of incorporation, after which the appointment of the judges to try disputed elections was made a subject of some discussion. All three being taken from one party was denounced by Mr. Blanchard.

Hon. Attorney General and Provincial Secretary stated that the Local Government had held no correspondence with the Dominion Government on the subject, except receiving a telegram, enquiring if it was their intention to appoint judges of the

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