

For the Christian Messenger.

ANTIGONISH.—The labours of Rev. J. B. McQuillan in this section of our Province have received many tokens of the Master's approval. It is only a few months since he reported to us the ingathering of a large number, nearly one hundred souls, into the fold of Christ, in the St. Mary's districts of Goshen and Glenelg. We now learn that the town of Antigonish has been visited by a gracious revival—the little church is greatly encouraged and sinners are being aroused to their need of salvation. We understand that this work of grace is to some extent a result indirectly of the labours of the Rev. A. B. Earle in Halifax. One of the brethren was visiting Halifax at the time the Evangelist came among us and was impressed with the Spirit's which evidently accompanied the preaching of the Gospel, and being anxious that others might be benefited by the gracious visitation, telegraphed for his son and nephew, two young lads, to come to the city, hoping that they might share in the blessing. Although our brother did not see immediate results in the conversion of those so dear to him, still he had reason to know that their consciences were awakened and he returned home encouraged to pray and wait. The Lord of the harvest did not long delay the answer to his petitions. In the prayer-meeting about two weeks ago the quickening Spirit was manifestly present, and those two young lads were the first to rejoice in "the new song." The ingathering has been largely from the Sabbath School but its influence is extending and deepening. From a letter which we have seen from there we extract the following:—"It may be said now that the church, sabbath-school, and congregation are a converted people, but few are left out. Wednesday of last week was our greatest night—no less than twelve found Christ at the meeting, and four others told how they had found him since the evening before. We count eighteen who have given evidence of conversion, and many more are anxious." My the Lord continue to comfort Zion until the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

NEW BRUNSWICK.—At a meeting of the New Brunswick Home Mission Board last week several missionaries' reports were read with the account of their labour in different parts of that Province. Rev. T. Todd's report of labor comprises "preached 60 times, attended 13 social meetings, 6 communion services, baptized two, prayed not less than two hundred and thirty times with private families. Travelled in all about 1,500 miles. Collected for Home Missions \$185.21. Secured the interest on \$68 for many years to come for Home Missions. Collected \$14.40 for Foreign Missions. Found where a will was made bequeathing \$200 to the Foreign Mission Fund. Attended one ordination; found many churches without pastors, and some pastors without churches. Resuscitated the Union Society in forty-two churches. Wrote 42 letters of advice, &c., to ministers and churches. The fields are white all ready for the harvest.

In reference to the application of some brethren at College, to spend the four weeks of their winter vacation, it was resolved, that it was inexpedient to send them out for so short a period at this season of the year.

On motion, Rev. G. W. Springer was sent out on a three months mission, as an evangelist, to labor with destitute and declining churches, and assist pastors in revival work at the rate of \$600 per annum."

ORDINATION AT UIGG, P. E. I.

On the 4th inst., a Council met with the Baptist church at Uigg for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of ordaining Bro. Jas. I. DeWolf to the work of the gospel ministry.

The Rev. S. McLeod was appointed Moderator, and Bro. John McLeod, Clerk. After listening to the Candidate's christian experience, call to the ministry, and views with regard to doctrine, the Council resolved to proceed with the Ordination.

The following order of exercises was agreed upon and subsequently carried out:

Opening exercises and sermon.—By Rev. W. B. Haynes.

Ordaining prayer.—Rev. John Shaw.

Charge to the Candidate.—Rev. D. McDonald.

Charge to the Church.—Rev. S. McLeod.

Benediction.—By the Candidate.

The season was one of deep interest and we trust spiritual profit.

JOHN McLEOD, Clerk.

YARMOUTH.—A postscript to a letter from Rev. Dr. Day informs us that:—"The good work is making progress with us. I have already baptized 42. Five more have been received for baptism. Probably 10 or more will be baptized next Sabbath. Bro. Warren has baptized 18 since Mr. Earle was here, and bro. Gallaher has baptized 9."

BERWICK.—We are informed that Rev. Isa. Wallace received 7 into the fellowship of the 2nd Cornwallis Baptist Church last Lord's day, 6 by baptism and one who had previously been baptized by a Wesleyan Minister. We learn that the good work is extending in his field.

HALIFAX.—We copy the following from the Colonist:

The rite of public baptism was administered to five persons in the Granville street Baptist Church on Sunday evening. The church was densely packed, and the solemn and impressive ceremony was witnessed with deep attention. The Rev. Mr. Saunders delivered an interesting discourse, illustrating Mount Sinai as the seat of God's judgments, and Mount Zion as the seat of His mercy.

We have received an account of the organization of a new church at Gerrish Hall, on Sunday last, but as it is not officially given, we defer it till our next.

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HALIFAX PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH VESTRY, }
Halifax, Dec. 7th, 1874. }

Editor Christian Messenger.

DEAR SIR, — By a unanimous vote of the North Baptist Church, I am directed to transmit to you the following Official Correspondence, and beg to request that you kindly publish the same in the columns of the *Christian Messenger*.

By order, and on behalf of the Church,
A. W. CLARK, Church Clerk.

HALIFAX, N. B. CHURCH VESTRY, }
7th, Dec., 1874. }

The Committee appointed by this Church on the 30th November last to conduct a correspondence on behalf of the Church with an *ex parte* Ecclesiastical Council, convened at Gerrish Hall at the instance of certain disaffected members of the Church, now report as follows:—

They have discharged their functions to the best of their ability, and so far as they are concerned, have closed their correspondence with said Council.

But inasmuch as principles of great importance have been discussed, and the Council have not recommended compliance with the request of those who called it, and inasmuch as grave and serious and unfounded charges against this Church have been printed and circulated by the disaffected section, among a dozen or more of the Baptist Churches of the Central Association, who otherwise might never see their refutation, and complete vindication of the church's procedure, it is hereby recommended that the Clerk of this Church do prepare a copy of the aforesaid documents which have passed between the Church and its Committee, and the Council, and forward the same to the editor of the *Christian Messenger*, kindly asking for their publication at an early day.

Signed, J. McCULLY, Chairman.

Resolved, That the foregoing Report be received and adopted. Passed unanimously.

By order, in behalf of the Church,
A. W. CLARK, Church Clerk.

TO THE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH,—

Dear Brethren,—At a meeting of Council convened in College Hall, Gerrish St., on Thursday evening 19th inst., upon the request of several members of your body who have applied for letters of dismission with a view to being organized into a separate church, the accompanying resolution was passed, and in accordance with my instructions is now forwarded for your consideration.

The Council adjourned to Thursday evening, 26th inst., at 7 o'clock, to receive and consider your reply.

I am,
Yours truly,
R. N. BECKWITH,
Sec'y of Council.

COPY.

Resolved, That the North Baptist Church be requested by delegation or by letter, to inform this Council of the reasons that induce them to delay acceding to the request made by a large minority of their members to be dismissed to form a separate church, and also, whether there is no probability of the difficulties and differences being so arranged as to enable these brethren to receive such dismission, and so to form a separate church according to strict Baptist usage and practice, and hereafter to cherish towards the North Baptist Church those

feelings of love and good feeling which ought to exist among professing christians. And Resolved further, That this Council adjourn to Thursday evening, 20th inst., in order to receive the reply of that church.

[NOTE.—On the first meeting of the Council when this Resolution was proposed, Rev. E. M. Saunders it is said, opposed it and moved an amendment which was put and lost whereupon he immediately withdrew and did not attend afterwards. A. W. C.]

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH VESTRY, }
23rd Nov., 1874. }

R. N. BECKWITH, Esq.,
Secretary of Council, &c.,

Dear Brother,—The Letter and Resolution enclosed by you to my address, which the enclosed is a reply was not received till late on Friday, 20th inst., and therefore could not receive the consideration desired at an earlier date.

Be pleased to find enclosed the Resolutions in reply, which the North Baptist Church have passed and which I am directed to forward to your address.

I have only to add that your 2nd communication only reached me in time to hand in to the church when the enclosed resolution was under consideration.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours, &c.,
A. W. CLARK,
Church Clerk.

At a Church Meeting held at the Vestry of the North Baptist Church, Halifax, on Monday evening, 23rd Nov. 1874.

The Letter of R. N. Beckwith signed as "Secretary of a Council" convened in College Hall, Gerrish Street, on Thursday evening, 19th inst., upon the request of several members of this (the North Baptist Church) who are therein alleged to have applied for letters of dismission with a view of being organized into a separate church."

Also a resolution purporting to have been adopted by said Council, resolving "that the North Baptist Church be" requested by delegates or by letter to "inform the Council of the reasons that induce them to delay acceding to the request made by a large minority of their members to be dismissed to form a separate church, and also whether there is no probability of the difficulties and differences being so arranged as to enable these brethren to receive such dismission, and so to form a separate church according to strict Baptist usage and practice, and hereafter to cherish towards the North Baptist Church those feelings of love and good feeling, which ought to exist amongst professing christians. And Resolved further that the Council adjourn to Thursday evening, 26th inst., in order to receive the reply of that church," being read.

Thereupon, in view of the Council thus addressing an independent Baptist Church having been summoned *ex parte*, and, as manifestly appears, having heard and considered the complainants case, in the absence of the church of which they are members referring moreover to what they are pleased to call "strict Baptist usage and practice" in like cases, and the North Baptist church addressed reserving all its rights as such, yet apprehending, and believing that the course being pursued by such "minority" is of a rare, and exceptional occurrence, questionable and discountenanced by the Baptist denomination except where majorities are unreasonable and imperious, and that the proceedings thus initiated, will be regarded with the deepest solicitude by churches of the same faith and order, not only throughout this Province, but beyond. In order therefore that such proceedings had, or to be had, and the Record thereof may be clear and intelligible, and it occasion shall unhappily require it, that they may, if scriptural and regular, constitute a precedent for future guidance to other churches placed in like relation to "minorities," summoning *ex parte* Councils:

1st. An authentic list of names of the several individual members of the of the N. B. Church, who applied for the *ex parte* Council held,—with a copy of the application, containing their reasons therefor, and a copy of statement of grievances, if any, preferred to the Council.

2nd. Also a list of the Churches invited to send delegates thereto.

3rd. The names of the Churches represented in said Council.

4th. The names of the delegates present from each Church, and of the officers of the Council.

5th. And, inasmuch as "Councils, (and especially *ex parte* Councils) should not be composed of partisans, nor those who evidently favor one side rather than the other, (See Hiseor's Baptist Church Directory, page 130)—the North Baptist Church desire that they may be informed whether any of the minority who applied for, and obtained this *ex parte* Council, claimed a right to sit, or did sit personally

in the Council so held, or how otherwise, and whether any member of the North Baptist Church took part in the Council, or voted in the passing of the resolution thereof? And if so, they respectfully ask to be furnished with the names of any, and all such.

6th. Also, Whether the "minority," so called had or had not, previously to the meeting of their Council, formally, in the next adjoining square and the same Ward of the City, organized themselves into a Church by choosing deacons and other officers, and whether they were not, and are not, now, merely waiting for recognition, or a recommendation from the Council, that they be recognized as an independent church, or how otherwise?

Reserving to themselves, the privilege of fully answering the questions in the Council's Resolution, when they are supplied with the information asked for, in the meantime:

Resolved, That this church entertain no feelings, other than those of kindness and brotherly love towards "the minority," so called, who have so recently absented themselves from their places, and the fellowship of the church. They deeply deplore the sad spectacle of a church of Christ divided, one saying "I am of Paul," another "I am of Apollis." Therefore it is that, in the sincerity of love, and true Christian affection, the senior deacon recently, at a very full meeting exhorted, you, besought them to be true to themselves, and their past professions, and remain—and even now, this church, ere the breach widens, entreats them to return back to the fold, where it is still ready to welcome, and receive them.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this church do furnish the clerk of the Council with a copy of the foregoing Resolutions.

Passed unanimously.
*Crowell Church Manual, 71-73.
†Crowell's Manual, 261.
(To be continued)

TO THE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH,—

Dear Brethren,—The following information in reference to the Council convened on the 19th inst., should be attached to my letter of the 20th inst.

Council composed of the following brethren:

From Granville Street Church,—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Hon. Dr. Parker, L. S. Pavaant, R. N. Beckwith.

Dartmouth Church,—Rev. A. S. Hunt, Jas. W. Johnston, Jeffrey Burgess.

Sackville Church,—Rev. Dr. Clay, Francis Webber.

Fall River Church,—John Stevens, and Wm. Miller.

Invited to sit in Council,—Revs. J. E. Gouche, W. E. Hall, and R. R. Philip. Hon. Dr. Parker was appointed Chairman of the Council, R. N. Beckwith, Secretary.

I remain, yours truly,
R. N. BECKWITH, Sec'y.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., DECEMBER 16, 1874.

All the fire insurance companies of Montreal have decided to adopt one tariff.

The *Montreal Herald* intimates that the sliding scale clause of the Tariff has been eliminated from the Washington Treaty.

The difficulty between British Columbia and the Dominion has been got over through the mediation of the Hon. R. M. Walkem.

The loss by the burning of the rolling mills of Fildes & Hervey, at Montreal, amounts to \$80,000—insured for \$41,000.

The Kingston (Ont.) "News" says that Sir John A. Macdonald will again accept the nomination for Kingston.

The Custom House at Ottawa, Ont., was completely gutted by fire, on Wednesday last, and the documents all destroyed.

An Ottawa despatch states that Mr. Steers, accountant for Mr. W. Wallace, late M. P. for South Norfolk, when that gentleman was Paymaster on the Pacific survey, was arrested on a charge of having taken money from the Government funds, and for being unable to account for the same.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.—The following table shows the Dominion revenue and expenditure for November:—

Customs.....\$1,281,481.93

Excise.....608,002.96

Post Office.....102,894.92

Public Works, including railways.....148,077.92

Bill Stamp.....29,111.09

Miscellaneous.....64,270.95

Total.....\$2,230,840.74

Expenditure.....\$1,844,780.23

A despatch from Winnipeg on Saturday states that Dr. Schultz was committed before Judge Belourney, to stand his trial at next Court of Queen's Bench for perjury. Judge Belourney severely reprimanded Schultz, and the case creates considerable excitement.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Railway.—Hon. James C. Pope has written the Dominion Government that he is prepared to form a company, and take the Prince Edward Island Railway and run it immediately under Dominion Tariff—take all receipts to which Dominion may be entitled for carrying freight, and without any Government subsidy. As a permanent arrangement, giving ample security for running of road.

UNITED STATES.

A serious riot was reported from Vicksburg, Tuesday the 8th, as a result of the dispute concerning colored Sheriff Crossby. The city was attacked by armed negroes, who were repulsed with a loss of 40 killed and wounded, while there is only one white person reported killed. Governor Ames is charged with having incited the negroes to violence.

A later report stated that the negroes lost 70 killed. Reinforcements were flocking to each side and an assault was expected.

A telegram on Wednesday said, reports from Vicksburg, Miss., stated the excitement had largely subsided. Crossby, the Sheriff, has resigned, and the city is under martial law.

Subsequent accounts show that a larger number of negroes were killed and wounded than was at first reported.

Governor Ames issued a proclamation ordering the rioters to disperse.

Disturbances are now believed to be all over and quiet. The supervisors have ordered an election to fill the vacancies of sheriff, circuit court clerk, two justices, and two constables.

Two men were killed and four dangerously wounded on Thursday by the explosion of a boiler near Vicksburg.

A collision of railroad trains near Boca, Nevada, caused the death of two persons, and probably the fatal injury of two others. Several persons are reported missing.

A smart shock of an earthquake was experienced in New York on Thursday night, causing much consternation.

A fire at Charlestown, West Virginia, destroyed \$200,000 worth of property.

The Grand Trunk Railway has made a reduction of 10 cents per barrel on flour from Chicago to Pottland.

King Kalakaua arrived at Washington in train on Saturday, and was received by a battalion of marines, and escorted to his quarters. Afterwards he was invited by members of the Cabinet to visit the President.

Five children, from six to sixteen years of age, were drowned while sliding on a sled on a pond near Peakness, New Jersey, on Monday.

It is reported that seven sailors were recently flogged to death near Cadenas.

New York, Dec. 14, p. m. Gold 111 1/4 to 111 1/2. Exchange unchanged.

SOUTH AMERICA.

The commander of the British man-of-war "Cracker" telegraphs from Montevideo, 9th inst., confirming the report that an insurrection had broken out in Uruguay. Government troops refused to march against insurgents, and demanded the resignation of ministers.

MEXICO.

The Mexican Congress is debating a bill restricting the powers of the Roman Catholic Church, one clause of which provides for compelling a separation of the Church and State. Amendments to the Mexican constitution making changes in Congress, and establishing a Senate, having passed Congress, were solemnly promulgated as the law of the land.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—The London "Times" says that England, in reply to Russia's invitation, declares her willingness to attend the St. Petersburg Conference, though she regrets being unable to anticipate any practical result.

The operatives in the Dundee jute mills, numbering 30,000 have struck in consequence of a reduction of wages on Saturday. The proprietors renounced their intention of reducing the wages.

The Rev. Mr. Macnechie a well known London Ritualistic clergyman has been suspended for six weeks from the exercise of his clerical functions.

The London *Times* considers the political position in which President Grant is placed, at this time, of importance. On the message to Congress, it says that no intervention in Cuban matters by Great Britain is possible.

A gale prevailed on the British coast on Wednesday last. A large vessel, supposed to be the *John Cook*, from Quebec for Shields, was totally wrecked. Fifteen of the crew drowned. Nine vessels ashore at Hartlepool. Several wrecked at Seaham. There was much damage to houses and other property on shore.

A dozen vessels went ashore at Whitby, and one was reported sunk with all on board. Similar accounts have been received from points all around the coast. The mails from France were several hours behind time. The storm was also very severe on the Continent.

It is feared that the steamer *Palican*, from Cardiff for Cork, is lost with all on board. Passengers and crew numbered 49. Disraeli is at Bournemouth. He says that his absence from London will be protracted.

Dr. Livingston's journals have reached Zanzibar in safe hands.

The British Parliament will re-assemble on the 5th of February.

The Bishop of London has prohibited Bishop Colenso from preaching in his diocese.

FRANCE.—It is rumored that President MacMahon has decided to form a new Ministry in January.