which latter the Ledies' fer in Pizzle are now arranging to finish. The present floating debt is \$570, which

with the above estimate, \$500, give yet to

be raised \$1,070.

As most all of the subscribers very generously intimated that we might call on them again, if in need, we have made free to state our case, and now ask their further kind consideration.

F. C. Snow. Trustees. LAWRENCE HALL, THOS. S. WHITMAN,) RECEIPTS

Bazaar 1871, Summer	478.11
Washington Baptist Sunday School	25.00
Hon. J. W. Johnston, Halifax	10.00
T. S. Whitman, Annapolis	300.00
Lawrence Hall	25.00
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Murray Potter	25.00
Dimock Whitman	15 00
W. Anderson	
H. VanBlarcomb	15.00
J. H. Healy	10.00
J. W Barss Wolfville	10.00
Tea Meeting, September, 1872	321.86
W. J. Stairs, Halifax	10 00
W. J. Stairs, Halifax	20 00
R. I. Hart, do	20 00
Yarmouth Churches, less expenses	230.1€
Samuel Hell Granville	60.00
W. M. Weatherspoon,	20 00
J. W. Healy, Annapolis	15.00
F. C. Snow do	20.00
Rufus Hardwick, do	20.00
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Music Union Concert	126.39
Others, in sums under ten dollars	50 00
Kenny, Haley & Co., Plans, &c	
David McClelland, lumber	20 00

\$1971.52 We omit the details of Expenditure, the total being \$2541.72. THOS. S. WHITMAN, Treas.

For the Christian Messenger.

ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH IN KENTVILLE.

An Ecclesiastical Council convened in the basement of the Baptist Chapel in Kentville to take into consideration the propriety of organizing a number of brethren and sisters resident there, and in the vicinity, into a separate church.

The Council was organized by appointing Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Chairman, and Rev. J. Jones, Secretary.

The following Churches were represented in Council:

1st Horton,-Revds. S W. DeBlois and T. A. Higgins, and brethren Gustavus Bishop, Esty Bishop, and Eli Griffia. 2nd Horton,-Rev. E. O. Read.

3rd Horton,-Rev. James Parker and brethren James Fitch and Wm. H. Seman. 1st Cornwallis, -Rev. S. B. Kempton, Deas. J. H. Borden, Daniel Cogswell, and Wm. Thomas, and bro. Enoch Griffin.

2nd Cornwallis, - Dea. John Lyons, and brethren A. A. Pineo, and Joseph D. Skinner (Lic.)

3rd Cornwallis,-Brethren Ezekiel Parish, and Rufus Wood.

Pereaux and Canning,-Rev. D. Free-

Hantsport,-Rev. Jos. Murray, and bro. William Davidson.

Upper Falmouth, - Dea. A. Shaw.

By special invitation,-Rev. I. Wallace. Agt. N. S. B. H. M. B , Rev. D. W. C Dimock, of Truro, Rev. Jos. Jones, of Wolfville.

The Council having made suitable in quiries, was fully convinced that the breth ren and sisters who sought to be formed into a church were justified in what they sought, from their ability to meet the responsibilities of church organization, their belief in our Articles of Faith and Practice, and the indications of Providence, which were too apparent to be mistaken.

The pastors of the several neighboring churches made remarks expressive of their pleasure in the contemplated movement, and of their cherished hopes that it would be to the advancement of Christ's kingdom and the honor of His name, after which it was unanimously resolved to organize them into a church of Jesus Christ, holding the "Faith" and being governed by the " Practice" of the churches comprising the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations. The right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. S. W. DeBlois, and the prayer of recognition by Rev. S. B. Kempton, when the Chairman of the Council was pleased to declare the "Kentville Church" as duly organized, and possessing all the rights and privileges of a church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The formation of a Baptist Church in Kentville is a bright era in our denomination, and one which but few, however much they may have desired it, had sufficient faith to expect. To-day there is in organized church, and a neat and commodious chapel, far advanced towards completion. There is a preaching service every Sabbath, and a prayer meeting every Tuesday evening. Soon a Sabbath School will be organized, a " Missionary Aid Society" inaugurated, and all the benevolent operations of the Church of Christ in pro-

It may be advisable to indicate the buman instrumentality through which this

has been accomplished. It is not too much to say that, under God, it is primarily and mainly due to the Rev. James Parker, who has devoted himself to the work of building up a Baptist interest in Kentville, with a zeal and perseverance that merit great praise. About three years ago, he solemnly and irrevocably dedicated himself to this work, and at once began his labore under very discouraging circumstances there were but few avowed Baptists, no place for public worship, and the prevailing public sentiment very hostile to the movement.

At first he preached in a private house, then in the school-house, afterwards in the Music Hall. It was, however, soon apparent to this faithful few, that in order to secure growth, they must provide for themselves a house for worship. This Bro. Parker resolved to secure. He immediately began his work, and at once me obstacles that would have daunted any man who was not divinely commissioned. In strong faith he went forth, and to-day we have in course of erection the most commodious and chaste church edifice in Kentville. The vestry has been publicly dedi cated, and the main audience room will be before the first of August. When completed it will be an honor to the Baptist Denomination, and a noble memorial of our venerable brother. He has truly done a great work for Christ in Kentville.

The Church just organiz denumb is 24. members. Others will soon join them by letter and we believe Christ will add many to their number of such as shall be saved. Some have already professed a new found 4 persons. One was a believer for some faith in Christ, and the indications are that time. Two were but 11 years of age. In God is about to visit Kentville in mercy.

J. JONES, Sec y.

For the Christian Messenger.

PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE.

HALIFAX, N. S., MARCH 9TH, 1874. Dear Brother Selden,-

On Saturday last I drove up to Sackville, with my wife to call on some friends, and spend the Sabbath. In the afternoon while crossing the Sackville River at Heffler's Mill, the treshet being much higher than known for many years, my horse saw through a small hole in the centre the water passing under, and instantly began to back very rapidly. I saw at once that it was impossible to turn, (the bridge being so narrow, and the railing so weak and low) without going ever. And for the moment felt that our end had come, I succeeded however in backing him straight for a short distance when he became quite unmanageable and plunging suddenly around backed us over the end of the Bridge. As Mrs. Clay was next the river, I could not see how far we were from the bank. At that moment the horse fell on his side, on the edge of bridge, as if he had been shot. At that instant I sprang from you. the waggon and went some eight or ten feet down the bank to the edge of the fearful rapid. On looking up I saw Mrs. Clay hanging by the waggon which was almost perpendicular, with her feet entangled in the furs and other coverings, she soon freed herself and threw berself backwards among the rocks. Two young men from the next house were now at the horse's head, and soon got him on his feet, when we discovered what saved us. As the waggon went over, and the horse sprang around, he placed his near-hind foot upon the off one, so firmly that it tripped him, the sharp calks having fastened into the hoof-and then falling upon the shalt, held every thing firmly. If the horse had not fallen no human power could have prevented him from backing down into the River, and Mrs. Clay would have been borne helplessly down the mad and foaming

Strange to say after getting again upon the bridge by the aid of the two young men who came to our assistance not even a strap was broken; and neither of us injured except a few slight bruises. Some of our friends would say " the horse placed one foot upon the other, and fell upon the shalt by some fixed law of nature " I have written these few lines however, for the purpose of publicly acknowledging my ful kindness and love of our Heavenly circumstances of such fearful danger, " HIS SPECIAL PROVIDENCE." In the eve- School. ning we had a blessed Conterence Meeting, for Baptism; and we hope soon to see others following.

> I am, Yours in Christian Love, EDWIN CLAY.

Religious Intelligence.

At the North Baptist Church there were five persons haptized, on Sunday last, on a profession of faith in Christ. These with one by letter were afterwards received into the church.

DIGBY NECK -Rev. J. C. Morse writes from Sandy Cove, March 2nd. I baptized one person yesterday at Little River There is already a revival in the Church. God is moving upon the hearts of sinners there. A glorious work of grace is in progress at Westport, and Freeport. The faithful labors of dear brethren Parker and Rideout, are crowned with great success.

BROOKFIELD, QUEENS Co.,-Rev. G. N Ballentine writes Feb. 24th, 1874, I am happy to inform your readers that on 1st of February, six more believers came requesting baptism here at North Brookfield, also at South Brookfield last Sabbath, Feb. 22nd, four were " buried with their Lord." It was a gratifying eight as we approached the side of the beautiful Port Medway River, reminding us of the onward flow of the Jordan, where quite a large number of spectators were gathered together, while we honored the Master. Among the four were a lad of 13 years, and an aged man of 76 years-happy to follow Jesus, and still they come; for which we praise the

LATER, March 4 .- I baptized again on Sabbath morning here at North Brookfield, the afternoon I baptized one at Pleasant River.

WOLFVILLE -The ordinance of believer Baptism was administered here to thirteen persons on a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus, on Sunday last.

FREEPORT, DIGBY Co - March 2nd, 1874 -Dear Bro.-Since I last wrote you have baptized 26, two have been restored to the fellowship of the Church, making 34 baptized; two by experience, and two restored. Many who had strayed from the church have returned, renewed their coven ant, and with sorrow of heart regretted that they had wandered away from the Lord. The work is still advancing, and many simmers are inquiring the way to Zion. My heart was made to rejoice in hearing what the Lord is doing for the institutions at Horton. Among the large number that was baptized at Wolfville, on the 22nd ult., was my son who is studying at the Academy, for which I thank God and take courage. The Church at Westport is having a gracious revival, and Bro. W. C. Rideout, has baptized a large number, of which no doubt he will soon inform

Yours very truly, -W. L. PARKER.

MARGARET'S BAY, March 8, 1874.-Dear Brother,-You and your readers may be glad to know that God is still blessing His people around the Bay. The little church at Indian Harbor is being especially blessed. The brethren in that locality have for a long time been pleading with God to revive his work and He has heard their prayers. The seed which has been sown by his servants in the years past is now being harvested.

Wandering ones are coming home, old difficulties are being removed, souls 'are being saved, and the church is rejoicing in the Saviour's love.

This morning it was my happy privilege to baptize ten and receive them into this church. Among them were the last of two "households" and three of them were heads of families. It appears to be only the beginning of good days. Brethren pray for us.

Yours in haste. WM. E. HALL.

1st. Cornwallis Church, March, 9th, 1874.—Dear Bro.—You will be glad to learn that the 1st Corr wallis Church still continues to share in the saving influences belief in, and my gratitude for the watch- of the Holy Spirit. Fifteen were yesterday baptized by our Pastor, Rev. S. B. Kempton. Father, in manifesting towards us, under They are all young, and most of them members of the Lower Canard Sabbath | pointed a committee to attend his funeral.

At Port Williams also, another section and a young married man offered himself of the Church, there are most pleasing indications of a work of grace, and the hearts of the brethren are encouraged and re-

Fraternally Yours, WM. EATON.

INDIAN HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH Co .-Kev. II. Eagles writes, Feb. 24th, 1874 .-I have baptized twenty since I last wrote you in connection with the Indian Harbour and 1st St. Mary's Churches, the work is still progressing.

LIVERPOOL.-Rev. G. O. Gates, writes March 6th .- " Since last writing you l baptized on Sabbath, Feb. 22nd, thirteen happy converts, and last Sabbath two more. Bro. Durkee is still working with cheering prospects."

Dominion & Foreign News

HALIFAX, N. S., MARCH 11, 1874.

A despatch to Saturday's Citizen said E. G. Penny, editor of the Montreal Herald has been appointed to the Senate. His election is regarded as a compliment to the Reporter's gallery, of which he was the oldest and most distinguished member.

John O'Conner, late Post Master Gener al, has commenced the practice of law in

The Bishop of Ontario was expected to formally excommunicate those of his flock who have joined the Reformer's Episcopal movement on next Sunday in the Church.

A surveying party has been sent to explore the French River for the route of the Pacific Railway.

The Montreal bar is agitating a reform in the mode of appointing judges. They want to submit a list of names for selection by Government.

On Tuesday evening while Cyrille Bertrand, his wife and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Morrison, were being driven across the both ladies were drowned.

J. H. Breathwick, one of the victims of the late railway disaster near London, Ont., died on Tuesday. Mrs. Robinson, of Waterford, Miss Lawrence of Petrolia, and Mr. Hay are still in a precarious condition. The others are recovering.

A despatch to the Colonist of Thursday said, despatches from British Columbia say DeCosmos states publicly that the telegram read by Hon. Mr. Scott, on the hustings in Ottawa, that he (DeCosmos) said the whole of the British Columbia representatives would support Ministry, is a fraud. He denies ever sending such a telegram, and says British Columbia will insist upon the rail way being built.

Mr. Desbarats, of the " Canadian Illusrated News," is in the Bankrupt Court. Mr. Joly, Leader of the Quebec Local Oppositson, has been appointed to the

UNITED STATES.

The indications are, that Congress will restore the franking privilege, a vote having passed the House to reconsider the previous action on the subject.

Hillsdale College, at Hillsdale, Michigan, was burned on Friday morning. The East Hall was saved, with the furniture, the libraries, musical instruments, etc.

Loss \$75,000 Insurance \$70,000.

The Supreme Court of Tennesse has decided in favor of the children of a white father and a negro mother. The case excited great interest. A large amount of property is involved.

Four prisoners attempted to run away from Sing Sing Prison on Wednesday last one was mortally wounded by the guard, and the others captured.

A severe snow-storm is raging in the Sierra Mountain, Oregon, seriously interferring with travel on the Pacific Railroad A snow plow is constantly employed in breaking through the drifts. This is the severest snow storm ever known in that part of the country.

Wm. Nesbett was killed, his wife struck blind, and his child thrown out of a wagon at Kakome, Ind., last week, by a stroke of lightning.

Ada M. Noyes, an actress, was bitten some weeks ago by a poodle dog, and died on Thursday of hydrophedia.

The miners at Wilkesbarre, Pa., have been for the last two months, fighting the Fire at Empire-Mine, near Pennsylvania, ceased work on Tuesday, having become convinced that their efforts were becoming more haz irdous and unavailing each day, That evening a most extensive cave in of the mine occurred, exceeding in extent that of the Baltimore mine, which took place a short time ago.

Great consternation prevails in the neighborhood of the mine, and families are preparing to leave the dangerous proximity The fire now has free scope, and threatens to ruin utterly one of the most valuable possessions of the newly formed Wilkesbarre and Lehigh Coal Company.

On Monday Congress adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of Ex-President Fillmore, who died on Monday, and ap-

New York, March 9. Gold 114. Sterling Exchange \$4.841 to \$4.88. Money 3 per cent.

A terrible explosion of a fish torpedo, one of the latest inventions for attacking ships under water, occured at Woolwich Arsenal, on Saturday. Only one of six men escaped serious injury.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

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ENGLAND.—The Imperial Parliament met and commenced preliminary proceedings on Thursday last The oath was administered to the members of the Commons in groups of forty. The members of the present and the late Governments received royal commands to attend a State Dinner on Mon. day at Windsor Castle there to meet the Dake and Duchess of Edinburgh before the 12th instant, which is appointed the day for the public entry of the Duke and bride into London, and will probably be observed as a complete holiday.

The Right Hon. Henry Bouverie Brand Speaker of the last House of Commons was re-elected to that position in the new House by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Gladstone was most warmly received by the Liberal members when he entered the Hall and took his seat on the front of the Opposition bench.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and his bride landed at Gravesend on Saturday morning, under a salute from the fleet. They reached Windsor Castle by one o'clock. There was a general illumination throughout England at night, in honor of the Duke and his bride

Despatches have at last arrived from the Gold Coast fully confirming the previous reports of victory, and dispelling the fears for the safety of the expedition. The Ashantee King has finally surrendered himself into the hands of the British troops, and was a prisoner at General Wolseley's headquarters.

Despatches received from the Gold Coast state that on the 4th of February, the Ashantees stubbornly opposed the passage of the River Dah by the British, but they were totally routed with severe loss. The King of the Ashantee and his chiefs abandoned their army after seven hours desperate fight. Coomassie, the capital of the Ashantee kingdom, was occupied about dusk river by a carter, the ice gave way and of the same day by the British troops, who plundered the city and then set fire to and burned the greater part of it.

> A later despatch says the expedition has started to return to Cape Coast Castle. The King of A-hartee, who was taken prisoner by the British after the fight at Coomassie, e-caped. It is thought he has probably fled to the interior, where he will be secure from pursuit. The return of the army to the coast is unmolested, and the troops are in excellent spirits.

At Musselbury, near Edinburgh, a large cotton mill was destroyed by fire, throwing out of employment 900 hands. Loss thirty thousand pounds.

Captain Brown, one of the Tichborne Claimant's witnesses, has been remanded for examination on charge of perjury.

The remains of Dr. Livingstone will be transported to England at public expense. A conference of the leading workingmen

representing 80,000 of their class in the East of England was held at Bristol on the 2nd. A resolution was adopted favoring a settlement by arbitration of all national difficulties. Mr. Peabody's trustees report that their expenditure for 1873 amounted to \$195,000.

A transport has arrived at St. Vincent with the first detachment of troops of the Ashantee Expedition returning to England. Snow was falling in the Southern part of England on Monday. The " Daily News" says Mr. Gladstone

denies that it is his intention to relinquish the leadership of the Opposition. FRANCE. - Ledru Rolin has been elected

to the French National Assembly.'

The French Academy has postponed the contemplated reception to Emile Olliver, because he persists in retaining in his inaugural address a eulogy of the Emperor Louis Napoleon.

Spain .- It is stated that a bloody engagement took place between the Carlists and Republicans in Spain, in which the latter met with a severe reverse, 1,000 men killed on the field and many more drowned in attempting to escape across a stream: It is reported that the Archduke Albrecht

of Austria is visiting Don Carlos's camp in-The latest advices from Bilboa report no change. The Carlists keep up the bom-

hardment; about 200 shells are thrown into

the city daily. PRUSSIA .- The Bishop of Treves, in Rhenish Prussia, has been arrested for a violation of the ecclesiastical law of the

Empire. TURKEY .- A despatch from Constantinople reports an extensive confligration in Salonicia, by which eleven persons were

burned to deith. A diplomatic dispute has arisen between the British and Turkish Government over the arrest of a British subject by the Turk-

ish authorities. India - A correspondent of the " News" in India telegraphs that the villagers of East Torhoot are slowly starving to death. and the future in other districts looks

terribly omnious. Despatches from Calcutta report the distress in Eastern Tirhoot increasing. In one village 18 persons were starved to death in four days Applicants for employment on

Government Relief Works have increased from 15,000 to 30,000 within a week. Governor General Northbrooke of India, telegraphs to the Indian Office that Government will be obliged to maintain 300,000

persons for three months. The expenditure on account of famine to the end of February last is estimated at \$7,500,000. JAPAN.—The insurgent force before the

city of Nagaaski is totally defeated and has disappeared.

Cuba .- A telegram from Havana says Ex-President Cespedes was killed by the San Quentin Battalion, and his body burned.

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