

union is to work on the religious feelings of the people and exercise them in favor of the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope.

Your readers will be glad to read the following noble testimony rendered to the saving power of the gospel by an intelligent and well educated gentleman, Count Torre, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the Lyceum of Muratori, and Professor of Italian Literature in the Royal Military Academy of Modena.

MODENA, OCT. 7TH, 1873.

Very dear brother, Mr. Cole,

The multiplicity of my occupations has prevented me until now from replying as was my desire, to your excellent letter. Now that I have some leisure, I will not defer any longer the fulfilment of a duty which is so pleasant to me, being assured that you, my dear brother, will excuse my involuntary delay.

Let us hope that Providence and the grace of the Lord will cause the gospel to spread with power from one end of Italy to the other, that all united in Jesus Christ, we may be included in that divine prayer: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."

COUNT ACHILLE TORRE.

Let our dear Brethren of the Provinces remember that brother in their prayers to the Throne of Grace.

Truly yours,

W. N. COLE.

For the Christian Messenger.

DISTRIBUTION OF TRACTS.

Mr. Editor,

Will you allow me to intimate to the readers of the Christian Messenger, that if any of them desire to do good by the distribution of Tracts, they can obtain a supply of those published by the London Religious Tract Society, by making application, personally, or by letter, at the Depository of the British American Book and Tract Depository.

God's people have been earnestly praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on families and churches. Let those efforts be followed by personal effort for the salvation of souls.

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For the Christian Messenger.

Mr. Editor,

I have looked back over the references to Mr. Campbell's lecture in my communication of Dec. 25th, and cannot see the necessity of altering a word. I said what I meant to say, and I am prepared to stand by what I wrote.

The first is, that somehow, whether under the head of "Handracs" or "Helps" to Union, matters not, the lecturer succeeded in placing before the audience his view of the communion question, and in giving an interpretation which we are by no means prepared to receive of the passage again quoted in the letter of last week (1 Cor. x. 16, 17).

Thus widely different then, are our views of the communion idea. But besides this, we understand by "the many" - not many sects, or denominations, but many individuals, belonging to one Body. At the time these words were written, there was a common belief, a common baptism, and consequently a common participation in the Lord's Supper.

Baptists aim to have a regenerated and baptized membership, and are willing to be responsible for the admission to the Lord's supper and there alone.

After this explanation, it seems hardly necessary that I should refer to the naughty word "perverse." To "pervert an ordinance" is to distort it from its true end or purpose, and this is precisely what Paedo-baptists have always done with Baptism; and they are doing it to day in the face of the plain teachings of the New Testament.

God has not enjoined, alike changing the words of the words of baptism, and something for the child which in after years may be a stumbling-block and a snare to it, they feel as sorrowful as Mr. Campbell does over me when I use the identical word which denotes the practice of our Paedo-Baptist friends.

I hope I may be pardoned my plainness. There are two ways of doing things: one, to be "all things to all men" in a sense never intended by the apostle, to have no peculiarities, or to endeavor to hide them, to meet other bodies and speak with limited breath, and act as if walking on eggs generally; the other, to have distinctive opinions, to speak out the truth that is in him on all fitting occasions, and to walk straight forward, feeling free to every man, and just as free to tell every man honestly what he thinks of him and his doctrines.

In conclusion allow me to express the opinion of Baptists, that the church will never take her true position in the world until she properly appreciates and rightly administers the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Yours faithfully,

D. A. STEELE.

Amherst, Jan. 16.

Religious Intelligence.

FROM CANARD, CORNWALLIS. - Dear Brother, - Many of your readers will be pleased to learn that we are enjoying some manifestations of the Divine presence in Canard. At our first Conference this year, Jan. 10th, ten young men and one young woman came forward and related their christian experience and requested baptism, and union.

Our Woman's Missionary Aid Society held its Annual meeting on Tuesday evening last, the 13th inst. There was a very full attendance. The Annual Report of the Society shows some considerable vitality. There is a membership of 35. There has been collected for the general purposes of the Mission during the year, the sum of \$38.

I should have mentioned, that a very interesting Essay was presented by one of the members of the Society prepared by request for the occasion.

It was my privilege to attend the Annual meeting of the Woman's Aid Society of Canard, a few weeks since. Their Report showed a small but active and earnest Society. One of their members read an Essay on the kingdom of Siam, which was listened to with great interest.

There is much to stimulate the christian women in these churches in the fact that three of the seven who have just left us for life and labour in the Foreign field, are natives of Kings Co. We hope for increased zeal and activity during this year among all, and in all departments of Christian effort.

Yours,

S. B. KEMPTON.

DEERFIELD, YARMOUTH Co. - Dear Editor, - I am glad to hear of the prosperity of Zion. The Lord is blessing us in this place. I had the privilege of baptizing four last Sabbath, and expect to lead others in the same ordinance next Sabbath.

May the Lord continue to pour His spirit upon us until all shall be brought to the knowledge of salvation is the earnest prayer of

Yours in the gospel, JAMES A. STUBBERT.

January 14th, 1874.

HAMPTON, ANnapolis Co. - Rev. Perez F. Murray writes Jan. 15th: - "We are quite encouraged in this section of our field of labour - a number are quite revived and two are hopefully converted to God. May the Lord continue his work until the multitude shall be brought to Christ. Pray for us"

Yours truly, PEREZ F. MURRAY.

SHELburne - Rev. E. N. Archibald writes, Jan. 12th: - Had the happy privilege of receiving two members into our little church yesterday, seven or eight others are waiting for their letters to unite with us. We feel the blessed dew of His grace distilling upon us.

GREENWICH HILL, KINGS Co., N. B. - Rev. T. B. Layton writes, Jan. 12th, 1874. - "We welcome the arrival of the Messenger, take pleasure in its perusal and profit by its contents, and wish its editor a Happy New Year - just returns from all subscribers - profitable assistance from many contributors, and a rich reward for all his labours."

We are encouraged in our work among this people. Yesterday we had the pleasure of baptizing three rejoicing converts, others are asking "what they must do to be saved."

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., JANUARY 21, 1874.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT OTTAWA. - The old barracks on the Parliament grounds here, occupied by the Pacific Railway Company as offices, were burned on Friday evening. All the plans of the Pacific Railway Survey are burned except a few on British Columbia. The Intercolonial Records and plans of the surveys of the entire line were also destroyed.

The Ontario Legislature has adjourned for two weeks on account of the excitement of the forthcoming election for the Federal Parliament.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Village hitherto known as "Eel River," Canterbury, has by a unanimous vote adopted "Dufferin" as the distinctive name for the Post Office and Village in future.

UNITED STATES.

Gen. Cushing on Wednesday last wrote a letter to the President asking withdrawal of his name for Chief Justice.

The Spanish frigate Arapiles ran ashore at the foot of Bridge Street, Brooklyn on Wednesday morning.

Eleven persons were injured on the 15th Inst, none fatally, by a train on the New Bedford Branch Railroad being thrown off the track by a misplaced switch.

A Washington special says that General Cushing will not be withdrawn from the Spanish mission, it being the President's earnest desire that he should accept that office.

The United States Senate has rejected the law for increasing salaries, excepting the President's and Judges of the Supreme Court, restoring the law previous to March 3rd 1873.

The negroes in Chaseohaula, La. are on a strike. A state of terror is said to exist, and Governor Kellogg will respond to a call for troops.

The advertised demonstration of working men in New York, resulted in a gathering of about five thousand men in Tompkins Square, and a short but lively conflict with the police. The rioters were soon put to flight and several arrested. Some blood was spilled but no one killed.

FIRE. - A fire in Sunbury Street, Boston on Tuesday morning, burned out Fleming, book-binder, with a large amount of property belonging to Lee & Shepard, J. R. Osgood and other publishers. Other occupants lost heavily.

In New York, on Monday night the residence of Mr. Steiner, a wealthy merchant, was burned and he lost his life. His wife and child were also burned to death. Mr. Steiner was very wealthy, having amassed a fortune in the tea trade.

A fire consumed nearly a block of stores on Third street, and five stores on Rizzia street, at Alton, Ill. Loss \$100,000.

A large fire occurred last week in Brooklyn, New York, partially burning a number of warehouses on Front street; loss \$100,000.

The business portion of Natick, Mass., was burned on Tuesday morning, including the Town Hall, Bank, Post Office and Congregational Church. Loss half a million dollars.

It is stated that President Grant has nominated Mr. Nate, of Ohio, for Chief Justice of Supreme Court.

Advices from Japan via San Francisco report terrible conflagration in Yeddo, on 9th December, which destroyed between five and six thousand buildings.

NEW YORK, Jan 19, P. M. - Gold 114. Sterling Exchange \$4.84 to \$4.874. Money four per cent.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND. - An attempt was made by the friends of Tichborne Claimant on Friday last, to mob the counsel for the prosecution. Four of the assailants was arrested.

An election riot occurred in Limerick, on Thursday in which several persons were wounded; the police put down the riot after arresting a number of the rioters.

Advices from Cape Coast Castle report that the King of Dahomey has sent reinforcements to the Ashantes.

A fire in Portsmouth dock yards on the 15th, destroyed thousands of pounds worth of stores, accumulated there for the Ashantee expedition.

ITALY. - The report that the Pope would hold another Consistory next month is erroneous; it has been held, and the final ceremonies of instalment of the recently appointed Cardinals were celebrated, and a number of bishops appointed.

RUSSIA. - The Prince and Princess of Wales have arrived at St. Petersburg. A grand fête was to be given at the Legation in honor of the Duke of Edinburgh's marriage, on Monday.

GERMANY. - The additional return of the elections for the Prussian Reichstag are largely in favor of the national liberal party.

The North German Gazette says if the policy of France is made subservient to the temporal aims of the Papacy, the peace of Europe will be compromised.

FRANCE. - In the French Assembly on Monday the 12th a vote of confidence in the government was adopted, and the ministry have accordingly withdrawn their resignations.

The Spanish Government has thanked France for her conduct in the case of the ironclad Numancia.

The Duke de Broglie states that the Government accepts 25 years of age and three years residence, as qualifications for voters, and is in favor of the appointment of senators by the Government or Council General, in the event of the creation of an Upper House.

SPAIN. - The British steamship "Wallachia" has been destroyed by fire in the harbor of Almir.

A portion of the force which took part in the siege of Cartagena has marched against the Carlists.

Manuel Paster, who fired at Victor Emanuel in 1872, has escaped from prison. Seven provinces of Spain including Madrid, are declared in a state of siege.

Cartagena has surrendered, and is now occupied by Government troops. Upon the capitulation of the city, the intrasigent Junta and liberated convicts went on board the frigate "Numancia," which was attacked by the Government squadron; and at the time the last despatch was forwarded a naval engagement was in progress.

The ironclad Numancia arrived at Merret Ribino, Algeria with 2500 Cartagenian refugees on board. In escaping from Cartagena she passed five Government men of war at the mouth of the harbor. The refugees on their arrival surrendered themselves to the French authorities. Among them are Generals Contreras and Paives, and other members of the Insurgent Junta. They declare that the city fell through the treachery of the commanding officer of the principal port.

500 Cartagenian refugees, among them Barcelona, a prominent leader, were taken prisoners on board the captured steamer at Cartagena.

News of the Week.

A SABBATH SCHOOL MEETING is to be held in the North Baptist Church on Thursday (to-morrow) evening commencing at 7 o'clock. Concert exercises by several classes. Several addresses by Sabbath School workers, and the presentation of prizes to 70 of the pupils, comprise with music the programme of the evening.

QUARANTINE HOSPITAL, LAWLER'S ISLAND. - The child of Capt. McKenzie taken from the steamship Hibernia died here on Monday.

CHILD BURNED. - A son of Mr. Hollies, aged 5 years, was badly burned in Dartmouth, on Sunday night. It is feared that he will not recover.

PROVINCIAL... George Thos. England. To be Assis... cial Hospital... Fraser, Esq... To the N... and Heiberg... Shelburne... for the Distric... Esq., in the... deceased. T... relief to Insul... trict of Sh... George A. C... of the Peac... be a Coron... Halifax... Sewers for... town - Alex... Cook, Sen... son, and Da... Surveyor of... Colchester... of Sewers for... T. Dunlap J... Joseph Nut... Lunenburg... Peace - H... Silas Corku... Redder and... Cape Br... the Peac... Cumberland... Peace - Dav... and Peter M... Richmond... Schools - R... ard. Rev. J... Broussard... SLAW W... writes: P... 12th c me... back date... days travell... our Tues... Y. M. C... Meeting of... Tuesday ev... track Sect... taken at 8... Members is... Civic -... held on Th... at the prev... Aid. Akh... Board of... were as fo... pay the Bu... annum, to... in the sam... missioners... the positio... required to... for the c... duties un... The report... appoint d... partial rep... fourth cat... wards, ins... clause and... be publish... citizens... Rum's l... there was... ending at... Bay, Cap... cured in... study in... e-roner's... of man-st... Rev. J... Keating... ordained... cember, b... A larg... Hotel, ha... it is 8-1... RETRA... the Y. M... debate or... Church an... experien... days of C... tion on... other wo... for the... THE E... brought... in King... Colchest... jolis, W... On Tu... R. J. H... Sander... Hattie G... Brookly... At W... Bancroft... Toulin... By the... James A... Anne, el... of Newp... At No... G. Park... to M... On No... M., Mr... Hantsp... On the... Frizzell... At th... Ohio, Sh... Oct. 8th... Bower... Also... place G... of the