

least without discord, and the tendencies are I trust towards a more active joint co-operation in denominational work.

The question of forming a St. John County Home Mission Society as an auxiliary to the N. B. Baptist Home Mission Society is mooted, and very probably a Convention of the Churches in this City and County may soon be convened to discuss the propriety and feasibility of such an organization.

Certainly there ought to be two missionaries engaged in County work, beside one or two in the City and immediate vicinity. The field is amply wide and rich in promise of success, could we secure the necessary pecuniary resources, and united efforts.

No portion of our Province would pay so promptly and largely for spiritual cultivation as this county, where about one fifth of our whole provincial population resides, and are more accessible than any other fifth part of it.

Trusting to God and his promises, we ought to go up and possess the land, for we are abundantly able.

We had expected that a protracted Union Meeting would be commenced next Tuesday, 16th, inst., under the leadership of Rev. A. B. Earle, but a telegram, from 60 pastors and church officers in Troy, N. Y., and a letter from Bro. E. were received last Saturday evening requesting us to postpone our meeting for a while, as a great and powerful work of grace is in progress in Troy, and it is thought it would be disastrous to allow Bro. E. to leave that City this week.

It is now expected that the meetings here will commence either on 2nd or 9th of January.

Rev. I. E. Bill, has been very sick at St. Martin's for more than a week. We hear that he is still confined to his bed suffering from an attack of jaundice. Many prayers have been offered for his recovery. His successor-elect to the editorial chair of the Visitor has gone to his assistance and so we trust the revival at Quaco may be continued, and Bro. Armstrong will continue to blow the gospel trumpet a little longer before he lays it aside for the editorial pen.

Your Rev. Mr. Grant is to electrify our citizens to-night by a lecture before the Mechanic's Institute, and we expect he will reflect credit on your city.

Yours fraternally,
SEEWUS.

For the Christian Messenger.

HANTSPORT AND ITS PASTOR,
REV. J. C. BLEAKNEY.

Dear Sir,—

It is now nearly eight months since I left "Newton Centre" for Hantsport, expecting to return to the Institution at the expiration of the vacation.

After a very pleasant trip from Boston to St. John, I crossed to Annapolis Royal and came by rail to the beautiful village of Hantsport, where we arrived the 24th of April last.

I was an entire stranger and in a strange land. But upon my arrival at the station, I was very kindly received and soon felt at home. And this was especially the case when I had been escorted, by one of the good deacons, to his hospitable home, where I met the Clerk of the church and others of the church and congregation. It being late, and Saturday night—Sabbath duties coming on—I retired, and had my first good sleep since leaving Boston. Sabbath morning I met the church and tried to preach my first sermon, and have continued with them, by the grace of God, up to the present.

The religious interest here is very good, but we are praying for, and expecting a gracious refreshing. We have opened a preaching station at Mount Denison and also at the Union house, at Avonport, where we hope to be able to sustain the religious services of our church. At the latter place we have been and shall be measurably dependent upon the Acadia College students for assistance.

Our Sabbath services are as follows: Each morning and evening, in the village and at Brookline; and Mount Denison, alternate Sabbath afternoons, and at Avonport, morning and evening every fourth Sabbath. We have a flourishing Sabbath School in the village and also at Brookline, both of these schools held a very pleasant and successful picnic in the Autumn. I must now give a brief outline of how it is that I am still with this church, when I expected to return at the expiration of the vacation to Newton Centre.

SETTLEMENT AS PASTOR AND WHAT FOLLOWED.

Having been earnestly solicited to remain, and being assured that it was the unanimous voice of the church and congregation, I endeavoured to be directed by the Head of the church, and believing that the indications were for me to remain, I abandoned my purpose and accepted the pastorate. Soon after I had announced my decision I was invited to visit the carriage factory of Messrs. Lawrence and Borden, Hantsport, where I was shown a very nice carriage, and was told that it was a present to the new Baptist minister at Hantsport, from his church and congregation. I scarcely need say that the bearing of my ears and the sight of my eyes affected my heart. And, you will permit me to say to all who contributed towards this handsome and serviceable present, "THANK YOU, THANK YOU!"

DONATION.

Only a few months had passed when—Dec. 13th—the vegetables, grain, coals and wood began to come, and at evening the people, bringing lots of choice articles and money. When the evening had been spent in taking tea, singing and conversation, the Rev. Prof. Weiton, of Acadia College, being introduced, announced in eloquent words that the proceeds of the evening were \$140.75, which sum has been since increased to \$148.08 "and still it comes." I tried to reply, but felt that words failed to express my feelings.

NEW PARSONAGE.

The church has sold their old parsonage and purchased the very commodious and pleasantly situated residence owned and occupied by Daniel Faulkner, Esq. Which being in the village, and with the improvements which have already been made and yet to be made will compare favourably with any Baptist parsonage in Nova Scotia.

SEWING CIRCLE, TEA-MEETING AND VESTRY.

The ladies have been working in the Circle for some time to raise means to build a vestry for the church. They, according to announcement, gave a tea, and had a sale of Fancy articles, in September, at which they realized something like \$335.00.

This speaks well for the activity of this church and congregation. Some of the materials for building are on hand and the foundation being laid, the sewing circle working away briskly, and we expect (D. V.) that we shall have our new vestry by the time of the Central Association next summer. I have baptized one and received four into the fellowship of the church since coming here. My prayer is that this may be only a prelude to what we may soon see of the goodness of God. Brethren pray for us.

Respectfully Yours, &c.,
J. C. BLEAKNEY.

Hantsport, N. S., Dec. 16th, 1875.

N. B.—Mrs. Bleakney also wishes thankfully to acknowledge the two very handsome quilts, one in the donation and the other presented by the ladies of the Sewing Circle.

IN MEMORIAM.

FREDERICK T. OAKES.

Son of Charles and Charlotte Oakes of New Albany, Annapolis County, N. S., aged 22 years and 7 months, was killed on the evening of Nov. 2nd by falling into a railway culvert, as he was walking from Salem to Swampscott, Mass.

Our much esteemed brother was born at New Albany, March 25th 1853, and removed to Mass. in Oct., 1872. He was baptized and became a member of the Baptist Church in Swampscott on the first Sabbath in January 1874. His whole subsequent life has been signally consistent with the profession he then made. He was modest and retiring in manner, but so exemplary in his daily life, so genial and cheerful, that all who knew him loved him, and his influence for good was felt by the whole circle of his acquaintances. He took a deep interest in everything that pertained to the welfare of the church and was always ready for every call of duty, whatever the work might be. From the first he has been a growing Christian and made rapid advancement in Christian knowledge and usefulness. The evening of his death he was to have led a Young People's Prayer-meeting, and the last work he was known to do was to select a portion of scripture for that meeting. He was an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association and also in the Lodge of Good Templars. His remains were brought to his native place and interred in the family burying-grounds.

Rev. W. G. Parker preached the funeral sermon from Heb. xi. 16. "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly."

"If life be not in length of days,
In silvered locks and furrowed brow,
But living to the Saviour's praise,
How few have lived so long as thou!"
E. S. P.

New Albany, Dec. 8th, 1875.

Home and Foreign News.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—At Montreal, large bodies of unemployed men, from 1500 to 2000, have gathered day by day, around the City Hall, demanding employment or bread. Shop keepers have been greatly alarmed and have shut up their places of business, fearing an attack. Bread and other provision waggons have been stopped in the street and their contents taken and eaten by the crowds. It has been feared that a general riot will follow unless some means are used to give work to the unemployed laborers.

The mayor and aldermen have addressed the starving men and promised them that efforts shall be made to get work for them. The Dominion Government have been applied to, but say that the destitution is too general for any public works to satisfy. The contractors for enlarging the Lachine Canal, are urged to give out all the work that can be done in winter. The destitution is appalling. All the charitable institutions of the city are being taxed to their utmost. Hundreds are being fed by them from day to day. On Friday there was a good deal of fighting between the crowd and the police in the effort to disperse the crowds.

Much disturbance has been occasioned by the injuries inflicted by the priests on the Oka Indians, of Quebec.

A crowded meeting was held on Friday in the Mechanics Hall. Many of the leading Protestant ministers spoke in behalf of the Indians. A resolution was passed to appeal to the Dominion Government to protect the Indians and to take steps to test the regularity of the measures taken by the Seminary. Something will probably be done for the relief and protection of the Indians.

In the Quebec Legislature, on the 15th, the railway resolution passed by a majority of 19th, the Opposition members on the North side of the St. Lawrence voting with the Government.

Forty deaths from small-pox have taken place in Montreal during the past month. The report of the prison inspectors, laid before the Ontario House, shows that insanity has increased double since last year.

A deaf and dumb man at Lachine has accomplished a great skating feat. Starting out from Lachine in the morning he skated all round the bays to St. Ann's, a distance of thirty-five miles, in three hours and forty minutes.

The City Council of Montreal, have decided to employ a number of men on various works at sixty cents a day, during the winter.

The old barracks at Hochelega were burnt down on Friday night. They had been insured, but the policy lapsed a short time ago and through neglect to notify on the part of the insurance company, it was not renewed. Loss \$25,000.

At a meeting of the Mechanics' Bank share-holders they decided to open the Bank on Saturday, a loan of \$125,000 having been obtained. Mr. W. Dunn has been appointed provisional manager.

Typhoid fever is spreading in Toronto. An association to protect Protestantism from encroachments of Ultramontane Catholics has been formed at Montreal.

Sunday night was the coldest ever known in Ottawa. The thermometer registered 31 below zero.

Four Montreal rioters have been sentenced to penal servitude; some of the remainder have been promised work.

A despatch to the Chronicle on Monday says the Union and Anti-union Presbyterians are at a dead lock in London. The latter locked up the church yesterday, but the former took the building by storm and held service. Both parties were prepared to go to any extreme.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The New Brunswick Legislature is likely to meet on or about the 15th of February.

UNITED STATES.—A Washington despatch of the 16th, says—should the United States be inclined hereafter to interfere in Cuban affairs, the co-operation of foreign powers will not be asked.

Two men were killed by an express train at Palmer, Mass., on Friday.

Boss Tweed is still missing. The large cities of Canada are being diligently searched for him. A reward of \$10,000 is offered for his arrest.

The U. States House of Representatives contains 176 Democrats; 108 Republicans; and 7 Independents. All but seven of the new members are natives of the United States: The youngest man is 29, and the oldest 70. Twenty-eight were secessionists, and twenty-six of these served in the Confederate army. Twenty-six were in the Union army, and one in the navy. 122 are lawyers, 31 engaged in mercantile pursuits, 4 physicians, 3 bankers, 2 editors, 6 farmers, 2 college professors.

A stupendous land swindle has been discovered in South Western Missouri. Deeds to over 12,000,000 acres have been forged and disposed of, the operators realizing many millions of dollars by the fraud.

Two Kentuckians indulged in a fight on Monday of last week and both were killed. The schr. "Windrate" left Chicago for Buffalo three weeks ago, and is supposed to have foundered with nine persons.

Detective Henry W. Davis, arrived in New York on Tuesday morning, having in charge Thomas Nicholas, ex teller of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, of Montreal, who is charged with having robbed that institution of \$51,000, in gold and notes, on the 11th of September last, when he fled. He was accompanied by his father, Joseph W. Nichols. A reward of \$10,000 has been offered for their capture. They were arrested at St. Augustine, Florida.

A fire broke out in the cabinet shops of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, at Bridgeport Conn., Tuesday night, and at one time threatened to make a clean sweep through the city to the river. The burned buildings were occupied by the Sewing machine Cabinet Co., Bridgeport Manufacturing Co., Bridgeport Dock Co., and Wheeler & Wilson's Manufacturing Co. The loss is \$800,000; insurance \$350,000. Five persons were killed by falling walls. The new buildings of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co. were saved.

Three coloured murderers were hung at New York on Friday. One of them clung to the rope with both hands and screamed in terrible agony.

The French ministry has notified the N. S. government that the government of New Caledonia received information that preparations have been made in Australia for an enterprise to facilitate the escape of prisoners by means of vessels to visit the coasts of the penal colony.

CUBA.—Additional troops have arrived from Spain at Havana.

A Spanish gunboat was captured by Cubans at Lland River a fortnight ago, and her hull burned. Her artillery, arms, ammunition and cargo of stores, intended for some Spanish forts, and all her crew were captured. Several forts have since been evacuated.

ENGLAND.—The Board of Trade enquiry into the loss of the steamer "Deutschland" began on Monday.

Fourteen bodies of the victims were buried at Dover on Wednesday last. The shops in that place and at Harwich were closed during the funeral.

The Earl of Derby, on Friday last delivered the inaugural address as Rector of the University; the freedom of the city was presented to him the next day.

On Thursday last the Duke of Edinburgh laid the foundation stone of the new National Opera House on the Thames Embankment.

The Earl Derby in his speech at Edinburgh on Friday in an address before the Workingmen's Conservative Association alluded to England's relation with Egypt denying that the Suez Canal purchase signified a reversal of England's policy on the Eastern Question, and disclaimed any desire on the part of the Government to establish a protectorate over Egypt. He declared the only object was to obtain additional security and uninterrupted access to India.

The Archbishop of Cologne left London on Monday and is not expected to return. It is understood he delegated his powers to subordinate Catholic ecclesiastics.

English detectives and a force of English police are about to start for France to bring back the crew of the British ship "Lennie," Capt. Hatfield, from Antwerp for New York, who mutinied on the 31st October, master, mate and boatswain. Eleven of the crew of the "Lennie" will be charged with murder.

The examination of the Greek sailors was to commence at Nantes on Monday, the British Consul assisting.

The English Government will send Captain Allen Young to Smith's Sound next year to communicate with the Arctic expedition.

FRANCE.—The Assembly on Monday the 13th, elected the following additional Senators: de Laverge, Janvier, Bertaud, Royer, Catmon, Oscar de Lafayette, Roumilly. Calmon and Friert Royer were candidates of the left. All the others of the Left Centre.

It is reported that M. Leon Say, the French Minister of Finance, has resigned. Jean Baptiste Dumas, Professor of Chemistry, and Julius Simon, the statesman, were yesterday elected members of the French Academy.

In the Assembly Gen. L. Cissey, Minister of War was elected to the Senate.

DENMARK.—The Queen of Denmark and Princess Thyra have returned to Copenhagen; they were accompanied by Alexandra, Princess of Wales and her children, who will spend the holidays in Denmark.

GERMANY.—The German Reichstag on Thursday, rejected the new taxes and increased army estimate proposed by Government.

Thompson has made a confession of his intention of destroying the German ship "Morelle" for the sake of the insurance. He has implicated others in the plot. He confessed he constructed the chest which exploded, and arranged the clock work attachment to cause an explosion after a certain time elapsed. He was occupied for a fortnight in filling the chest, and worked in a coach house in one of the most frequented parts of Bremen. The police examined the house alluded to and found some of the packing material, but no explosive of any kind.

The total number of killed and wounded in the Bremerhaven explosion is now estimated at two hundred.

The startling statement is made that Thompson's confession proves there is an internal machine on the steamer "Salier" which sailed from Bremen for New York on Thursday.

Thompson twice attempted suicide. He died at Bremerhaven on Friday.

The number of killed and wounded is now fixed at 170. Thompson had ordered twenty similar machines.

A more villainous plan for the destruction of life and property could hardly be thought of. It seems to have had a barrel, one part of which contained the explosive article, the other part contained a clock work apparatus to run eight days, so that at the end of that time the pressure on the dynamite would cause it to explode. He was to put this on board the "Moselle," and was to go on board the steamer himself as far as Southampton from Bremerhaven. At that place he would leave her. Then, in Liverpool or London, he was to effect a fictitious insurance upon some cargo his confederates had shipped. After the vessel left Southampton the dynamite would explode, and in all probability the ship and all on board would be destroyed. The machine exploded on the wharf at Bremerhaven and the result was the loss of about two hundred lives. Thompson has promptly paid the penalty of his crime. Some of the bullets lodged in his head, but he lived long enough to tell so much of the story as detailed above. He is a man about forty years of age, a native of New York, and married a New Orleans lady, by whom he has four children, one of them an infant.

The Empriss Augusta has started a benevolent association of the ladies of Bremen, in aid of the survivors of the explosion on the "Moselle."

An appalling mining calamity occurred at Fraucieres, Belgium on Thursday, one hundred and ten miners being killed, and eleven injured by an explosion of fire damp.

TURKEY.—The Australian Ambassador asked the Grand Vizier on Saturday to suspend hostilities and open negotiations in the insurgent districts.

The Porte is to make a levy of one hundred thousand men next spring for the suppression of the insurrection in Heizegovinia. Egypt will send in addition 22,000 and Tunis 9,000 men for the same purpose.

Some of the Ministers are urging the Sultan to reject the programme of Reform emanating from the Northern Powers, substituting the plan proposed by the Porte.

The Turkish Government has informed the Suez Canal Company that it considers its management satisfactory, and has no intention to interfere.

EGYPT.—Hon. Mr. Cave and Col. Stokes have arrived at Alexandria, in pursuance of their mission from England to that Government.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" says a private telegram states that on demand of the Government, Egyptian men-of-war will be called from Zanzibar, and the expedition will confine itself to exacting satisfaction, after which the troops are to return to Egypt.

Gen Fidayeff, of the Russian army with the consent of the Czar, has accepted the Portfolio of War in the Egyptian Cabinet and enters immediately on his duties.

INDIA.—200 British soldiers an auxiliary consisting of irregular troops and police, routed from four to eight hundred Malays near Perak, killing from sixty to eighty of the enemy. Eight killed and 125 wounded of the British force.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon in a recent speech asks with characteristic earnestness, a question which is worthy of consideration and in the following we can read our duty.

J. F. A.

"Why should that," he said, "which ought to be an essential part of education not be believed in on account of half a dozen infidels? Why should the reading of the Bible be given up to please them, making infidelity the national religion of England? and badly as I think of the present national religion, I certainly prefer it to having Mr. Bradlaugh Archbishop of Canterbury, and his doctrines taught as the religion of the age. One thing is certain, the churches must feel that the religious education of the people rests entirely upon them, and they must do their work."

AN INDIAN PREACHER.—The Rev. Jno Bemo, whose Indian name is Salamamio—a converted Seminole Indian—has recently been preaching in some of the Baptist churches about Chicago. He is, it seems, a nephew of the celebrated chief, Osceola, with whom, when a youth, he was hunted by bloodhounds among the Everglades of Florida. He received his education partly in Philadelphia, completing his studies at Princeton, New Jersey. According to the Christian Era, he has been instrumental in bringing the larger part of his tribe, now numbering about four thousand, and living in the Indian territory, to the knowledge of the riches of Christ, having preached to them for twenty-four years, and gathered into church membership nearly 2700 converts.

PROGRESS IN FIFTY YEARS.—What startling contrasts America presents to the careful student of contemporary history! Fifty years ago the Ohio Baptist State Convention was formed at Zanesville. It is said that all the delegates sat down at one family table. Now there are in Ohio 555 Baptist churches, with an aggregate of 43,000 members.

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