

of the rooms are the same as he left them twenty years ago. The old mansion and beautiful grounds are well worth a visit.

Some of your readers may be interested in one more curiosity of Plymouth County. In the town of Soituate, joining Marshfield, is the well which gave rise to the song of "The Old Oaken Bucket," composed by Samuel Woodworth, a printer, of Boston, more than sixty years ago.

Aug., 16th, 1875.

For the Christian Messenger.

Mr. Editor,

The Pastor of the Baptist Church at Mahone Bay has just informed me that Circulars are being addressed to the churches asking aid to enable them to meet a pressing demand against their new meeting house.

From my long residence in Lunenburg Co., and knowledge of their peculiar circumstances, I do not hesitate in recommending our Baptist friends to respond generously to their appeal.

Mahone Bay is an important centre. The members are earnest, energetic workers and deserve credit for their praiseworthy efforts in erecting so suitable a place of worship.

The Rev. E. M. Saunders who assisted at the opening will doubtless endorse the above views.

Yours truly,

W. J. GATES.

Bridgewater, Aug. 1875.

Religious Intelligence.

MAHONE BAY.—Dear Bro.—Being always pleased to hear of the prosperity of churches, we believe that some of your readers will be glad to hear of our prosperity.

Twenty-five years ago, there was one member of a Baptist church living here. And well I remember, when some time after another came here, these two sisters used to meet on Sabbath afternoon for prayer and praise.

Last March, at the time of the Dedication of our New House, at the advice of our esteemed Bro. Rev. E. M. Saunders, special services were commenced which resulted in much good.

The visit of Captain Kirwan, the General Secretary of the Home Rule confederation, of Great Britain, to the Dominion, is announced.

These young children named Lord were burned to death in the parish of Cosimere, their mother having locked them in the house for safety.

When Bro. Ingram, finding the field too extensive, resigned, we succeeded in securing the services of Bro. J. Williams, who, since early in May, has laboured earnestly and very successfully in all parts of the field.

Our last conference was a precious season, largely attended and deeply interesting.

Our meetings for prayer are largely attended and increasing in interest.

But we also have much opposition. Many efforts are put forth to hinder the work. And many arguments advanced against us, and our work. A church of England clergymen told his people that re-baptism was tantamount to the sin against the Holy Ghost.

Yours, &c.,

H. E. S. M.

MILTON, QUEENS.—An occasional correspondent for Queens Co., under date of Aug. 20th writes:—Rev. J. A. Durkee has just closed a successful pastorate with the Milton church.

The meeting was opened with singing by Sabbath School Scholars and prayer by Bro. Gates, of Liverpool. Then followed prayers by members of the church interspersed with singing after which two very neat addresses were presented Bro. Durkee—one from the church and read by the Church Clerk, the other from the young members of the church—many of whom Bro. D. baptized—and read by one of their number.

To these addresses expressive of the strong hold the Pastor had on church and congregation—of the endearment of the ties that bound them to him—of the thankfulness that God had sent him among them and had so richly crowned his earnest and untiring labors with Heaven's blessing and of their reluctance in parting with him, &c. Bro. D. replied in most feeling terms, stating that if in any way his efforts had been blessed to their good he wished to ascribe all the praise and all the glory to God.

Bro. Gates by request made a short address and the members of Sabbath School gave several excellent recitations enlivening the whole with some finely rendered Sabbath School songs.

At quite a late hour the meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Durkee. We are informed that he now seeks rest in order to regain health and strength. That he may be long spared to preach Jesus the Saviour of the world is the prayer of many.

WESTCHESTER, CUMBERLAND Co.—Rev. E. B. Corey writes Aug. 23rd, 1875.—Dear Brother,—I have spent four Sabbaths in this place, and administered the ordinance of baptism to eighteen happy believers.

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A CENTENARIAN.—Died at New Cornwall on the 18th day of April, Mr. Thos. C. Hallemore, aged 102 years, 7 months, and 13 days. The deceased was a native of England, and came to this country at the age of 16 years. He says he remembered seeing John Wesley. For many years he followed the sea, and finally settled at New Cornwall, where he died trusting in the Saviour.

We would call the attention of consumers of cotton warp to the advertisement of Messrs. Wm. Parks & Son, which appears in our columns. They have been engaged in the manufacture of cotton for the last fourteen years, and have succeeded in making and retaining a splendid reputation for the quality of their goods. Those who are desirous of getting a really good article should endeavour to procure some of this warp, which is now so well known in all parts of the Dominion.

MAGDALEN ISLANDS.—The steamer "Albert," at Pietou, N. S., Aug. 19, from Magdalen Islands, reported barque "Cherokee," of Ayr, from London for Montreal, loaded with a general cargo, ashore on the east point of Magdalen Islands.

Mackerel were plenty and the boats were making good fares.

BEAR RIVER.—The following telegram came to the Chronicle on Wednesday last:—"A fearful murder was committed here last night. David Robbins, fifty-five years of age, shot his wife, Emeline Chute, beat out her brains with a mallet, set fire to her bed and fled to the woods. The whole community is in a great state of excitement. An officer, with a posse of men, went in pursuit.

The murder was evidently premeditated. Robbins has been disposing of crops and converting them into money for days. He bought a box of bicuit in the village last night, and took them, with the gun, to the woods. Yesterday he shaved his whiskers off. His description has been sent to Digby Annapolis, Yarmouth and Halifax, in case he should manage to escape the officers here.

He has been ill-treating his wife for a long time. He was not given to drink, but is an innate fiend. His wife was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a quiet woman. Two boys asleep upstairs heard her scream, and ran down stairs and out to an uncle's near by. Robbins ran off as the uncle (his wife's brother) got to the house."

An inquest was held the next day on the body of the murdered woman before Dr. Maxwell. The jury consisted of John Harlow, Foreman; G. F. Troop, Thos. Troop, T. C. Kerr, John Harris, E. T. Harris, Richard Harris, J. W. Turnbull, J. V. Purdy, Wesley K. Rice, E. E. Rice, Geo. Purdy.

The evidence of the three sons and Mr. Sydney Chute, brother of the deceased was taken and confirmed in all the terrible details the above. The verdict of the jury charged the husband David Robbins with wilful murder.

The jury also took charge of the properties of the felon, as follows:—

Homestead, valued at . . . \$300  
Nigger Hill Lot " . . . 180  
O'Brien Lot " . . . 60  
Personal property " . . . 20

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. G. D. Cox, the Pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. J. D. Pope, Pastor of Leinster Street Baptist Church, St. John, assisted. An awful solemnity prevailed the vast concourse present on the occasion.

It was reported that Robbin had been taken the next day, but this lacks confirmation. The whole community is outraged, and will afford the wretched culprit no chance of escape if discovered.

JOHN JOHNSON, aged 18 years, of Billtown, Cornwallis, N. S., had suffered for four years, had spinal Curvature, and contraction of his right leg, he could not straighten himself more than two thirds his height, and was suffering great pain. He was failing so that medical men supposed he could not live three months. He was cured by the use of four bottles, and when the proprietors last heard from him, in six years afterwards had remained well.

Local News.

The Chronicle says:—"The Chairman of the Public Gardens Commissioners has kindly supplied the newspaper offices with handsome bouquets of flowers from the Gardens." We have not seen any!

THE RINK we are informed has been engaged for Sunday afternoon preaching services at a rental of \$3.00 per day.

Meetings for conference and prayer are being held in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms every day this week at 12.10 p. m., to continue till 10 minutes to 1 o'clock.

A MASONIC RELIC.—Seventy-five years ago, as appears by a relic unearthed yesterday, the corner stone of the old Masonic Hall was laid. While workmen were engaged tearing down that portion of the old hall on the site of which the new temple is to be erected, that enthusiastic Mason, Dr. Curren, Grand Secretary, made diligent search for the corner stone, and yesterday he succeeded in finding it. There were two stones placed over each other, the lower one having a cavity containing a bottle, in which was a roll of parchment with some gold and other coins. The covering stone has on its lower side the following inscription:—

In the name of God,  
In the reign of George III  
His Royal Highness  
PRINCE EDWARD DUKE OF KENT,  
Commander-in-Chief of British North America  
G. M. of Lower Canada,  
In behalf of Richard Bulkeley,  
Member of His Majesty's Council,  
G. M. of Nova Scotia,  
Laid this Foundation Stone of  
FREE MASON'S HALL,  
8th June, Anno Domini, 1800,  
And of Masobry 5800.  
Herald, J. HAY, Sulptor.

THE BEDFORD PAPER MILL was burnt down last week. It was insured for \$8,000.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—John Fraser, of Harrigan's Cove.

Hants Co.—To be Custos Rotulorum for the Western District—Shubael Dimock, Esq., of Scotch Village, Newport.

DROWNED.—The body of a man named William Martin, who was employed as a baker at the Mount Hope Asylum, was found floating in the water near Crowe's wharf, one morning last week. Martin had been missing since the 5th inst., when he left the Asylum for the purpose of seeing some friends on this side. It is believed that he went down some wharf to get a boat to return to Dartmouth, and fell into the water.

THE ISSUES OF ADVERTISING \$20 notes are to be prosecuted, and so they ought.

The Army work is now being found at Yarmouth, Liverpool, Amherst, and other places. Its ravages have been overestimated.

Marriages.

At Seal Harbor, on Aug. 14th, 1875, by Rev. L. M. Weeks, Mr. Thomas Fanning, of Seal Harbor, to Mrs. Janet Potter, of Isaac's Harbor.

At Gaspereaux, on the 15th inst., by Rev. James Stevens, Mr. George Hunter, of Cumberland County, to Clara, eldest daughter of Rufus Forsyth, Esq., of the former place.

At Yarmouth, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. A. E. Ingram, Captain Silas Crosby, to Miss Alice Kelly, both of Yarmouth.

On the 17th inst., by the Rev. Jas. Thomas, Mr. Charles Peters, of Kingston, to Mrs. Sarah Ann Westpas, of this city.

On Thursday morning, at No. 84 Gottingen Street, by Rev. D. A. Steele, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Manning, Charles B. Steele, to Alice V., daughter of A. W. Clark, Esq.

At Somerset, W. Cornwallis, N. S., on the 17th inst., by the Rev. E. M. Somerville, A. B., brother of the bride, Frank Middlemas, Esq., M. D., to Rachel Arabella, daughter of Rev. W. Somerville, A. M.

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On the 16... W. H. Balme...

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