

site of the cold, but they have a hard struggle for life. We are decidedly paying up for the fine weather we had at the beginning of the Winter.

Business is exceedingly dull, with little prospect of better times. It affects all classes, but is felt most severely by mechanics and laborers whose capital is usually small. Those engaged in business, can fall back on previous earnings. Yet things go on about as usual. We have lately been visited by what Artemas Ward calls a "Spellin Skewl." It has gone like a tornado all over this country, and Doctors of Divinity, Professors, Clergymen and others of considerable literary caliber have been "put down." In this democratic country however, a school girl has the same privileges as any one else.

Monday the 19th, was the Centennial of the battle of Lexington, where the first shot was fired in the Revolutionary War. It was celebrated with great display. President Grant and suit were in attendance. They have, no doubt, reason to be proud of the gallantry of a handful of undisciplined men that could put to flight a regiment of regular British troops.

Henry Varley is in Boston, conducting a Bible-reading every afternoon in different churches, and preaching every evening in Tremont Temple. Crowds go to hear him, and the impression he makes is generally favorable. To enjoy his preaching one must not go with a criticising spirit. He does not pretend to be educated, and his Scriptural exegesis is sometimes imperfect. He is however an earnest preacher, and says a great many good things. He dwells largely on the personal presence of Christ with his people and their perfect safety in Him. He makes the way of salvation very plain to an enquirer. At the close of each evening service he has an inquiry meeting in the Meionan, a large room in the Temple for Sabbath School and prayer meetings. His manner of conducting the meeting is peculiar. After those who wished to be prayed for have come forward, and prayer has been offered, he holds a conversation with one of the ministers with him on the platform, illustrating the freeness and willingness with which Christ receives all who come to him.

Last night he questioned Dr. Lorimer on the conversation of Christ with the woman of Samaria, in reference to her previous character, and the willingness of the Saviour to give her "living water." Again he showed how absurd it would be for a poor starving woman to come to Dr. L's door for food, and on receiving it send back to him a piece of her torn, ragged shawl as recompense, and refuse to eat because she had done nothing to earn it.

His manner might be called eccentric. During his sermon he sometimes sits down a moment continuing his discourse on his chair. Newton is drawing near the close of another very prosperous year, if our Home Missionary Board or churches desire the services of any of the students they had better "hurry up." Most of them must work during the Summer, or suffer the fate of the grasshopper in the fall.

Yours,  
H. M.  
Newton Centre, Mass., April 1875.

IN MEMORIAM.

DEACON WM. H. WEBSTER.

It is our painful duty to record the death of our esteemed brother, Deacon Wm. H. Webster, who closed his earthly career on the 2nd of April, 1875. Our departed brother was born on the 25th of October, 1826, and was consequently, at his death, in his 49th year. He was baptised into the fellowship of the 2nd Cornwallis Baptist Church on the 15th of April 1848 by the late Rev. Wm. Chipman. On the 2nd of September, 1861 he was chosen by his brethren to fill the office of deacon of the church, our lamented brother was highly esteemed, and his sudden death has cast a gloom both over our church and community at large, and has brought overwhelming sorrow to his dear family. His illness was brief but very painful. His sufferings were borne, with much submission to the Divine will. Some of his last utterances were: "I'm going home to die no more." "The Lord is my shepherd." "Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." "I shall soon be with her," referring to his beloved wife who had preceded him only a few months. Now, having greeted each other on the blissful plains of immortality, they are mingling their songs of praise to Him who has redeemed them by His own precious blood. His dying counsel to his children about to be left orphans

were very affecting, and will doubtless be long cherished. He has left four beloved children to mourn his death. May our Father in heaven be theirs—their guide and comfort. His venerable father and only surviving sister also feel his death most deeply. Our departed brother was an upright conscientious man and a sincere christian. His place was almost invariably filled in the house of prayer. At the last meeting he ever attended he gave a pleasant testimony for his Saviour. The loss sustained by the church and community, and especially by his dear family is very great, but we are comforted by the belief that for him death was gain.

May this mysterious dispensation of Divine providence by which one of our affectionate and valued brothers has been removed from us, be abundantly sanctified and may all hear God's voice in this bereavement, saying, "Be ye also ready."

The estimation in which Bro. Webster was held in the community, is thus truly expressed in an editorial notice that appeared in the *Berwick Star*:—"Mr. Webster as a man and a citizen was highly esteemed. The business portion of the community has sustained a great loss in the death of one of its foremost active and honorable members. A large concourse of people, including a number of the members of 'Erromanga Lodge' I. O. G. T., of which Mr. W. was a member, who were badges of mourning, followed his remains to the Berwick Cemetery, after which they repaired to the Baptist Church where an impressive sermon was preached by Rev. Isaiah Wallace. Revs. J. L. Read and D. O. Parker also took part in the services. The stores, mills, foundry, &c., were closed and business generally suspended during the time the funeral obsequies were taking place."—*Com. by I. W.*  
*Berwick, 28th April 1875.*

Religious Intelligence.

ORDINATION AT BEAVER RIVER.

In compliance with an invitation from the Baptist Church at Beaver River, an Ecclesiastical Council was convened at that place on April 26th, for consultation in reference to the propriety of ordaining Bro. J. D. Skinner, Lic., to the work of the gospel ministry.

Rev. G. E. Day was chosen President of the Council, and the undersigned as Secretary. The following delegates represented their respective churches:—

- Beaver River.—Deacons W. S. Raymond, Cyrus Parry, W. H. Goudy, Israel Chute, with brethren Stephen Goudey and David Floyd.
- Cheboque.—Dea. Chanler Robbins.
- Cheggoggin.—Rev. P. F. Murray, Deacon Nelson Corning, and Bro. Jas. Cann.
- Hebron.—Rev. R. D. Burgess, Deacon W. R. Doty, and Bro. John Rose.
- Lake George.—Dea. Jos. Crosby, with brethren Ira Porter, Jos. Sanders, and Harris Crosby.
- Milton.—Rev. P. Gallaher, Deacons Z. Corning and Berj. Cook, with Bro. W. Rose.

Pleasant Valley.—Brethren F. W. Porter and Richard Crosby.

Yarmouth Central.—Rev. G. E. Day.

Temple.—Rev. W. H. Warren, Dea. J. C. Anderson, and Bro. W. A. C. Randall.

Invited.—Rev. M. Normonday, Deacon Alex. Sime, with Brethren Thos. Wetmore, Jas. E. Phillips, Fred. Goudey, Wentworth Landers, Hez. Porter, John Sinclair, Forrester Raymond, Jos. Raymond, and David Crosby.

Rev. G. E. Day was assigned the duty of questioning the candidate in reference to his christian experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal views. The examination was thorough and searching, and the result was very satisfactory. The chief objection to the ordination of the candidate was the fact that he had not completed his collegiate studies. This matter was fully considered, and it was decided that under the peculiar circumstances of the case, and in view of the fact that Bro. Skinner contemplates the further prosecution of his collegiate and theological studies, it was advisable to proceed with his ordination.

The subsequent exercises were as follows: Ordination Sermon by Rev. W. H. Warren.

Ordination Prayer by Rev. P. Gallaher. Hand of Fellowship by Rev. R. D. Burgess.

Charge to Candidate by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Charge to the Church by Rev. G. E. Day. Benediction by Rev. J. D. Skinner.

Bro. Skinner's services are much appreciated at Beaver River. Already a work of grace has begun and several have been received for baptism. The church is revived and encouraged.

A Missionary Meeting was held in the evening of the same day, at which the aims and claims of the Home Missionary Union were forcibly presented in addresses by Brethren Day, Normonday, Warren, Sime and Skinner. Although the attendance was small, upwards of \$50 were raised on the spot. It is expected that this amount will be more than doubled.

W. H. WARREN,  
Sec'y of Council.  
Yarmouth, April 28, 1875.

GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX.—On the evening of Lord's Day last, Rev. J. P. Beal, who is returning to England, preached an able, comprehensive sermon from Acts viii. 35. At the close of the service a sailor from H. M. S. *Sea Gull* on invitation from the pastor, Rev. E. M. Saunders, gave an excellent address. He, with several other men in the service, had been on this station six years ago, and two of them were then baptized on a profession of faith. He told the congregation something of his own experience and journeyings, and of the steadfastness of those who had been associated with him on his former visit. It was a season of special interest although the audience was somewhat select, the weather having prevented many from attending.

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH.—The banner of love waves over us, and our souls have been much strengthened during the past two months. Our meetings have been most encouraging. Some of the promise meetings especially were soul refreshing, as the brethren and sisters brought forth things new and old from the Book of faithful sayings.

On Saturday evening at Granville St., a good congregation assembled. The Revs. E. M. Saunders and J. P. Beal took part and 10 professed soldiers of the cross publicly put on Christ by baptism.

On Sunday, Rev. J. P. Beal preached in the morning at Gerrish Hall. In the evening when those who had been baptised came forward and received the right hand of fellowship, our cup seemed full, and we rejoiced in the goodness of God. For our trust is that the eleven added, were, 'such as shall be saved.' And heartily we sang 'Hold the fort for I am coming, Jesus signals with the answer back to heaven, by thy grace we will.'  
I am to give a greater debt,  
J. F. AVERY, Pastor.

BERWICK.—Dear Editor,—I have been greatly encouraged in my labors since I entered upon the pastoral of the 2nd Cornwallis Baptist Church. Notwithstanding the wonderful ingathering of last year it has been my pleasure to add to our membership since December 62 persons, 54 of whom it was my privilege to baptize. A brief review of special services, held during the Winter and Spring may not be uninteresting:—In December I held a few extra meetings at Gould Settlement and baptized 17. Last Lord's Day I baptized two more there, and the change in that community is remarkable. A regular prayer meeting is vigorously sustained and a happy state of things religiously exists.

About the last of March I commenced special services at Black Rock, a prominent section of our church and soon we rejoiced in a literal fulfilment of prophecy:—"Let the inhabitants of the Rock sing, let them shout from the tops of the mountains." Up to the present time 16 have been baptized and more are passing into the Kingdom. The cause there is much strengthened by this gracious visitation.

On the 12th of April I commenced extra meetings at Harborville, a stirring little village on the Bay of Fundy coast, and where I had been going monthly since my settlement here. Our efforts there were crowned with precious results. On the 15th of April a sunset large numbers assembled to witness the first administration of Christian baptism in this beautiful harbor. It was a memorable scene. Many were deeply impressed. All classes and denominations showed the utmost respect.

I closed a fortnight's special meetings there last Sabbath evening, having baptized 18 and received 40 upon experience and previous baptism, more are expected to come forward soon. A prayer meeting has been organized and prospects are very hopeful. We held our services in the "Ocean Wave" Lodge Room, kindly placed at our disposal by its owner, Capt. Northup, and so of the results of the meeting is the vival of the Temperance cause in that community.

In all the era labours I have been greatly cheered, having had my faith in God and His Gospel much strengthened.

This week we are holding a few extra services at Berwick, and with good indications. We expect to baptize here next Lord's Day.

It is in my heart to record gratefully the kindness of the people among whom my lot is cast. Although we have no stated salary my people are doing generously. Constant expressions of their good will are being enjoyed. Several kind donation visits have been held both in the Valley and on the Mountain, which have been seasons of interest. One of these, that at Harborville, should have special mention. It was like the revival there, larger than the most sanguine had anticipated. The sum presented was \$63 25, chiefly in cash.

Yours in the work,  
ISA. WALLACE.

April 28th, 1875.

P. S.—You will perceive by the accompanying obituary that it is not all joy with us, but that our hearts have been made very sad.

GUYSBORO Co.—The work of revival still continues with encouraging results at Half Island Cove.

Since I last wrote fifteen believers have been immersed on profession of faith, and several others will probably soon follow.

At Canso also we are receiving a few mercy drops. Wanderers are returning, and last Sabbath we visited the baptismal waters to administer the sacred rite.

Yours, &c.,  
GEORGE W. THOMAS.

Canso, April 6th.

ADVOCATE HARBOR, N. S.—Dear Bro.—We held meetings on Parroboro shore for three weeks, baptized seven believers on Sabbath the 4th inst. The roads were so bad we had to give up the meetings. We hope to baptize others in that place before many weeks.

We are putting forth an effort here and the Lord is with us. Wanderers are coming home. Others are saying, "Pray for us." We are expecting Brother Freeman here soon, and hope to enjoy a richer blessing in connection with his coming.

Yours, &c.,  
T. B. LAYTON.

COW BAY, C. B.—Rev. John Brown writes on the 21st ult: "I think the Lord is beginning to work amongst us. Pray for us."

Home and Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., MAY 5, 1875.

The Welland Canal was to open on Monday for navigation if repairs are completed. The canal has undergone many improvements, locks repaired, new bridges added, and channel cleared and deepened to 14 feet.

Despatches have been recently received from Washington regarding the violation of the Treaty of Washington by the United States Government in imposing a duty on canned preserved fish. It is reported that a demand will be made through the Imperial Government for reparation for injury done.

By the fire at Oshkosh, all the newspaper offices, Banks, Telegraph Offices, Harding Opera House, Post Office, Universalist Church, all the Hotels but one, and nearly all the business portion of the city is destroyed. Several persons were killed by falling walls. The burnt district is a mile and a half long and half a mile wide. Hundreds of persons are homeless.

Captain Wylie, of the steamer "Manitoba," the first steamer of the season at Quebec, reports that he passed through one hundred miles of field ice this side of Bird Rocks.

Emigration from the United States is setting steadily towards Ottawa. The baggage of people coming to take permanent residence in Canada passes through the Custom House in large quantities daily.

The appointment of judges to the Supreme Court will not take place until September next.

The lumber business is looking up. All the lumber in the Chaudiere has been sold, and will be shipped as soon as navigation opens. The mills are again in operation.

At Montreal, on Monday, Cornelius Deery was sentenced to death for killing Constable Baiquet. He is to be hanged on the 30th July.

Lord Dufferin's departure has been postponed, owing to the non-arrival of the "Polynesian," which has been telegraphed as being detained by ice at Cape Ray.

UNITED STATES.

After the Cardinal's beretta was conferred upon Archbishop McClusky in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on Tuesday the Cardinal made a speech in which he returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him and the Church.

Ex-Judge Pierpont, of New York, has been appointed Attorney General in place of Williams, resigned.

The barquentine "Marama," from Tahiti, reports at San Francisco, on Friday last, the capsizing of the schooner "Margaret Crookard," from Tahiti, bound to that port. The schooner had on board the officers and crew of the British ship "Aivey Force," which was wrecked on the passage from Australia to San Francisco. Sixteen persons were drowned by the capsizing of the schooner, and the remainder, including Captain Godfrey, of the "Margaret Crookard," and Captain Cother, of the "Aivey Force," arrived at Tahiti.

Six fishing schooners were wrecked on Lake Michigan on Thursday, in a sudden gale, and thirteen lives lost.

It is stated that the international congress on the history of America before the discovery by Columbus will meet in Nancy, France, on July 22nd.

SOUTH AMERICA.—At Lafozal, in the United States of Columbia, 26th February, a barrel of powder exploded, blowing a house to pieces, and burying some 50 persons. Four persons were killed, and 16 badly wounded and burned more or less severely.

A revolution broke out in Lapaz, Bolivia, on March 12th. In the absence of the President, the rebels besieged the ministers and a few loyal citizens gathered in the government place. The government troops made a forced march from Viacha and attacked and dispersed the rebels, killing 68 and wounding many more.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—The Emperor William has given his assent to the introduction of a bill abolishing religious orders in Germany.

It is reported that the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise will accompany Lord Dufferin on his return to Canada.

A terrible explosion occurred on Friday afternoon in Banters Hill colliery, North Staffordshire, while the miners were at work. Forty-one bodies were taken out, leaving twenty-three in the mine. There was no hope that any would be recovered alive.

The case of Leader vs. Moody and Sankey has been settled by the suggestion of the Master of the Rolls, that defendants pay one shilling damages and costs, and agree not to occupy the Opera House for their meetings.

The installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Great Britain took place on Tuesday in the Royal Albert Hall, London. The office was vacant by the retirement of the Marquis of Ripon. Ten thousand Masons were present, including one thousand members of the Grand Lodge. After the ceremonies of installation a Banquet was given to the visiting Masons. The event is considered as one of considerable importance by the Masonic Fraternity in Great Britain.

The Lord Mayor of London will go to Dublin in state to attend the banquet to be given to the American mile team on their arrival; and there will also be given a dinner at the Mansion House, in London, after the contest.

Representation has been made that the ill-feeling existing between Frenchmen and Englishmen engaged in the fishery of Newfoundland is likely to lead to a collision with France, England will send ships of war to prevent disturbance.

FRANCE.—It is supposed that Dr. Rastout and his companions, the French Communists who escaped from New Caledonia, perished on the water, as no tidings of them have yet been received, and fragments of a boat have been found.

The Paris "Univers" publishes a letter of sympathy from the Roman Catholic bishops of Great Britain to the bishop of Germany and Switzerland. The letter to the Swiss bishops is especially severe in condemnation of the Old Catholic movement.

Paul Boynton will make a second attempt to swim across the Channel, on May 2, from Cape Griznez, and push for Dover.

SPAIN.—The last act in the settlement of the "Gustave" matter will be the saluting by the Spanish fortifications at Guetaro of the German flag. A German squadron has gone to Guetario, the scene of the outrage, to receive the salute agreed upon.

A portion of the Carlist forces on the frontier of Navarre have revolted against their leaders. They demand peace and submission to King Alfonso.

GERMANY.—A despatch from Berlin says the Prussian Government intends to ignore the letter of sympathy addressed by the Roman Catholic Bishops of Great Britain to those of Germany.

A committee of the Prussian Diet has prepared a report declaring that the Old Catholics are entitled to a share of the Roman Catholic churches, cemeteries and revenues proportionate to their numbers as compared with other Catholics.

The "Times" special despatch from Berlin reports that the Belgian Minister of Justice has made an explicit statement that the Belgian courts are incompetent to take up the proceedings against Dutchens, and that this statement has been transmitted to the Berlin Government.

Legal proceedings have been commenced by the Prussian Government for the removal of the Bishop of Breslau, for violation of the Ecclesiastical law.

The Liberal party in Belgium, it is said, undertake to bring about the downfall of the clerical ministry in accordance with the demands of Prussia.

The trouble with the miners at Charleroi, Belgium, continues, and serious riots are reported.