

James Soley and wife, who were the first baptized in the place. On brother Soley devolved principally the labour and expense of the building of the snug meeting house they still worship in. Our brother has been dead for some years, but his partner is still living, and has the happiness of seeing six of her sons settle close by, and doing well, all members of the church. This church is not large, but is steadfast in the faith, and has of late years been favoured with some valuable additions. We would be pleased to have the privilege of attending at an Association there soon.

Yours, &c.,  
September 1875., COBEQUID.

For the Christian Messenger.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATIONS.

**Mr. Editor,**— In recent issues of the Messenger, especially of Oct. 19th inst., have appeared communications animadverting on the action of those Baptist brethren who have identified themselves with the Young Men's Christian Associations.

It might be well to consider the matter briefly—we find firstly these Associations to be a society of young men banded together for the study of God's word, the surrounding of young men with christian sympathy and influences that the christian young man may be strengthened and helped onward and the unregenerate brought to Christ. The carrying of the glad tidings to the destitute and neglected, fostering at the same time fidelity to and earnestness in the discharge of church duties. Hence we find the active members of our Associations, the earnest, faithful workers in our Churches, the inactive, backsliding members of our churches are not as a rule, members of the Associations.

These Associations are not churches, they work in harmony with, but are never found opposed to the church. They studiously avoid the discussion of those differences that help to separate the christian church, believing that this matter is now fully attended to by the various denominations.

The chief design of Baptist church organization is not, I think, the uplifting of the standard of believer's baptism as intimated by "Ripple" in your issue of the 19th inst., but the edification of the body of Christ, the uplifting and carrying forward of the blood-stained banner of the Cross till every tribe and nation shall be won to Jesus. Hence in the various agencies employed in moral and christian advancement wherein harmful and unscriptural tenets are not upheld or taught, consistent Baptists may be, and are very properly found working side by side with brethren of not "the same faith and order" and the glory of God is promoted. For instance, in the Temperance reform, Sabbath School Conventions, Revival Work, Tract Societies, Bible Societies, Young Men's Christian Associations, &c., &c. In all the above, church distinctions are held in abeyance.

About one year ago, the writer, visiting Halifax, found Mr. Earle, an eminent Baptist clergyman, actively engaged with the ministers and people of the different churches of the city in much the same sort of work now carried on by the Young Men's Christian Association, yet we never heard one word of protest, there was not a Baptist to say it was wrong. Nor was it wrong. Yet Mr. Earle totally neglected to tell those Pastors of the City not of his "faith and order" that they were verily guilty in not obeying Christ in the article of Baptism. According to "Ripple," our loved brother occupied to say the least, a very inconsistent position, and the whole performance was a very silly sort of billing and cooing: Yet there was joy in Heaven over sinners repenting.

I noticed above "the study of God's word" as one object embraced in Young Men's Christian Association work. I may say this is a speciality in Y. M. C. Associations, and in this way christians of all denominations are being brought into greater harmony with the will of God, nearer to the right, certainly your correspondent "Ripple" will not find fault with the result.

The triumph of truth is not to be achieved by continual wrangling over differences but by united effort on the one grand platform of love to Christ, and in the end all shall see eye to eye, and "Jesus ONLY standing in the midst."

Yours, &c., K.

In the Christian Messenger of Oct. 19, may be observed an article on "The Course of the Stream." Permit the undersigned a

words in reply. This with no shadow of personal reference or dispute; but solely in defence of principles. The writer referred to fears the Baptists are inconsistent from the fact that one of their number is President of the Young Men's Christian Association for the Lower Provinces. He thinks that because the Baptist cannot well utter his protest against Pedobaptism to his associated brethren his position amongst them is not wise. What! Shall such a man determine him to withdraw from his noble institution? Is not the object of these Associations throughout the land to reform men? Is it not to inspire them with nobler purposes, higher resolves, purer principles? Verily we need in our world of evil more truth, more charity, more justice. We need more wisdom and more meekness. All means to encourage such certainly have God's sanction and blessing. If any man then would do good let not a difference in denominational belief keep him aloof. Let him work for man. Let him be more power over himself, higher sources of inspiration, stronger principles? Let him encourage and strengthen his weaker brethren who, may be, care-worn and fainting in Life's stern conflicts. Has he words to speak of God's goodness or of the grandeur and beauty of the True and the Good? Let him speak them. Verily he shall have his reward. The Young Men's Christian Association is not designed to teach its members any one form of religious belief. Its being composed of men of various sects would forbid this. But it aims to make men wiser and better. It could enable them to overcome in so far as possible, with the Divine aid, the evil in their natures. It would cause them to love God's laws and do them. It would draw them away from the broad paths and make them pure, worthy and honorable men. Now cannot a man be striving after a higher life, be struggling for a broader faith, be the recipient of God's gracious and fatherly benefits, in short be a christian, except he believe in immersion? He surely can. Those who have the mind of Christ are deemed more worthy. Not perfectly it may be, but relatively. We read that God is no respecter of persons, but that in all nations those who are His and work righteousness are accepted of Him. The love of God is to keep His commandments. Is the commandment of immersion perfectly plain to all? Not so. Else wise and good men would not contentedly see otherwise. Hence will this incident of belief prevent their lives from being sublime or shut to them the gates of heaven?

"He that walketh uprightly, walketh rarely." "He that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he has done and there is no respect of persons." "What man soweth, that shall he also reap." The Christian church, the world, men everywhere need more of the practical truths. The nations literally groan for release. Let all means for their growth and permanency be aided. Let all moral institutions live; until a strong, deep reverence for the Divine laws both natural and revealed may be accompanied by corresponding practical fruits in human life; until the more and more man learns, with vine help, to trample beneath his feet the burdensome bondage of Evil with nigh around him and becomes freer, truer, nearer! In God's own good time this must surely come.

Respectfully,  
E. M. CHEWLEY.

Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 22.

For the Christian Messenger.

AFFLICTED BRETHREN.

BERWICK, Oct. 27, 1875.

**Dear Editor,**— I had the pleasure, a few days ago of sitting my esteemed and venerable friend Rev. James Parker. His health is ill feeble but he is cheerfully trusting in God and submissively bowing to the will of Providence in his present affliction.

The Church in Kentville, planted and nurtured under the labours of brother Parker, has conceived, as I am informed, the idea of inviting the churches of this county to unite with them in making our afflicted brother a grand donation visit at an early date. The arrangements are being matured and due notice will be given through your columns.

This idea has my most hearty concurrence, I doubt not it has of the Pastors and friends generally in the county. Our brother Parker is worthy. He has been for many years a devoted and successful labourer. Those who know him best are aware that he has been no hireling but

a self-denying, faithful earnest servant of his Divine Master. About a year ago, by a mysterious Providence, while preaching a dedication sermon at Morris-town he was smitten with Paralysis and in a state of helplessness borne from the House of worship. Should there be a general and generous response to the expected invitation of our brethren in Kentville, the result will place our dear brother above inconvenience in view of the approaching winter.

I trust a similar agreement may be made in behalf of the Rev. R. S. Morton of Aylesford at no distant date. He too is worthy and has the heartfelt sympathy of his brethren in his protracted prostration.

Yours truly,  
ISA. WALLACE.

For the Christian Messenger.  
IN MEMORIAM.

DEACON RICHARD WOODLAND.

Departed this life, Oct. 6th, 1875, at Wallace, County Cumberland, aged 75 years; leaving a wife and seven children to mourn his loss. He was well known in all the churches throughout the county, and highly esteemed by his brethren. He took a deep interest in the welfare and prosperity of the church. For the last year of his life he lived in a lively apprehension of death approaching and kept up such a constant expectation of it that sudden death was no surprise or terror to him. In his last illness he expressed a cheerful resignation of himself to the will of God, an entire dependence upon the grace of Christ and a believing expectation of the glory to be revealed. He was followed to the grave by a large concourse of people who deeply lamented that one who had been a wise counsellor a faithful member of the church and a good citizen was no more. A sermon was preached by the writer from 2 Chron. v. 1. The Revs. S. Thomson, E. B. Corey and W. L. Crandall were present and took part in the exercises.—*Com. by the Rev. J. A. Moore.*

Religious Intelligence.

**HALIFAX THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH.**—To God be praise. Last Thursday was a day of true thanksgiving in College Hall. Several souls professing their new found love, even Jesus Christ the righteous; and expressed their desire henceforth to be His, who loved them and gave Himself for them. Two were received for baptism and church fellowship, and others will be so at an early date. For as Philip expressed it of the Eunuch, there is nothing to hinder their baptism, if they believe with all their heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Like Gideon's band we feel our weakness, but as from our broken vessels, the light shines forth, we would give a trumpet blast and say, "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon."  
J. F. A.

Home and Foreign News.

**DOMINION OF CANADA.**—Three inches of snow fell at Quebec on Wednesday night. The Dominion Granges of Patrons of Husbandry met at Montreal last week. There are 257 subordinate Granges throughout the Dominion.

A cable despatch to the "Globe" says the Canadian loan of £2,500,000 sterling, at 4 per cent offered last week, has proved a great success, the amount asked for being subscribed many times over.

A telegram to the Chronicle says the Manitoba delegates have succeeded in obtaining such terms with the Government as will enable them to meet liabilities and expenses of local legislation, on condition of retrenchment, among which is abolition of the local upper house. This causes general rejoicing.

A battery of Abyssinian cannon and two carloads of ammunition have been sent to Montreal. They say they are to be for use at Guibord's funeral, should there be any riot.

It is understood that the funeral will be on the 18th prox., the anniversary of his death.

The Montreal Election resulted as follows:  
Thomas Workman, (Ministerialist).....2313  
Thomas White, Jr., (Opposition).....2259

Majority for Mr. Workman..... 54  
G. L. Rolland & Co., shoe manufacturers, at Montreal have failed. Nearly 200 men are thus thrown out of employment.

Mr. Muldoon's house in Montreal, was robbed of a safe containing \$15,000, on Sunday night; also, the wholesale store of Mr. Morgan, of \$13,000 worth of silks and laces.

Two men were arrested on Thursday and pleaded guilty of the robbery at Muldoon's, where the safe was carried out.

On Monday evening a telegram was received by the Minister of Militia, stating that the Adrian Guards, of Michigan, were about to proceed to Niagara Falls on an excursion, and requesting permission to take with them their arms and accoutrements while travelling over the Canada

**Southern Railway.** Mr. Vail conferred immediately with the Premier and the Minister of Customs and telegraphed a favorable reply, the Minister of Customs at the same time issuing the necessary instructions by telegraph to his officers at Amherstburg.

This is rather a contrast to the recent action of the United States Custom officials in stopping silver cups won by the Maritime Province team at Canadian Wimbledon.

The Montreal City Council has decided to increase the city police force by fifty men.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**—The contract for the construction of a breakwater and brush dam at Shippigan, entrance to Bay de Chaleur at a cost of \$187,000, has been awarded to E. Fayll, of St. John.

A banquet was given to Hon. Mr. McKenzie at St. John on Friday evening. There were 150 persons present.

Mr. Thomas Hogg, editor of the Fredericton "Reporter," by the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hands, died on Monday of last week.

**OUTRAGE AT CHATHAM.**—A despatch of Thursday to the St. John "Telegraph" says: The "Northern Herald" office was entered last night and almost the whole of the newspaper plant destroyed. Nearly all the type used in the newspaper was upset on the floor and mixed up. The power press was but slightly injured. The cause of the outrage and its perpetrators are alike as yet unknown. The publication of the paper will be suspended for the present at least. The feeling of indignation is great and general, and much sympathy is felt for Mr. Tracy in his serious loss.

On the night of the 20th ult., some unknown person went to the store of John M. Henderson, at Greenville Station, and with a five-quarter auger bored a hole from the under part of the store into a puncheon of molasses, by which a quantity of molasses was obtained, and the remainder of it was allowed to run over the floor, causing considerable loss.—*Chignecto Post.*

**THE FISHERY COMMISSION.**—The St. John Globe says, on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, an important meeting is to be held in St. John in respect to the Fishery negotiations. The Hon. A. J. Smith, Minister of Marine and Fisheries of Canada, Mr. Ford, the British agent, and Mr. Doutre, of Montreal, Mr. Davies, of P. E. Island, and Mr. Weatherbe, of Halifax, the Canadian Counsel, are to be present. Mr. Thomson, legal representative of New Brunswick, will not be present, as he is absent at the Gloucester trials.

**UNITED STATES.**—The business portion of Virginia City, Nev., was burned on Tuesday, 20th. More than 10,000 persons have been rendered homeless, and great suffering is anticipated among them as the weather is cold. Six or seven blocks, including the Telegraph Office and Railroad Depot, are burned. The whole business portion of the city is destroyed.

Twenty-five hundred miners at Virginia City are out of employment from injury to the mines by fire. The last news places the loss at seven millions.

The greater portion of the business part of Austin, Miss., was burned on Wednesday. The loss is \$50,000 and the insurance small.

Seven policemen were injured by an explosion of fire works in New York on Thursday evening.

Four men were killed by an explosion of gas in a coal-pit at Chesterfield County, Virginia, on Wednesday. The bodies were recovered.

Three of the participants in the murder of four Italians recently in Denver, Cal., have been arrested.

Two men and their wives were drowned in the Susquehanna River, at Annapolis, N. Y., on Friday, by the capsizing of a boat.

**CENTRAL AMERICA.**—Greytown, Nicaragua, was attacked by a band of robbers on the 16th, and the Governor killed. No particulars have been received.

Gen. Camarero and the national troops entered Panama on the 11th inst., and arrested the President. Arosmena formed a new Provisional Government with Rafael Guzman at its head. The State troops were sent away. No blood was shed and all is now quiet.

**SOUTH AMERICA.**—A rupture has taken place between Holland and Venezuela, and the Dutch Minister has withdrawn from the latter place.

Captain Menan, his son, and four men of the ship "Alide," of Thomaston, were drowned by the capsizing of a boat in the surf at Pabellon de Pica, coast of Peru, September 10th.

Five inches of snow are also reported to have fallen at Syracuse on Monday.

The boiler of a locomotive attached to a gravel train, exploded on Monday morning near Bound Brook, N. Y., killing the engine driver and two brakemen, and injuring twenty others.

**ENGLAND.**—The British Parliament is prorogued to December 15, and will then be prorogued again to the latter part of February.

Attorney-General Sir Richard Baggally has been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of England.

It is said that an official investigation is to be made in regard to the conduct of the managers of the rival ocean steamer lines, for allowing their vessels to race between Europe and America.

The ship of war "Albatross" has been

ordered to Panama to protect the British interests there.

The British Admiral in the Mediterranean has been instructed to take action relative to the recent attacks upon English merchants by the Spanish pirates.

A daughter was born to the Duchess of Edinburgh, on Friday last. Mother and child are doing well.

The Nizam has telegraphed from Bombay that he will be unable to meet the Prince of Wales on account of illness.

The "Farmer," on cattle disease, says the number of cases for the quarter ending October 16th, throughout England and Wales, was over five hundred thousand. The money damage is estimated at a million dollars. The disease is rapidly disappearing.

The "Times" says that 200 mariners and others were drowned in the North Sea during the gales of the past three weeks.

**FRANCE.**—It is understood that, at the opening of the Assembly, the Ministry will deal with the Bonapartist pretensions as they deserve.

"La Republique Francaise" publishes a manifesto from Gambetta. He says he is confident the approaching election will show a great Republican majority. The era of political reconciliation will supervene, and that then the participants in the Commune will be amnestied.

**SPAIN.**—The Carlist committee in London says the Carlist General, Perla, gained an important victory at Lumbia, in Navarre, on the 23rd inst., routing a force of the Allonsists, consisting of thirty battalions of infantry, three regiments of cavalry and thirty-six guns. The Carlist force consisted of five battalions of infantry, two squadrons of cavalry and eight guns. Allonsist losses are heavy. According to the Allonsist's accounts, however, the main body of Carlists attacked General Rein's position at Lumbia, but were easily repulsed.

Spain is to send 7,000 more troops to Cuba.

Several Spanish ships of war have been ordered to Cuba.

Valmaseda is to be superseded at his own request.

It is rumored that the Carlist General Dorregary has been shot by order of Don Carlos.

**GERMANY.**—The German Parliament met on Wednesday last. The Emperor was absent on account of indisposition. His speech was read by Herr Delbruck, the Minister of State. He says so far as human judgment can discern, peace is more assured now than at any time during the 20 years preceding the reconstruction of the Empire.

Archbishop Ledochowski will be expelled from Germany when his term of imprisonment expires.

**RUSSIA.**—The articles to be exhibited by Russia at the Philadelphia Centennial will be limited to specialties little known abroad.

Advices from Central Asia state that the insurrection in Khokand has been renewed, and the new Khan has fled to Khodjend.

**TURKEY.**—St. Petersburg official Gazette says that in view of the distrustfulness of the people in the promised Turkish reforms, steps must be taken by foreign cabinets to strengthen confidence so as to enable the Porte to fulfil his promises. The present sad condition of Christians must be put an end to in any case.

It is reported that the Turks have murdered one hundred and sixty Christians in Bitracz, a fortified town on the Dalmatian frontier.

**JAPAN.**—Events in Corea point to the possibility of speedy hostilities.

A Japanese man-of-war was fired upon from a Corean fort, when the Japanese landed and destroyed the fort and neighboring village.

**CHINA.**—China has decided to establish permanent embassies in the United States and the leading European Capitals.

**EGYPT.**—The Egyptian army has entered Abyssinia. The Abyssinians are retreating and offering no resistance.

**AUSTRIA.**—A Vienna despatch says Dr. Shousberg's liabilities were to the amount of twenty five million guilders.

Local News.

**PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—Yarmouth Co.—To be Supervisor of Roads for the Township of Yarmouth, under the Act of last session—Josiah Cann, Esq.

**Kings Co.**—To be a Commissioner of Sewers for the Wickwire Dyke, in Horton—Mr. Gideon Wickwire, vice Mr. Elijah Elderkin, deceased. To be a Justice of the Peace—Andrew Borden, of Lower Horton.

**Inverness Co.**—To be a Commissioner of Schools for the Northern District, Rev. J. Fourgeron, vice Rev. J. J. Chisholm—removed from the District.

**Colchester Co.**—To be Justices of the Peace Charles B. Archibald, Truro; John B. Fraser and James Miller, Shubenacadie; Frederick Meagher, Waugh's River; Amos McCully, Masstown, and Charles Morrison, Fawleigh River.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments. To be additional Governors of Dalhousie College, the Hon. Jeremiah Northup, Senator; Alfred G. Jones, Esq., M. P.; the Mayor of Halifax for the time being; William P. West, Esq.; The President of the Alumni of Dalhousie College for the time being.

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