

Hartford.—Pastor Burns of Hartford writes:—On Sabbath the 3rd inst. I had the privilege of baptizing fifteen happy converts, and two a fortnight before—seventeen in all. Three more are received for baptism next sabbath, and more are expected. The "Lord is doing great things for us."

Sherbrook, Que.—The church in Sherbrook is prospering, and the congregation and Sunday schools enlarging under the labors of their pastor, Rev. B. Franklin Rattray. One very promising young man has been received for baptism and others are about joining by experience and letters.

For the Christian Messenger.

FAREWELL MEETING AT PEREAUX.

Dear Brother.—I wish to give a brief account of a farewell meeting held in Pereaux on the evening of Wednesday Dec. 23rd, 1874. The weather was mild and favorable. A large number of friends met in the Meeting House to take leave of the Pastor who is about to engage in the Agency of the Home Missionary Union. There was sadness in many hearts that one who had labored with us for more than thirteen and a half years was now to withdraw from us. After a sumptuous tea served up by the ladies, in which there was no lack of anything that loving hands could do, a lengthy and a highly laudatory address was read by Bro. W. M. Sanford, in behalf of the committee of the church, to the pastor, Rev. D. Freeman, expressing their high appreciation of his character and services amongst them, their regret at his leaving, and presenting to him a purse containing upwards of \$110 as a token of their esteem. The pastor in his farewell reply, which was listened to with tender feelings, alluded to facts in the history of the church. The fifth Baptist Church of Cornwallis was organized Jan. 15th, 1862 with 31 members. The Canning branch became the Sixth Church April 28, 1870. Since that time blessed revivals had occurred. Several revivals had been experienced in Pereaux by which the church had been strengthened. One in the Spring of 1863, was characterized by such power and blessedness, as even now to awaken the liveliest recollections. In the revival in the Canning church in the spring of 1874, so greatly was the church strengthened, that they felt themselves in a position to assume the full Sabbath meetings of a church, requiring a pastor of their own. In that church on the recommendation of the retiring pastor, Rev. Johnson Neilly, has since July 1st, 1874 been laboring with success. Since that time Bro. Freeman had been giving his whole strength to the six preaching stations of the Pereaux church. But circumstances required that he should withdraw in favor of another, who may live among the people, and find it more convenient to carry on the work in their midst. On the day of his first coming to this field which was May 20th, 1861, he had written down in his note-book from Psalms lxxii. 16, as characterizing the few faithful ones that he found, and the prayer that he offered concerning them, "There shall be an handful of corn in the earth on the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon."

The statistics of these churches in the Minutes of the last Association are Pereaux 147 members, sent to the Association \$41.96, Canning 81 members sent \$27.57. He hoped that in the future they might be greatly increased in numbers and in the fruits of righteousness. He expressed the hope that Bro. C. H. Martell who is now here from the College, might be able to supply them on the Sabbaths, and that when he ends his studies in Horton he may be directed by the Great Shepherd to feed His flock in Pereaux and Scot's Bay. He had loved and always should love them; he had prayed and always should pray for their prosperity.

ONE PRESENT.

Pereaux, Dec. 28th, 1874.

P. S.—Interesting services have been held in Scot's Bay by Bro. Freeman for the last few days. Yesterday, Sabbath, he visited the baptismal waters, attended a Sabbath School concert, preached, and had a delightful gathering around the table of the Lord. From the friends in Scot's Bay he has received liberal expressions of material sympathy and christian regard.

ANTIGONISH.—Acknowledgements and Good News.—DEAR EDITOR.—

Since my coming to Antigonish three years ago, I have received many tangible proofs of the people's kindness and esteem; indeed,

scarcely a week has passed without bringing me some gift, great or small. There has been no parade, no regular donation visit, but donations, in abundance. Recently I have received some valuable presents which it becomes me publicly to acknowledge. For instance, a few weeks ago a good brother presented me with a valuable overcoat, and then from a few of the sisters came a fine shawl for Mrs. McQuillin, and last but not least, on Christmas day I was presented with a beautiful sleigh—made to order—a gift from the people of my charge. But the people of Antigonish are not alone in this good work. From the friends at Goshen and St. Mary's, I have also received many tokens of esteem, among the most valuable of which, is a beautiful set of silver mounted harness, from the St. Mary's Church. This harness came unexpectedly, and just when most needed.

Now Mr. Editor, I do not wish to take up valuable space in your paper with profuse expressions of gratitude, but I do wish by constant attention to their wants and unwearied exertions on their behalf, to convince the people among whom it is my privilege to labor, that their kindness is fully appreciated; and that the scriptural doctrine, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" may in their case be fully verified shall be my prayer.

The Lord is still blessing the little Church here in Antigonish. Our meetings are solemn and impressive—about thirty-nine professed faith in Jesus. Next Lord's day we hope to baptise the greater part of them. Pray for this village.

Yours truly,
J. B. McQUILLIN.

Antigonish, Dec. 31st.

One of our subscribers in New Glasgow writes, Dec. 31, 1874:—"I was in Antigonish yesterday, the glorious work is still going on. There have been thirty brought to the Saviour. On the first Sabbath of the New Year there are to be twenty-five baptized there. May the Lord continue the work and stay not his arm until many souls are brought to the foot of the cross."

The Ministerial Conference of Colchester and Cumberland held its regular quarterly Session, on the 22nd and 23rd ult., with the church in Lower Stewiacke. Brethren present, Meadows, Pastor, Miles, Steele, Freeman, B30l, Armstrong, March, and Secretary. Three preaching services were held, and one Social Meeting. The Ministers held a private Conference at Duncan Banks. The meetings were pleasant and we hope profitable. The Conference resolved to hold a Special Meeting with the church at Middleboro, a part of Bro. Crandall's field on Monday the 18th of Jan. at 7 o'clock.

J. E. GOUCHER, Sec'y.

Truro, Jan. 4th, 1875.

THE REVIVAL IN GRANVILLE STREET, HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, January 4th, 1875.—Dear Mr. Editor.—Yesterday like the first Sunday in December, was a season of so much spiritual interest and enjoyment to those worshipping in the Granville St. church, that it has seemed to me that a more extended account than has yet appeared, of the glorious work of grace in our midst, of which we were on the occasion referred to forcibly reminded would prove most acceptable to your readers.

It is, now, just about two months since the revival influences, so wonderfully poured out upon the whole city in connexion with the cherished visit of the Rev. A. B. Earle, seemed to rest in especial manner upon the Granville St. church.

The brethren and sisters felt constrained to bring their titles into the store-house, to meet together and to wrestle with God in prayer and labor for lost souls, as, perhaps, never before in our church's history; and God has poured out the promised blessing. During the two months 57 happy converts have been "buried into the likeness of Christ's death," and 40 others having witnessed a good confession, now await the opportunity to obey the Saviour in baptism. Besides these, 7 persons during the same time have united with us, by letter, making, in all, an increase to our membership of 68 persons. And this addition to our numbers is not more gratifying than is the restoration of wanderers, which has been effected, and the manifestations of Christian love and fellowship which have been exhibited. Truly our hearts have been made joyful while God has been glorified.

The revival has not been confined to any one class or condition. Men, women, and children have shared almost equally in the

good work; and into almost every family in the congregation, where unavowed sin could be found, the spirit of conviction and conversion has entered, convincing of sin and leading to Christ. Twenty-nine of those lately added to the Church are men and boys, while Twenty-one are heads of families from whom the church may confidently expect permanent strength and support.

Quite naturally, I think, I have felt most interested in the work in connection with our Sabbath School, and it is especially gratifying to refer to the rich blessing that has descended here. Thirty-six of the recent converts belong to the School; twenty of whom are young men and women who give the strength of their manhood to Christ, and take him as their guide and counselor on assuming life's earnest labors and responsibilities. The remaining sixteen from the school are younger, some of them but nine or ten years of age, but who have given the most indubitable evidence of conversion and have manifested a most intelligent apprehension of that faith without which it is impossible to please God.

The means which, under God, have been employed in carrying on the good work have been various. Meetings of the church have been held almost every evening and often in the afternoon as well, during the week; and on Sabbath we have had preaching morning and evening and an afternoon session of the Sabbath school followed by a short prayer meeting, chiefly for the school.

Some of these meetings deserve more than a passing notice. On Sunday evenings, the church has been, almost invariably, crowded to excess, with willing and attentive hearers, and the preaching of the Word has been with great power, and evidently accompanied with the influence of the Holy Spirit. Frequently, many were moved to tears, on these occasions, and intense earnestness prevailed; and already the seed of truth, scattered in these Sunday evening services, has brought forth fruit in the conversion of souls. The entire results, however, can never be known in this world. The Sunday School prayer meetings, too, have been deeply interesting, and have been owned and blessed by the Master. Three, at least, of the young converts have traced their conversion directly to these meetings.

Some of the week evening meetings should also be referred to, for they will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to attend them. On several occasions the Spirit was present with great power, and seemed to fill the house, making the hearts of Christians glad with unworldly joy while all over the church earnest inquirers asked prayer, or sought the way of life and salvation.

I think, however, that I am most wrong in saying that the two services most impressive, held within the past two months, and most deeply interesting to us as a church, were those held yesterday morning and on the morning of the first Sunday in December. Immediately after the delivery of the sermon on these occasions, and before dismissing the congregation, the pastor descended from the pulpit, and invited the candidates, for the "right hand of fellowship," to advance to the front to receive the usual welcome, before partaking of the Lord's Supper. On each occasion thirty persons responded to the invitation, forming a line extending across the church in front of the pulpit and for some distance down the centre aisle. It was a glorious sight, and the short exhortation addressed to each one, recalling God's goodness in the past, and pointing hopefully to the future, tended greatly to deepen the impression.

There is much work yet for the reapers. May God enable us to gather a still richer harvest.

Yours, &c.,
EDWIN D. KING.

Home and Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., JANUARY 6, 1875.

An agreement has been entered into between the United States Government and Canada, by which mail matter from one country to the other is to be forwarded and delivered free upon pre-payment of postage at established domestic rates of the country of origin. It is the desire of the departments in both countries that a similar arrangement shall be made as soon as practicable with the system in respect to money orders.

Hon. R. A. Davie, the Premier of Manitoba, has been re-elected to Parliament for Winnipeg by fifteen majority over Captain Scott.

Sir John A. McDonald has been elected for Kingston by a majority of 15 votes.

A terrible faction fight between the Dwyers and O'Briens took place at Parkin's mills, in Templeton, Ontario, on Christmas Day, there being seventeen of Dwyer's adherents to fifteen of O'Brien's. They fought until evening and every man had to be carried away! A priest tried to stop the fighting, but he was also badly beaten.

Maxime Lepine, not Louis who is under sentence of death on account of the Scott affair, has been elected a member of the Local Legislature of Manitoba by acclamation.

UNITED STATES.

There was a collision in the East River, last week during the fog which caused the death of one person, and fatal injuries to three others.

It is authoritatively announced that Gen. Sheridan has been ordered to New Orleans, and that Gen. Emory is removed, and Gen. Terry assigned to his command.

The loss by burning of Ward & Co's furniture establishment, New York, on Sunday last, reaches half a million of dollars.

King Kalakaua visited the mills in New Bedford. He had reception given him at Mayor Richmond's and afterward a public reception. After dinner at Revere, he attended a reception at the House of Alpheus Hardy, where he met the American Board of Foreign Missions.

The schooner "Wild Hunter," of St. John, N. B., from Sackville for Boston, broke her anchorage off Machiasport on Monday night, went ashore, and stove a hole in her bottom. She was beached to prevent her filling.

At the burning of a residence near Blairsville, Pa., on New Year's day, two persons were burned to death, and three others fatally injured by jumping from a window.

The Louisiana legislature met on Monday but no trouble has yet occurred, though great excitement prevails.

New York, Jan. 4.—Gold fluctuated between 13 and 12½, mostly 12½ to 12½. Exchange unchanged.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—In consequence of the severe frost on New Year's Day navigation on the River Humber at the Hull was stopped by ice. The harbor of Goules-on-Ouse being closed by drift ice, hindered navigation on the Thames. Railways in Western England were blocked by snow. Some local lines suspended altogether.

In consequence of the reduction of wages sixty thousand colliers have struck in South Wales.

A telegram received by the owners concerning the burning of the ship "Coepatrik." The superintendent of the Brazilian telegraph cable at Madeira telegraphs that only three persons are known to survive, namely, the second mate and two seamen, picked up in an open boat, subsisting part of the time upon the flesh and blood of others who died in the boat.

Despatches from Madeira gives the following additional particulars: The fire broke out at midnight, on November 17th, and within half an hour enveloped the vessel nearly her entire length. A scene of the wildest confusion ensued, but two boats succeeded in getting away, each of which contained thirty persons. These remained alongside the ship until the 19th of November, when her hull was completely burned out and she sunk. The two boats then started for land; they kept together for two days, when a gale arose and they became separated; one of them has not since been heard of; the other was fallen in with by the British ship "Sceptre," and at that time contained five living persons, two of whom died before the "Sceptre" reached St. Helena.

Further details received since state that when the vessel was first discovered to be on fire, 80 passengers, mostly Germans, rushed into one of the boats and all were drowned. Soon afterwards the masts fell, killing many. Explosions subsequently occurred at the stern of the vessel, completing her destruction. The total loss of life is estimated at 474.

Despatches to London papers agree that the European powers will recognize Alfonso as King of Spain, as soon as his representatives are accredited at the various courts.

FRANCE.—Deichese Poncelet, who sent a letter to the French Archbishop offering to kill Prince Bismark, asserts that the alleged conspiracy was only a joke, and says he sent the letter to the Archbishop while intoxicated.

The recent conference of members of the French Assembly and Ministry at Paris was devoted to a discussion of the question of the proposed Senate and to the Septennate. Another meeting is to be held.

The Duke DeMontpensier and Orleans Princes congratulate Don Alfonso upon his accession to the Spanish throne.

GERMANY.—The Archbishop of Cologne is again fined 3000 thalers, and will probably be imprisoned again.

Bismarck's circular note of May, 1872, has just been published in Germany. It declares that it is desirable that the Powers should take steps toward concerted action in view of the next Papal election.

SPAIN.—On New Year's Day Prince Alfonso was proclaimed King and has been recognized by the nation, army and ministry. A Regency has been formed under the presidency of Cornovas Del-Castello without a portfolio.

The Times correspondent at Paris telegraphs that he has had an interview with Alfonso, who was in that city. He had expected news of his proclamation. His mother will remain in Paris. He concluded as follows:—"I am not the King of a party. My ministry will be composed of men of all shades. The ministry are announced as follows:—Castro, Foreign Affairs; Cardenes, of Justice; Jvellar, Minister of War; Saloverria, Minister of Finance; Molies, Minister of Marine; Robled, Minister of Interior; Orpavis, Minister of Commerce; Azila, Minister for the Colonies. Alfonso has gone to Spain direct. He will disembark either at Cadix or Valencia. News despatches say that Castelar, Martos, Admiral Topete, Zorrilla and General Pavia have promised to support Alfonso.

The Cuba army have telegraphed adherence to the new order. Donagarray, Lizaragaray and 800 other Carlist officers are expected to join Alfonso.

A telegram from Carlist headquarters says: "Alfonso's pronouncement leaves the situation unchanged. No defection of Carlist army. The change strengthens us and weakens the enemy."

Espartaco, an eminent Spanish Statesman, died on the 21st inst.

News from Havana states that Lt.-Capt. General Concha has issued a proclamation announcing the accession of Prince Alfonso to the Spanish crown.

Spanish troops in Cuba have been ordered to be lenient to captured or surrendered insurgents, but to execute all incendiaries and filibusters taken prisoners.

ITALY.—Garibaldi declines the national grant for his relief on account of the condition of the Italian finances.

Marriages.

At Cape Canso, on the 22nd ult., by the Rev. George W. Thomas, Mr. Alfred Knowlton, of Crow Harbor, to Miss Margaret Khyndu, of Cape Can-o.

At Margate, C. B., on the 15th ult., by Rev. Ronald Macdonald, Mr. Alexander Stewart, to Miss Catherine A. MacLeod, daughter of Malcolm MacLeod, Esq., both of Margate.

At Marriett's Cove, on the 12th ult., by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. Benjamin Conant, of Rose Bay, and Mrs. Edw. Coram, of Marriett's Cove, Chester.

At Middle River, on the 19th ult., by the same, Mr. Thomas Countway, and Miss Hannah Bockman, of Chester Basin.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Chester, on the 26th ult., by the same, Mr. F. J. Armstrong, of Windsor Road, and Miss Sarah Brown, of New Ross.

At the same time and place, by the same, Mr. Josiah Eisonor, of Marriett's Cove and Miss Minnie Zwickler, of Bridgewater.

At the same time and place, by the same, Mr. John A. Gardner, of Milton, Queens Co., and Miss Ellen L. Keddy, West Shore, Lanenburg, Co.

On the 29th ult., Halifax, by Rev. G. M. Grant, Wm. Gibb, to Adelaide Boutiller, both of North West Arm.

At Central Chobogue, on Dec. 25th, by the Rev. W. H. Watson, Mr. J. Norman Gavel, of Yarmouth, and Miss Eliza Hemson, of Chobogue.

At the residence of George Hibbard, Esq., uncle of the bride, Lower Cove, Cumberland Co., on 29th inst., by Rev. H. Boul, Charles W. Henson, Esq., M. D., of Liver Herbert, to Mary E. Hopwood, of Boston.

At Overton, Yarmouth Co., Nov. 5 h., by Rev. P. F. Murray, Mr. Charles E. Surrell, of Westport, to Miss Josephine Porter, of Pembroke.

On the 24th of Dec. by Rev. J. L. Read, Francis Hutchinson, Esq., to Miss Murilla Wheelock, both of Morris wt., Aylsford.

By the same, Dec. 30 h., Mr. Wallace Halsey, of Middleton, to Miss Carrie Dodge, of Aylesford.

Deaths.

On Monday, 23th ult., Julia, beloved wife of Wm. Camil, aged 63 years.

At East Jordan, County of Shelburne, on the 22nd ult., after a lingering illness, Margaret, relict of the late Levan MacLean.

Drowned at Liverpool, N. S., on the 26th ult., Mr. John Lynch, aged 3 years.

At the Provincial and City Hospital, on Dec. 30th, Alexander Fraser, aged 25.

At Bridgetown, on the 30th of Dec., 1874, Stephen S. Thorne, late collector of that port, in his 80th year.

Haver Edward (only son) on the 15th Dec., 1874 aged 12 years and two months Lucy Anna, on the 22nd Dec., 1874, aged 3 years and two months, and Ethel Elizabeth, on the 29th Dec., 1874, aged 14 years and six months. Children of Edward Semor.

On Thursday, Samuel Martin, Esq., of Newport Corner, aged 73 years.

At Petzwick Harbor, on the 4th ult., John, third son of late John Anderson, Esq., aged 80 years. And on the 18th, Peter, eldest son of the same, aged 83 years.

Suddenly, on the 27th ult., at the Wall-brook Meeting House, Lower Horton, of heart disease, John Fesholm, Esq., in the 67th year of his age, leaving a wife and family to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father.

At Kestiv, Londonder-y, Dec. 22nd, Mrs. Lucy Wetherie, aged 93 years and 3 months. She was comforted by the presence of Jesus in her old age, and peacefully fell asleep.

At Helon, Wednesday, Nov. 18th, 1874, Miss Alva B. in daughter of Alexander Bain, in the 22nd year of her age. She was pious and devoted, her last hours were peaceful and triumphant.

Farewell dear Alva, thou art gone to thy rest, Thy spirit is free, in the land of the blest; There pure thy joy, in that happy abode, Welcomed by angels, to the presence of God.

But we hope soon to meet thee, on that bright shore, Were sin, death, and sorrow, shall part us no more; We welcome that hour, so glorious and bright, Where hearts so long parted, forever unite. —Com. by Rev. J. Ross.