

whether the person who had opened his eyes was a sinner or not. To the enemies of Jesus he says, "Herein is a marvellous thing that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing," that is, "no such deed." As he justly reasoned, that this marvellous act of beneficence, which no mere man—and certainly no sinner—could perform, ought to have convinced the Jews that he who wrought it was of God, and not a sinner, he must have known it himself.

Now it is obvious that when an apparent discrepancy can be removed by the rendering of a word, or phrase, in accordance with the manifest import elsewhere, such rendering should be adopted. The Greek word (*ei*) translated in the common version "whether" (John ix. 25), is sometimes, with unquestionable accuracy, rendered *that*. For instance in Acts xxvii. 23, "That (*ei*) Christ should suffer, and that (*ei*) he should be the first that should rise from the dead." So in verse 8th and Hebrews vii. 15. It is to be observed, moreover, that, while words must in some instances be supplied in translating to complete the sense, in the text under consideration the words or *no* in *Italics*, are unnecessarily added.

The text may, therefore, be translated in strict accordance with the original. "That he is a sinner—I know not; one thing I know that whereas I was blind, now I see." This clearly shows the consistency of all that was said by the man to whom the Lord Jesus had given sight. From an examination of the Greek, and a consideration of the context, I have concluded that the text should be rendered as stated above; and I find it has been so translated by Mr. Wesley. This view is approved by Mr. Parkhurst, who remarks, "Wesley takes it in the same sense." See Greek Lexicon in *Et.* CHARLES TUPPER. Aylesford, April 20th, 1875.

Religious Intelligence.

ORDINATION SERVICES AT WINDSOR, HANTS CO.

Delegates called for the purpose of considering the propriety of ordaining Brother J. W. Bancroft to the work of the Gospel Ministry, met in the Baptist Church of this town on Saturday the 17th inst., at 10 A. M. A Council was formed by appointing Rev. J. Bancroft, Moderator, and Brother A. J. Stevens, Secretary. The following churches were represented by their delegates:

Hantsport.—Dr. Margeson, W. A. Porter. Falmouth.—Andrew Shaw, Charles Bacon, Lewis Messenger, and Rev. N. Vidito. Windsor.—Deacons Bennett, Curry, Redden, Fuller, Harding, together with Brethren Isaiah Dimock, Elisha Curry, Isaac Sharp, John Martin, and Rev. D. M. Welton.

Walton.—Rev. J. Bancroft. Horton Ist.—Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A. J. Stevens. Brethren Haley, Daniels, and Burpe Shaw, from Falmouth, were invited to seats in the Council.

Brother Bancroft was called upon to give a statement of his Christian experience, call to the Ministry, and doctrinal views. This he did so clearly and satisfactorily to the Council that it was unanimously resolved to proceed to his ordination. The services in connection therewith were arranged in the following order:

Ordination sermon, and questions to the candidate, by Rev. D. M. Welton. Ordination prayer, by Rev. N. Vidito. Address, and right hand of fellowship to the candidate, by Rev. J. Bancroft. Address to the church, by Rev. S. W. DeBlois. Closing prayer by Brother A. J. Stevens. The Council adjourned and met again at 3 P. M., after which the above arrangement was carried into effect in the presence of a large congregation. The services were exceedingly interesting throughout, at the close of which the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

A. J. STEVENS, Secretary. April 21st.

CHESTER, April 24, 1875.—On the 4th inst., I baptized one person in town and on the 11th, eleven more followed their Lord in baptism at the Basin. Several others have professed conversion and will soon follow in the footsteps of the Redeemer. Our meetings continue to be interesting, and we hope many more will be gathered into the fold of Christ. May God grant it, is the prayer of Yours very truly, I. J. SKINNER.

SHELBURNE, April 12th, 1875.—Dear Bro.—Last week I baptized both at Jordan River and at Shelburne. At the latter place we welcomed five into the fellowship of the happy little church. The audience densely crowded the new House of Worship. Yours, &c., E. N. ARCHIBALD.

BASS RIVER, COLCHESTER CO.—Mr. Isaac L. Fulton writes on the 16th inst.:—"The Rev. Alexander Cameron has been holding meetings at Bass River and Portapique. They are very large and good feeling exists. They have inquiry meetings in the evening. Some 30 or 40 persons attend."

CENTREVILLE, CUMBERLAND CO., April 23, 1875.—The Lord is graciously reviving his work in this place. The church has been revived and strengthened. It was cheering to hear the wanderers confessing their backslidings and the penitent sinner asking, "What shall I do to be saved?" Five have been added by baptism. Others will put on Christ next Sabbath. Last night twelve seeking souls requested prayer. Thus the work of the Lord is going forward with great power. Pray for us. Yours truly, E. B. COREY.

Our United States exchanges give us very encouraging accounts of revival work in the churches. A few items may be taken as samples:—

NEW YORK.—A remarkable religious revival has been inaugurated among the river thieves, drunkards and gamblers of the slums in Water street, New York city. On Sunday evening a largely attended meeting was held. The first floor of a brick building has been converted into a sort of a chapel, and therein prayer meetings are held every afternoon and evening. The ruling spirit of the place is Jerry McCauley, and he is doing a good work among the lower classes of New York. This impromptu chapel was formerly a noted rendezvous for river pirates and dock thieves. It was a worse place than that of the famous John Allen. Over 50 persons came forward for prayers Sunday evening, and there was intense excitement.

CALIFORNIA.—A correspondent of The Advance says that very extensive and powerful revivals are prevailing in all portions of the State. Great throngs, four or five thousand daily, are flocking to hear the gospel from Mr. Hammond and his co-workers. Men long resident here tell me that never since gold was discovered have they known the air so full of spiritual electricity as for the past two months. We hope and believe the end is not yet. Dr. Stone is engaged heart and hand in the Hammond movement. It is said that more than 150 members of his Sunday School have in the past two weeks signed the Christian covenant. The civilization of California greatly needs a moral renovation, and it really seems as though the day for it were drawing nigh.

Between forty and fifty converts were baptized into the First Baptist Church, Lowell, last Sunday, and about an equal number into the Second Baptist Church. Nine were added to the Fifth Street Baptist Church. The little vine planted about one year ago has borne much fruit for the Master. Brother House has much to encourage him, and is prudently and quietly pushing forward the work.—In H. lyoke the good work continues. Last Sunday brother Adams welcomed to the fellowship of the church ten new members, nine of whom were baptized the Sabbath previous.—The project for uniting the churches in East Longmeadow and South Wilbraham has fallen through, and now in the former church God is reviving his work. Some fifteen or twenty persons give evidence of having passed from death unto life, and the work continues.

MAINE.—We began to hold meetings in the different churches of this Association the first of February, and the result is a precious revival in each church visited. Our method is for all the churches to unite in special prayer for each church, as we visit it, and to send a few of its willing workers, thus bringing the churches into contact with each other, and creating a common interest. We have visited West Camden, Warren, 2nd and 3rd, St. George, churches, and Camden. The 2nd St. George church has already added forty-three to its membership making it the largest in the State, and it has no pastor. We have held meetings in Chestnut St. church, Camden, now, five days, and twenty or more have requested prayers and some have found peace already. The pastors uniting in this work are Malloch, Dutton, Richardson, Bower and B. x. by. We mean to take this association for Christ, and hold it, too. A large proportion of the converts have been men, and many of them the most prominent business men. To God be all the praise.

The Rev. Dr. Moffat, father-in-law of Dr. Livingstone, writes as follows respecting the statement that a nephew of the latter was an inmate of St. Saviour's Union:—"I regret to see that the medical officer of St. Saviour's Union has been imposed upon. There is not a nephew of Dr. Livingstone in Great Britain or Ireland. The individual who claims the relationship must be insane indeed."

DISCOVERIES IN PALESTINE.—Another interesting discovery has rewarded the perseverance of the agents of the Palestine Exploration Fund. Lieutenant Conder, R. E., has devoted great labour to the elucidation of the controverted and uncertain question as to the site of "Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptized," and which has a special interest as the probable place of our Lord's own baptism. The word "Bethabara," "House of the Crossing Over," or "Ford," is evidently applicable to many points on the river, but the Beth-bara of the Book of Judges, and other traditional points, are open to various objections. One of the principal northern fords has, however, been found to bear the name Makbádheth "Abara, or, "The Ford of the Crossing Over," the name being derived from the Arabic root 'Abr, having the meaning of crossing—the meaning of the name in Arabic and Hebrew being identical. The situation is one well fitted for the site of the baptism, and the general correspondence of the locality with the circumstances mentioned in the text is conclusively made out in the report of the energetic and intelligent explorer.

Home and Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL 28, 1875.

A circular letter from the Archbishop of Quebec was read on Sunday in all the Catholic Churches requesting that prayer should be offered for a cessation of the small-pox.

General Smythe has been appointed commander of the Canadian Militia, and Col. Powell, Adjutant General.

Arrangements have been completed between the Dominion and United States Governments whereby dutiable goods may be moved from one United States port to another, through Canadian territory, and vice versa Canadian goods through United States territory, by land, or water in either United States or Canadian vessels. These regulations are contained under the 30th Article of the Washington Treaty, referring to transportation of freight in North-West Territory.

The steamer Norseman left Port Hope on Wednesday last for Charlotte, N. Y., with full freight and passengers, being the first departure on Lake Ontario.

The "Canada Gazette" of Saturday last contains the proclamation of amnesty to all persons, except Riel, Lepine and O'Donohue, concerned in the North-West rebellion, the latter to be banished for five years.

The Governor-General goes to Quebec, en route for England this week.

Ninety-one Catholic Bishops of Canada have sent a joint letter of sympathy to their brethren in Germany.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

SACKVILLE.—Ambrose Lane, of Emigrant Road, recently lost three horses within eight days. There is something mysterious about the nature of the disease of which the horses died.—Borderer.

SPRING HILL SALT SPRINGS.—The strength of the brine is from 30° to 35° in the salometer, or equal to a yield of one bushel of salt from 72 to 82 gallons of brine. It is estimated that with the cheap fuel to be obtained at Spring Hill, a ton of salt can be made for \$1 50; the price at Halifax is \$9 per ton. Last year about 1500 bushels of fine salt were made and sold to local consumers. When the property is developed, as the company that have it in hand intend, it will yield 100 tons of salt per day. About 50,000 tons are used per year in the Maritime Provinces.

ST. JOHN.—Arrest for Forgery committed seven years ago.—Officer Hamilton, of the city police, arrested Wellington Record for procuring from Michael Dolan, on a forged order, at the Haymarket, in August 1868, a barrel of flour and \$6 in cash. The order bore the name of Michael Henry, and after the things were delivered, it was learned that the signature had been forged.

On Saturday night, as Mr. J. Walter Scammell, of the firm of Scammell Brothers, Agents of the Anchor Line, was leaving his office, he was struck by an unknown person lying in wait. He received a deep cut in the head, but not dangerous. The cause is believed to be connected with the difficulty between the "society men" and "rebels" engaged in unloading vessels.

The St. John "Globe" says: "A contract has been signed for the construction of that portion of the Railway line from Moosehead Lake to the Canadian boundary. This road, when completed, will shorten the distance to Montreal, as compared with present routes, 113 miles.

UNITED STATES.

Edward Pierrepoint, of New York, is mentioned as the probable successor of U. S. Attorney-General Williams, whose resignation has taken place.

Professor Donaldson was obliged to cut loose the basket from the main part of the balloon in which he ascended from Philadelphia. He escaped without injury.

The impeachment of Charles Clinton, Auditor of Public Accounts, is recommended by the Legislative Investigating Committee, the charges being high crimes and misdemeanors in office.

The contested seats in the Louisiana Legislature are still being acted upon in the House.

A fearful accident is reported from New Orleans. A steamship belonging to John Kyle, exporter, and Charles Bodman, took fire at the foot of Poydras street, and many lives are said to have been lost. The loss of property amounts to \$180,000.

Some other disastrous fires are also reported, including the destruction of a lined oil manufactory at Jersey City, where the damage amounts to \$120,000.

A despatch from Detroit states that reports from all parts of Michigan indicate a drought, and that cold weather has greatly injured the wheat crop, killed off the peaches very generally and seriously damaged the small fruits. Apples promise a good yield. Proliferal rains may yet improve the wheat crop very materially.

Similar reports have been received from Ohio, Indiana, and Western Pennsylvania.

The Oil Cloth Factory at Elizabeth, N. J., was burned on Wednesday night. The loss is \$100,000. Insured for \$25,000.

MEXICO.—The Archbishops of Mexico have issued an address concerning recent laws affecting the church in Mexico. They enjoin on the clergy and people moderation and respect for the authorities, and advise Catholics to be patient and act like Christians under their trials.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—In the House of Commons on Thursday, Mr. Sullivan announced that for the purpose of terminating the anomalous relations between the press and the House, he would nightly call attention to the presence of strangers; this will have the effect of compelling the withdrawal of all persons except members.

Dr. Kenealy's long promised motion for a commission to investigate the circumstances attending the Tichborne trial was made in the House of Commons on Friday night, and rejected by 433 to 1. The defender of Arthur Orton made a powerful speech, in which he impugned the motives of the Lord Chief Justice. The motion was opposed by the present and past Attorney Generals, Disraeli and Bright, and supported by Whalley.

The colliery owners of South Wales have agreed to throw open their pits to miners at a reduction of fifteen per cent. on their wages.

The hearing in the case of seat-owners, to restrain Moody and Sankey from using the Opera-house, has been postponed again till the 1st prox.

Cardinal Manning is very ill, his nervous system being prostrated. Lord Derby, in answer to a question in the House of Lords, said that at present he anticipated the result of the controversy between Prussia and Belgium without uneasiness.

The French Geographical Society has presented a gold medal to the family of Captain Hall, the Arctic explorer.

The steamer St. Lawrence left Portsmouth on Saturday with troops for Halifax. The strike of the cotton operatives at Blackburn is ended.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey's meetings were well attended on Sunday. Hon. Mr. Gladstone and Lord Kinnaird were present.

INDIA.—Lord Northbrook, Viceroy of India, has issued a proclamation deposing the Guicowar of Baroda declaring him and his heirs precluded from all rights appertaining to the sovereignty of his country and compelling the Guicowar's family to select a place for his interment in British India. The Viceroy says this measure is based independently of the recent trial of the Guicowar, upon his notorious misconduct, gross misgovernment and incapacity. Furthermore the restoration of the Guicowar would be detrimental to the interests of Baroda. The Viceroy will select a member of the Guicowar's family to reign.

FRANCE.—The funeral of the Paris aeronauts, who lost their lives in the recent balloon ascension, was attended by many eminent savans. Appropriate remarks were made honoring these martyrs of science.

The Paris *Moniteur* says there is no doubt that Thiers will be elected to the Senate by many departments, and may possibly be chosen to preside over that body.

GREECE.—Great excitement exists at Athens, over the impending elections. It is feared there will be bloodshed; and the Grecian Government are engaged in concentrating a body of five thousand soldiers in that city.

RUSSIA.—A plot has been discovered in Khiva for the massacre of the Russians in the Khalife. It is thought that military operations have already been ordered by Russia.

GERMANY.—The police authorities of Posen have notified all Ursuline Sisters in that district, who are not natives of Germany, that they must leave the country within two months.

The Prussian Crown Prince and party will occupy six weeks in their tour of the Italian Provinces.

Parliamentary.

ON TUESDAY of last week the report on Public Printing was again brought up before the House of Assembly by Mr. Longley for adoption.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary moved that it be referred back to the Committee for further investigation. The question was discussed and Mr. Holmes gave notice that he would move that the public printing be in future put out by tender. After a long debate the amendment was carried by 20 to 14. Names being called, there appeared:

For the Amendment:—Hon. Atty. General, Hon. Com. of Works and Mines, Hon. Prov. Secretary, Messrs. Mosely, Freeman, Wyde, Eisenhur, Farrell, D. Campbell, John McKinnon, Fraser, Francheville, Gayton, Boudrot, Robichau, DesBrisay, Lovett and Johnston, Hon. C. Campbell, and Hon. Com. of Crown Lands—20.

Against:—Messrs. Holmes, Longley, Troop, McKay, Cameron, Vickery, Woodworth, Allison, J. J. McKinnon, Patterson, Mack, Patman, Black, North, and McRae—15.

ON WEDNESDAY an amendment to the Education Act providing for a change in the mode of payment of Teachers was submitted.

Hon. Prov. Secretary laid on the table the estimates for the Expenditure of 1875 as follows:—

Table with columns: ASSETS 1ST JANUARY, 1875. Balance from 1870 per Treasurer's Account, Less—Due on Immigration Grant of 1872 1873 and 1874, Advances for Roads and Bridges, 1874, LESS, LIABILITIES TO DATE. Underway Road Money of 1874, Navigation Securities, PROBABLE REVENUE FOR 1875. Subsidy, Departmental Mines, Hospital for Insane, Crown Lands, Marriage Licenses and other Fees, Provincial Secretary's Office, Estimated Expenditure for 1875, Assets and Subsidy.

Table with columns: HEADS OF SERVICE. Agriculture, Congregations, Crown Lands, Criminal Prosecutions, Coroners' Inquests, Education, Immigration, Legislative Expenses, Local Works, Mines, Miscellaneous, etc., Navigation Securities, Public Printing, Poor's Asylum, Provincial and City Hospital, Roads and Bridges, Road Compensation, Salaries, Steamboats, Pickets and Ferries, Transit Post, Lunatic Asylum, Balance.

An effort was made by the Opposition to repeal the County Courts Bill passed last session but it was voted down by 22 to 15.

Local News.

Messrs. Smith Bros. have commenced the erection of a new dry goods warehouse on Duke street.

THE BUOYS.—The schooner Lord Mayo has been chartered to lay down the new harbor buoys. On the West side they will be painted black, and on the East side red.

STEALING.—A colored lad named James Brown is in custody charged with stealing a quantity of Railroad iron from the line between Richmond Dept and the four mile House. He has confessed.

A military prisoner named Patrick Gallagher, belonging to the 87th R. I. F., received twenty-five lashes at Melville Island, on Thursday, for insubordination.

The beautiful marble Aquarium belonging to the late Rev. Dr. Warren, has been presented to the Provincial Museum by Mr. E. Binney.

CIVIC.—At the meeting of City Council on Friday a letter was read from Mr. H. D. Blackadar of the Acadian Recorder complaining of the City Clerk giving testimony before the House of Assembly Committee on Public Printing!

TUSKIL.—The alwives have been very slow in making their run up. None were taken up to the 12th inst. For more than twenty years past they were always taken the 21st of March or the 1st to 3rd of April, and invariably by Cpt. James Servant who is now 84 years of age.

On Friday night, a number of persons were engaged in smelt fishing near the bridge, a young lad named George Jeffery, son of Mr. Angus Jeffery, lost his balance and pitched head foremost into the rapid stream. Unable to swim, he was borne rapidly down, he was overtaken and drawn into the boat, speechless and exhausted, having drifted over three hundred yards.

SYDNEY C. B.—The ice in the harbor was measured on Saturday, the 17th, and found to be 26 inches off Central Wharf. In two places between Barrack Point and Point Edward it was found to be 26 and 30 inches thick.—Times.

NICTAUX.—week ago, at Nictaux, at Nictaux by fire, which a cinder, causing the house to fall. BEAR R. Edward Clatsop, had the his hand. PUGWASH.—was held here gates who their reporting representative, and purpose to or men who small give vi fare and vi at stake. PICTOU.—here on S Logan's tan and bark store. The surance on of \$20,000. YARMOUTH.—New York, cargo of iron way Co. on The Mar severity from ACADIAN.—an infant a now on M under arrest. BEARINE.—and in evul but is well have long ful hair dressing. At North A. J. Cog Germany, field. At the April 20th, to Miss Sop At the reury, Mass Mr. E. Warren and an e Church in months. On Frida son of Geo 27 year s. At Lu the below on; daugh that place. At New of Simon F ville, and P. dock. Her remar In Tren sudden y. Howard, ora Ward, On Wedn ared 45 ye On Sund in the 82n On Sat widow of risto-at St At San ult, Mr. L month, ag TURSDA Dundee) do, Cole (of Lock May (of Nickerson phia; An vinegrow Graduate mouth t phin, Snc Liverpool one Bay home Bay schr. Mo sch. G. Parnell, I Medway J. H. H Mahone I gare's B W. D. Demerai TUESD Ponce, R Gloucester verly, M A. C. M erson, Getson's burg; Ja FRIDAY nglic; L Hereward V king (do.) mel Vanguard Agilty, Logan, S Lahave SATUR Western Salem, M Mass.; C Morrice do.; Em mass; C