

hard work to keep a man here after he has studied long enough to gain even a general knowledge of God's word. Shall we say to these men go to your villages, we have no money to feed you? Must our people starve for want of men to preach the word of life? We need more than a hundred men now, and shall we be compelled to send part of those we have away, instead of increasing the number as we should do?"

What a country! What a call! Bombay once reached, now that India is thus opened by one of the grandest networks of Railway in the world, the Missionary to the Teloooons is on his field, as it were—a single language to master, and eleven millions of heathen ready to receive the word of life!—and so eager and so anxious for Missionaries and teachers, that the schools are depleted and in danger of being injured by the students being enticed away to preach and teach, without the required preparation.

There is no parallel to this in all the world.

Religious Intelligence.

MAHONE BAY.—Dear Editor.—Allow me to state a few facts about the new house of worship at Mahone Bay in addition to those contained in the communication of your correspondent "W. J. G."

The Village of Mahone Bay "is beautiful for situation." The church is on an elevation overlooking the town and the Bay. It would be an outrage and violence, if not a sin to set a structure in Mahone Bay, ugly in architectural form, and especially would this be so in the case of a house erected for God. This offense against the picturesque beauties of the place the Baptists have not committed in building their house of worship. The rolling hills and the island-studded Bay are not ashamed of the church. It is not the utilitarian's box, but it is form, moulded by the genius of the architect, and the rare objects of nature around take it into fellowship.

The people wish to acknowledge the kindness of Capt. Dennis Crosby in recommending Messrs. Kinney, Haley & Co., of Yarmouth, who were both the architects and the builders. The House is 60 x 38; has fine elevations and is adorned with a spire. It is finished in black ash, chestnut and teak; has 64 pews on the floor and 11 in the gallery which is at the end opposite the pulpit. It will accommodate about four hundred persons.

The active benevolence which characterizes the people will not allow the debt of only one thousand dollars to remain on the building many months.

Rev. Mr. Ingram has toiled hard, perhaps too hard, for he has been prostrate most of the winter; but his labours in co-operating with his active church has not been in vain. They have exceeded even their own most sanguine expectations.

The people of the place are generous to a fault. They gave the day to the dedication of the House, as if it had been the possession of the community and not of a single church.

As your correspondent, "W. J. G." has already stated, the Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon the people; and may many turn to the Lord.

Truly Yours, E. M. S.

CAPE BRETON.—The Conference of the ministers and churches was held at North Sydney March 12th to 16th. On Friday evening a sermon was preached by Bro. Brown. On Saturday morning a meeting was held for prayer and praise, after which the brethren spoke hopefully of their fields of labor.

In the evening a meeting was held when Bro. Richardson, Armstrong, McDonald, and Brown gave short addresses, and other brethren also spoke. On Sunday morning a sermon was preached by Bro. Armstrong and by Bro. Brown in the afternoon and evening. On Monday afternoon the Conference met at 3 o'clock. After devotional exercises a paper was read by Bro. McDonald, subject:—"Words of cheer for dark days," followed by a unanimous vote of thanks for the very timely paper, with the request that it be forwarded to the Messenger for publication.

In the evening a sermon was preached by Bro. Armstrong. On Tuesday evening addresses were given by the brethren specially urging decision for Christ. The meetings which were held alternately at North Sydney and the Bar were very largely attended and a deep interest manifested. Three persons at the meet-

ings stood up to express their desire to follow the Saviour. The friends there are expecting great things, let them not lack the prayers of any of God's people.

It was arranged to hold the next conference at Margaree, early in May; and Bros. Armstrong and Brown to prepare papers for the occasion.

J. BROWN, Sec'y.

GREAT VILLAGE, March 26th, 1875.—Dear Editor.—The readers of the Messenger have, from time to time, been cheered to learn of the prosperity of the cause of God in various parts. A church thus blessed should, by making it known, invite all others to rejoice with them.

We at Great Village have cause also to bless the Lord for His goodness to us. He has been carrying on his work, without much outward demonstration, for the last month. Six have been baptized, and others are expected soon to follow the footsteps of their Lord. The interest in the meetings continues, and souls are inquiring. The Presbyterians have been holding meetings during the past week with encouraging tokens. We are praying and hoping for a general awakening in these parts.

Bro. Chute removed from Steviacko to this place last autumn. His wise and hearty co-operation with pastor and people causes much gratitude to God for sending him hither.

M. P. FREEMAN.

CENTRAL ONSLOW.—The readers of the Messenger will be glad to learn that God has graciously manifested his favor to the West Onslow Church in the revival of his work in the hearts of his people, and in the conversion of sinners. Five joyful converts were yesterday permitted to follow their Lord in the ordinance of Christian baptism, and were welcomed by me into the fellowship of the Church. Others have experienced the renewing influences of the Spirit of God, and expect to follow soon. One other has been received. We held meetings each evening last week; and again this week services will be continued. Oh for showers of blessing! The Eastern church is also experiencing some quickening influences, and a number have asked an interest in the prayers of God's people. Brethren in Christ pray for us.

Yours in Christian bonds, STEPHEN MARCH.

NEW CORNWALL, LUNenburg COUNTY.—Rev. Mr. Cogswell of Bridgewater has recently been holding a series of meetings here for two weeks. They have resulted in the conversion of about twenty persons. (This effort has been made in connection with the Bridgewater church.) We trust the work will continue to make progress.

CARLETON, St. JOHN, N. B.—Dear Editor.—Dr. E. Clay, of Halifax, is here with us in Carleton. His presence suggested the prediction of Zechariah vii. 21, "The inhabitants of one city shall go to another saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts." For nearly two weeks Bro. Clay has ceased not to warn sinners and to entreat them to seek the Lord. Night and day with tears he has preached the gospel of the Son of God. For a few weeks before he came we were holding special meetings, at times encouraged and at times cast down; but by a special providence of God, the Dr. came, and that too in the fullness of the spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yesterday we baptized eleven believers and the prospect is that many more will soon follow. Our chapel could not contain the congregation last evening. The Dr. went to Fredericton this morning but expects to join us in this blessed work on Wednesday next and remain until this day week.

Yours in the gospel, EDWARD HICKSON.

Our brethren in the Upper Provinces appear to be receiving some visitations of mercy in the form of conversions. Believers are being added to the disciples in many places. The new church at Montreal (Olivet street), is receiving accessions to its numbers. One of the members writes to the Baptist as follows:—"A special service of the 'Olivet Baptist Church' Montreal was held in Russell Hall on Friday evening 25th of February when the Rev. Thomas Gales baptized 14 rejoicing believers who had applied for membership—7 young men and 7 young women who will be a strong addition to the workers in this active young church. The Rev. Joshua Donovan addressed the

candidates setting forth in a clear practical manner the nature of the ordinance of Baptism and their duties when members of Christ's body. A large audience witnessed the good confession of faith made by these young people. The Rev. Mr. Gales who is temporarily supplying the pulpit preaches vigorous practical gospel sermons to the edification of all. Others are inquiring the way of life and we hope to visit the baptismal waters again ere long.

TORONTO.—Last Sabbath evening, Dr. Castle baptized nine candidates, in the presence of a very large congregation.

BRANTFORD.—We copy the following from the Brant Union of the 11th inst:—"Churches vs. Saloons.—It speaks volumes for the morality of a town when the number of her churches increase and the number of drinking houses decrease; and such is the case we are happy to say in the town of Brantford. In consequence of the great influx of new members, and the great increase in the general attendance at the First Baptist Church since the present minister, the Rev. Wm. Porter, M. A., has had charge of the church, it has become necessary for our Baptist friends to enlarge their borders; and we understand they have come to the determination either to enlarge the present edifice, or to build a new one in connection with that church, in the East Ward, or probably both. Our friends are much in want of more building accommodation, rooms in which to hold committee and other meetings as also a more convenient place in which to perform the sacred ordinance of baptism, and this we are happy to learn has been decided upon to be done at an early day. A new erection in the East Ward would also be a great accommodation to the members of that church and others who are in the practise of attending Baptist churches. We are informed that on Sabbath last there were no less a number than 45 individuals received into fellowship and privileges of the First Baptist Church, alone, previous to the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Most of these persons had been baptized during the previous month, there were others that were expected, but through sickness, or other causes were prevented from being present. In the evening there were ten converts baptized.

The Tabernacle.—The Baptist says on Sunday evening the 28th ult., seven persons were baptized at the close of the service, some of whom were heads of families. Two husbands and their wives were among the number. The union meetings under the ministerial conference of the town have this week ceased, but the young people of our church seem to be more in earnest than ever. Three things characterize the young converts, an intense thirst for the Word of God, confidence in the efficacy of prayer, and zeal for the conversion of souls.

I baptized six more last Lord's day, three of them young men. The number of young men coming up on the Lord's side among us is remarkable. J. A.

GEORGETOWN.—N. F. Bessey writes:—"Last Sabbath was a memorable day in the history of the Georgetown church. After the regular service, the church remained to break bread, when those 20 persons so recently baptised, rose to receive the right hand of fellowship by our pastor. It was an affecting scene. Deacon G. Daylort who is 75 years of age, and yet strong and active, could not contain himself, he arose and wept like a child—said his cup was running over, and it was the happiest day he had experienced in all his life.

ST. THOMAS.—A second Baptist Church has been organized in St. Thomas, with every prospect of success. We understand that 30 members of the old church received letters of dismission to form the new interest above indicated.

CHATHAM.—Bro. M. of Chatham says:—"Sunday was a high day with us. Elder Campbell opened the baptistry in the new chapel for the first time, and buried with Christ in baptism 16 believers, to walk in newness of life. Some eight more have been received. The congregations crowded the basement, and a blessed work is going on.

The Rev. W. J. Tarrant, recently baptized by pastor Chesney in Port Perry, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the churches of Eversley and King.

ST. CATHERINES.—The Rev. C. Perren, pastor of the Queen St. Baptist Church, on Sabbath evening last, after delivering an eloquent address to a crowded house, administered the ordinance of baptism to six candidates. The work seems to be deepening and the spirit of Christ is undoubtedly in our midst.

After discussion the amendment was withdrawn, and the House divided on the original motion, which was lost by 134 to 5.

The bill to amend the Pilotage Act was read a second time; and the House went into committee of the whole on the bill reported, and passed it.

The committee on the Fraser, Reynolds & Co. affair met in the morning to give Mr. Donville and Plumb an opportunity to express their views with reference to the report. They stated that they could not agree with some portions of it, and therefore did not sign with the other members of the committee.

In the discussion of the Insolvency Bill on its third reading on Thursday night, a number of amendments were moved by different members of the House, which were all voted down, except one by Mr. Colly to strike out the clause that the Judges refuse the discharge unless 33 cents were paid on a dollar.

The Ottawa Citizen of Thursday last publishes an important communication from O'Donohoe, formerly Secretary of Riel's Provisional Government, addressed to the Speaker of the Commons, and dated St. Paul, March 25:—"It is now in the hands of B. Devlin, of Montreal, who will shortly bring it all before the House. He states he can prove his rights, as a British subject, and claims that he is the party who figured prominently in the troubles of 1869-70, in Manitoba, and that the resolution which passed the House granted amnesty to parties connected with the troubles, but excluded him; that he is made scape-goat of the affair, and protests against the injustice done him; and that as matters stand at present, he is compelled to bear the whole odium of the murder of Scott, which necessitated such amnesty, and to which he was not a party directly or indirectly as a member of Provisional Government.

He further says it looks to him as if the sole ground of his having been excluded from benefits of the amnesty was his nationality, as he is the only Irishman ever connected with the movement. He states positively that Governor McTavish and Hon. D. A. Smith advised the insurrection, and will make further startling revelations. A telegram on Saturday says Mr. Smith will move to amend the coasting trade of Canada, by providing that the master of any steam vessel, not being a British ship, found towing any ship, vessel or raft from one place to another in Canada, shall forfeit four hundred dollars, and such vessel may be detained by any officer of Customs until the forfeiture is paid; but that the said provision shall not extend to the ships of any foreign country, to the coasting trade of which the Governor in Council may declare British ships are admitted, or to any foreign ship admitted to the coasting trade of Canada under any treaty.

It is probable that the Premier will accede to the demands of one hundred and ten members of the Commons, and change the depth of the Welland Canal to fourteen feet.

The Insolvency bill passed through committee, was reported and read a third time at a late hour on Thursday night.

Several bills relating to British Columbia and Manitoba were advanced a stage. The adjourned debate on the Supreme Court bill was resumed.

In the supplementary estimates the following items appear:—"Unexpended balance of 1873 and 1874, for removal of depreciated coin in Nova Scotia, \$31,964.

Winter steam service between P. E. Island and main land, \$10,000. Steam service between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, \$5,000.

Extra allowance to staff of Halifax signal station, \$238. Steam communication with Magdalen Islands, \$3,000.

On Monday the Senate threw out the Salary Bill of Nova Scotia County Court Judges, by a vote of thirty four to seventeen.

The Court House at Kingston, Ontario, was burned on Wednesday. All the valuable papers were saved; loss \$100,000; insured one third.

A Montreal despatch of Thursday last said navigation was not expected to open before May 10th, as the canals are solid in many places and the ice on the St. Lawrence is unusually thick.

A petition is being signed by the merchants of Montreal engaged in the tea trade praying the House of Commons to appoint a committee to examine into the present state of Canadian imports, so far as relates to tea and coffee, and urging that the existing law in this connection forces the Canadian import trade into the hands of Americans.

Resolutions submitted by Mr. Anthony, approving of the action of the President in the Louisiana troubles, passed the United States Senate by a majority of nine.

It is reported that the steamer Ruby, in crossing Puget Sound, from Seattle to Port Madison, went down with all on board in a gale. Phelps' dramatic troupe were among the passengers. The report lacks confirmation.

Police Commissioners informed parties expecting to parade in the funeral pageant on Sunday, last in honor of the memory of John Mitchell, that such parade could not take place, as the law forbids any such demonstration or public parade, therefore a banquet and an oration were to take place on Sunday afternoon, in the Hippodrome.

The United States Senate adjourned sine die on Wednesday last.

General Ord has been authorized to take active measures against the invaders of the Black Hills region.

General Sheridan has written a letter giving his view of the gold-bearing value of Black Hill country, and announcing his intention of sending expeditions in the summer to make a thorough exploration of the region, with a view of getting more definite knowledge.

A special despatch from Corpus Christi in Texas says a large body of armed Mexicans attacked several ranches about seven miles from that city, and robbed one store, taking several Americans prisoners. Intense excitement prevails, as an invasion of the city is apprehended. All the citizens are arming.

LATEST FROM EUROPE. ENGLAND.—The Cotton masters of North Lancashire, at a meeting on Thursday, resolved on a general lock-out unless the operatives of Pickering Mills, in Blackburn, who are now on a strike, return to work unconditionally.

At Moody and Sankey's meeting in London on Thursday, the Rev. Newman Hall occupied a seat on the platform. The Times expresses the opinion that popular interest in Moody and Sankey's revival movement is rapidly falling off. Other journals assert undiminished attendance. It was much reduced on Thursday night, only 8000 persons were present, probably in consequence of holidays. At the close of the meeting Moody asked all those religiously moved to rise, and nearly all responded to his call.

The funeral of John Mitchell took place on Tuesday last at Newry, Ireland. His remains were buried in the churchyard. A great crowd estimated over 10,000 people was present, but quiet prevailed, notwithstanding exciting placards had been distributed.

In the debate in the House of Commons on Wednesday night on the bill for amendment of the Peace Presentation Act, the Home Rulers opposing the bill contrasted the prevalence of crime in England with the peacefulness in Ireland. Sir Edward Watkin retorted that English people do not welcome American conspirators among them, but are conspicuous for their loyalty and law-abiding dispositions. He said that if the Irish would renounce the leadership of stump orators, and adopt industry in the place of political agitation, the necessity for exceptional legislation would cease. Disraeli pointed out the concessions contained in the Bill, and appealed to the patriotism of Irish members; asked them not to agitate the country by an opposition that must be futile. The bill passed its second reading by 204 to 69.

The Allan steamship "Moravian" which was to leave Liverpool on Tuesday last, takes seventy destitute children for Halifax, under the superintendance of Mrs. Birt.

The revival preachers, who commenced the movement in Liverpool on Sunday last were stoned in the Irish quarters.

FRANCE.—On Sunday last the police made a descent on all the English betting houses in Paris, and seized the books and all the cash on the premises.

GERMANY.—Bismark is to be made Duke of Luxemburg. The German Government contemplate an amendment of the law against Jesuits, so as to make it operate against other religious orders also.

The Roman Catholic bishop of Prussia were to hold a conference at Fulda on Tuesday.

BELGIUM.—An explosion occurred on Wednesday last in a coal mine near Charleroi, causing the death and injury of many persons.

AUSTRIA.—The statue of Manin, the patriot hero of Venice, was unveiled on Monday amid splendid ceremonies and great enthusiasm.

ITALY.—The Observatore Romano, a Roman newspaper, referring to the manner in which Archbishop McCloskey's appointment and Cardinalite is received in the United States, and the preparations which are making to celebrate it, points to the painful contrast afforded in Germany, where the new Cardinal Archbishop Ludochowski is commended to imprisonment, because he refuses to betray his sacred mission at the behest of a despotic Government.

SPAIN.—Don Carlos has issued a decree calling into Military service all the males of the Navarrese provinces over eighteen years of age.

It is reported that Durrergray joins other Carlist generals in protest against Cabrera's course.

A conspiracy for the assassination of General Cabrera has been frustrated. There is no doubt that his manifesto greatly marred the success of Carlist movements.

It is rumored that Mendiri has deserted Don Carlos, and arrived in Bayonne; also, that Lizuanga has been arrested on suspicion of treason.

Don Carlos, with 16 battalions of infantry and artillery, is marching on Romales, 45-miles from Santander.

A despatch from Madrid reports that Don Carlos ordered persons found reading Cabrera's manifesto to be shot.

RUSSIA.—It is reported that Gen. Kauffman has lost the favor of the Czar in consequence of Menschikoff's report concerning affairs in Turkestan and that the Russian Government has rejected the General's plan of re-organization in Central Asia.

The Khan of Khiva has requested the assistance of the British Government to suppress the disturbances in the Khanate.

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