

Missions. One reason why our collections have not been greater during the past year is this: The Quarterly Meeting which had this work largely in hand was allowed to drop a year ago. But with the Master's assistance we hope to do better in the future.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

At the close of the Quarterly Meeting Bro. Mc. Donald consenting to remain with us for a time, we commenced special services. On the Saturday following three persons,—each a head of a family—were received for baptism. And Sabbath morning after the service they were immersed in the likeness of Christ's burial and resurrection.

Our pleasure was enhanced by the privilege of dedicating to God's service our new Baptistery. Owing to the rough stormy weather, and very unsuitable shore, we could not administer the beautiful and sublimely significant rite of Baptism at all times and seasons. So our Brethren who are genuine Baptists at once placed in their house of worship a neat and commodious Baptistery. There are indications that we shall have a goodly number next sabbath. If the letter of the law slay the old man within them with willing hands we will bury them in the likeness of Christ that they may be raised in the likeness of His resurrection.

Our services are deeply interesting. The work for the most part has been among those who have long resisted Christ, though there are some quite young, among whom is my own little daughter. Thus our Father binds up the wound so lately made in our hearts. So the cloud lifts and the ark moves. Bro. Chipman from Bedeque renders us good aid. We are greatly pleased to hear the stirring news from Wolfville, Hantsport and Windsor. We remember you all in our petitions. There is nothing to hinder the work of God going forward with power except our unfaithfulness. Oh, that this question of responsibility and faithfulness might be brought home with force to every heart. Let every christian aim at a clear testimony to the power and sweetness of the gospel.

Since writing the foregoing four others have been baptized and one added by letter.

J. MURRAY.

GRANVILLE.—The friends of Rev. P. R. Foster pastor of Baptist Church Lower Granville, met at the parsonage on Wednesday evening the 8th inst.

The evening being very fine a large number representing all denominations assembled, and all received a hearty welcome from the minister and his amiable companion. The lady friends at once took possession and a sumptuous tea was soon provided which all appeared to enjoy very much. After some time spent in social converse interspersed with music, Bro. Robert Delap was called to the chair, who, after some pertinent remarks, called upon Wm. Weather- spoon Esq. who with a very appropriate address presented Bro. Foster a purse containing \$130.54 in cash and also useful articles to the value of \$11.55. He also presented Mr. Foster a purse containing \$18.00 making in all \$160.00 asking them to receive these offering not so much for their extensive value as an impression of esteem and sympathy from those whom they laboured so earnestly and successfully. Bro. F. replied in an earnest and affectionate speech, followed by the Revs. Hart and Robinson, Wesleyans. Speeches were also made by Dr. Eaton, W. McGill and others. The meeting was then closed with prayer by the Rev. W. Hart, and all went away well pleased, feeling indeed "that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Since the week of prayer special meetings have been held in this place by the Baptists and Methodists, and both Ministers and people are unitedly labouring for the salvation of souls. Meetings are held in the Baptist and Methodist houses alternately, and a spirit of union and harmony prevails such as never existed here before. Many have found peace in believing; others are seeking to know Jesus and to have an assurance that their sins are blotted out through the merits of Him who died for sinners. And still the interest continues, scarce one in the village is unimpressed.

Pray for us that the work may go on, that many more may be enabled to confess the Lord Jesus Christ and follow the

meek and lowly Saviour in all his appointed ways, that the labours of Bros. Foster and Hart may be blessed still more abundantly, and to God be all the glory.

E. E. F.

Granville Ferry, Feb. 11th 1876.

HEBRON.—Dear Editor,—We are glad in being able to report a gracious awakening among us. In answer to prayer, God has greatly blessed us.

We began holding special services in December, during which month ten believers were baptized. In January, I baptized on four successive Sabbaths, the additions in that month numbering twenty-two. One was also received by letter, making a total of thirty-three added to our number thus far in the history of this time of refreshing.

As is usual during such seasons, wanderers have been reclaimed, troublesome difficulties existing between brethren have been overcome, and a genuine and general re-union of sympathies and affections established. "Love flows from heart to heart," accompanied with a willingness to work, which promises well for continued evidences of God's favor. I expect to baptize next Sabbath, and to receive several by letter.

Will the brethren remember to pray for us?

Yours faithfully,

R. D. BURGESS.

Feb. 10, 1876.

The following was intended for our last, but our columns were filled before it came to hand:

HANTSPOUT.—Dear Sir,—Last week was one of great interest to this church and congregation. Some forty persons manifested a desire that the church would remember them in their prayers. And on Saturday one hundred and two spoke, in the special conference. At the close of the conference twenty-six offered themselves for church-membership—twenty-four of whom were baptized, and two received upon their experience. The day being fine, the chapel was filled to its utmost capacity, at 11 A. M., and listened to a sermon, by the pastor, on New Testament baptism,—text Acts ii. 41.

The speaker dwelt upon the following points:—1. That they who heard Peter's sermon gladly received the word. 2. They who believed the word of God were baptized. 3. That they who gladly received the word and were baptized, were, the same day, added to the church. At three o'clock, P. M., the church and congregation met the Pastor and candidates at the water side, where twenty-four willing and happy converts were buried with Christ by baptism into death.

At ½ past 6, the chapel was filled beyond its seating capacity. The pastor took for his text Romans vi. 4, dwelling upon the necessity of those who have professed faith in Christ, by baptism, walking in newness of life with God. The sermon over, and the candidates being called forward—presented a sight never witnessed before in Hantsport—the pastor in a few words presented them each the right hand of fellowship, and welcomed them into the church. After a hymn of reception was sung, the congregation was dismissed, and a general invitation given for all who wished to remain for a special service, to which most all the vast congregation responded by remaining.

It must have been a pleasant scene for the church and its pastor—as well as others—to see and hear those young converts, and also the large numbers who asked for the prayers of the church. The special services are to be continued this week, which is the seventh week, during which fifty-two have been added to the church.

ELLA B.

FALMOUTH.—Dear Editor,—Your readers, no doubt, will be glad to learn that Falmouth village has been blessed of late in the conversion of precious souls to God.

I went to that place to spend my vacation, and at its expiration I sent for Bro. Sweet, also, from the Academy, to come and assist me, as the lovers of the cause thought it advisable to continue the meetings a little longer.

Bro. Sweet having complied with my request, we went to work for the Master holding meetings every evening.

At the end of the first week Bro. J. C. Bleakney came and baptized five willing

converts. The next Sabbath, Brother Vidito baptized six; and the Sabbath following three more. Last Saturday six more were received for baptism, but as no one could then be obtained to administer the ordinance, the baptism was postponed until next Sabbath. Between fifty and sixty manifested a desire to be on the Lord's side, either by speaking or in rising for the prayers of God's people.

While there we were called upon to tender the last tribute of respect to Sister Catherine Boyd, who calmly fell asleep in Jesus on the night of the 2nd inst. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn their loss.

I must not forget to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the people of the Village to me, while laboring with them for Christ. They warmly welcomed me to their homes, and tried in every way to make my stay among them a pleasant one.

On the evening of the Thursday previous to my departure, the house of W. E. Davison was filled with the people of the Village and adjoining community, where, after spending a pleasant evening together, I was made the recipient of a purse containing \$24.43, which added to what I had received on other occasions, makes the handsome sum of seventy dollars.

May God abundantly bless the church and people of Falmouth Village, and still continue to add to their number 'such as shall be eternally saved.'

A. T. DYKEMAN.

Wolfville, Feb. 19, 1876.

HALIFAX.—On Sunday the 13th, Rev. J. W. Manning baptized two persons into the fellowship of the North Baptist Church, and again on last Lord's Day four believers in the Lord Jesus were baptized in his name, who on the same day were added to the number of the disciples. Services are being held every evening by the North Church and the indications are that others will be brought in to be followers of Christ.

MIRA BAY AND COW BAY, C. B.—Dear Editor.—You will be glad to learn that the Baptist Church at Mira Bay is at present enjoying a refreshing season. Extra meetings have been held during the past three weeks, and a very deep interest has been, and is still, manifested in the cause of our Master. Six or seven have already professed an interest in Christ, and others are earnestly enquiring the way. The good work is also manifest at Cow Bay, wanderers are returning to their Father's house, and sinners are anxious about their souls. We have no preaching at either of these places, but the members of the churches are exerting themselves to advance the glorious cause in our midst.

Our meetings are largely attended and interesting, and we hope yet to see many follow Jesus, and rejoice over sins forgiven.

Feb. 16th, 1876.

NEW ALBANY, ANNAPOLIS Co.—Dear Brother.—Your readers will be pleased to hear that the little Baptist Church here is in a prosperous condition. The good seeds of gospel truth, sown seventy years ago by Mr. Tufts, who was its first inhabitant, have been productive of much good, so that all the members of the community, with very few exceptions, are now members of the Baptist Church.

I had the privilege of spending my vacation with the above-named Church. We had a pleasant and profitable time. The Master was with us, the Church was revived, and four or five young people professed a hope in Christ.

Our prayer is that God would direct one of his servants that way, to labour with the Churches at New Albany and Springfield, which is indeed a very promising field for ministerial labour.

The people at New Albany are now building a new House of Worship, which is very much needed, and they well deserve the sympathy of all who love the cause of Christ. We hope that many who read this will feel it to be a privilege to contribute toward this good object. Any person wishing to do so can address such contributions to Mr. Albert Oakes, New Albany, Annapolis County, N. S.

Yours truly,

E. J. GRANT.

WINDSOR.—The revival is progressing here. On Lord's Day last sixteen were added to the number of the baptized believers in the Lord Jesus.

CENTREVILLE, CUMBERLAND Co.—The new Baptist Meeting House in this place was dedicated to the worship of God on the 6th inst.

Rev. D. W. Crandall preached in the morning an impressive and instructive Sermon from Psalm cxlii. 4.

Bro. Carbonell preached in the afternoon and evening with great power.

On the 7th inst., the pews were all sold and our house is nearly free of debt.

Yours truly,

E. B. COREY.

Feb. 21st, 1876.

REVIVAL AT PUGWASH.—The Lord's work is still progressing in this place. Bro. Crandall the pastor has baptized twenty-seven converts, and many more are earnestly seeking the Saviour.

Yours &c.,

E. B. C.

BEAR RIVER.—The revival is still going on. Rev. G. D. Cox baptized 15 more on Sunday the 13th, making 47 in all.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Severe snow storms in Ontario and Quebec have interfered with the railways and detained the mails. It is said that two feet of snow fell on Thursday last, which will stop the traffic for two or three days.

On Friday last the Dominion Prohibitory League by delegation had an interview with Hon. Mr. McKenzie. The Premier said he had given the subject great consideration, and regretted that the efforts of the temperance people through the country had not met with more success, as was demonstrated by the increased consumption of ardent spirits by people of the Dominion. If the traffic in liquor increases it is natural to suppose that the people are not in favor of prohibition. Two ways had been suggested of ascertaining the actual desire of people on prohibition—one was by a plebiscit, which he regarded as impossible and not in accordance with our institutions. The other was that election voters should give a simple yea or nay, which he thought more practicable. No doubt the Federal Government possessed the power to prevent the importation of liquor; but he was not clear as to the manufacture, as it involved civil rights, which were under the control of the Local Legislatures.

In the House of Commons, on a motion by Mr. Mills for a select committee to enquire into the financial depression of the country, a debate of some length arose on the tariff and protection.

Mr. Davies said the Province of Prince Edward Island was opposed to Protection, but he thought the tariff should bear equally on all parties.

Mr. DeCosmos moved an amendment to test whether the House was in favor of free trade or protection. He was urged to withdraw the motion, which, though irregular, the Speaker did not care to declare out of order. Mr. DeCosmos subsequently withdrew his amendment.

The great question in Parliamentary circles is whether the Government intends to revise the tariff or not. It is said the representatives of the Maritime Provinces are nearly all opposed to any change, while considerable pressure is being exercised by a number of Western members to obtain increased protection.

On Friday in the House of Commons Hon. P. Mitchell moved for copies of correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and Her Majesty's Government respecting the legislation in regard to British ships and affecting ships registered in Canada. In doing so he declaimed against the injustice done to Canadian seamen in their having to go to Great Britain before they could obtain certificates entitling them to command vessels cruising on the Atlantic, and thought that such a great maritime people as they were should be allowed to legislate in those matters for themselves.

Hon. Mr. Smith said that generally he was of the same opinion. He had always favoured a Canadian classification but such a course had been met with opposition by the very men whom it was intended to benefit.

Mr. McLeod, N. B., was of opinion that the establishment of a Dominion Lloyds would prove ineffectual and very expensive even if established.

Mr. Killam expressed similar ideas and thought they had no cause to be afraid of any legislation which might take place at home or abroad.

Mr. Mills claimed that the right to legislate for our tonnage was with this Parliament, and that our vessels could not be liable to Imperial legislation any more than foreign vessels.

The motion was carried.

On Saturday a deputation from Manitoba had an interview with Mr. McKenzie with regard to the money voted for purchases of seed given for the relief of the sufferers by the grasshopper

plague in Manitoba. They complained that \$20,000 of the grant was unexpended, and asked the Premier to have the money immediately distributed.

Mr. McKenzie said he would do nothing in the matter until the application was made through the proper channel, the Manitoba Legislature.

The estimates for 1876-7 show a reduction of three millions in expenditure.

Rev. R. T. Green, English Church minister at Ailsa Craig, has been lodged in jail at London, Ontario, charged with forgery.

On Saturday last at Montreal the police were assembled at the Central Station, in expectation of an attack by unemployed workmen on the City Hall. All passed over without any unusual gathering of people.

The estimates for 1876 and 1877 constitute \$175,000 for railway extension into Halifax; \$500,000 for intercolonial completion, and \$200,000 for the P. E. I. Railway. In the Public Works Department one of the chief items is \$50,000 for harbours and breakwaters in Nova Scotia.

Tupper has moved for all contracts for steel rails entered into by the Government.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The New Brunswick Legislature was opened on Thursday by Lieutenant Governor Tilley. In his opening speech after referring to the general depression of trade, he said we cannot expect an immediate return to our former prosperity; but recent indications lead me to look with confidence for an early improvement in our trade and commerce.

He noticed that during the past summer a large importation of stock was made from Ontario, Quebec and the State of Illinois. At the sale of such stock in Fredericton in October the expenses of the importation were largely met, and the stock was fairly distributed over all parts of the Province.

After the usual formal motions, Rev. Mr. McLeod, Free Christian Baptist, and Editor of the *Religious Intelligencer*, was chosen Chaplain of the Assembly in the room of the late Dr. Spurden.

The address in reply to the opening speech passed without amendment.

At St. John on Thursday evening two men fastened the door and smashed in the window of Geo. Phillips, a private banker in Prince William street, taking from it \$1,175 in notes. They drove away in a sleigh before they could be stopped, but two men named Devine and Pole, believed to be the parties, are now in the hands of the police. No money was found on them, however.

UNITED STATES.—A resolution was adopted in the United States House of Representatives on Thursday, declaring Washington's birthday a national holiday.

The steamer "Atlas" sailed from Boston on Saturday for England, with officers on board, to bring back Winslow, the forger.

The gale on Tuesday caused great damage to property all along the Atlantic coast, and the telegraph lines are down in every direction.

A fire in the ice-houses of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, at Athens, N. Y., destroyed eight buildings, containing 40,000 tons of ice. Loss \$325,000.

ENGLAND.—In the House of Commons on Monday evening Mr. Disraeli moved a Bill enabling the Queen to take the style and title of "Empress of India."

A telegram from the Governor of the Straits settlements, to Earl Carnarvon, says that three of the actual murderers of Mr. Birch, the English resident at Perak, have been captured. One of them has confessed everything. He says that nine men perpetrated the murder, and has given all their names.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London, has censured Rev. Mr. Cook for refusing to administer the sacrament to one Jenkins who denied the personality of Satan.

By the explosion of a boiler on the steamer Strath Clyde, off Dover, that vessel was sunk and thirty of her passengers were drowned. The steamer was in collision with the Franconia, which caused the explosion.

The Rev. E. Winslow, the Boston forger, was arrested on Tuesday of last week in London. He was formally arraigned at the Bow Street Police Court and remanded for a week. His wife and daughter were arrested at Rotterdam and were taken thence to London.

The following is said to be the text of the secret paragraph inserted by the Queen's Ministry in the article of adhesion to the Austrian note to the Porte:—"The Sultan to send a special commissioner to insurgents. If insurgents reject proposals for peace, then the Austrian Government, at the Porte's expense, will take military occupation of the whole territory of the insurrectionary Provinces for six months, while the British Government will send a division of its fleet to cruise in Turkish waters, and in Adriatic also."

FRANCE.—The editor of *La Republique Francaise* has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment, with a fine, for attacking Minister Buffet.

SPAIN.—The Spanish Cortes were opened by the King in person on Wednesday. In his speech to the Cortes he said: "My relations with Foreign Powers are friendly. Negotiations are

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