

CHELMSFORD, MASS.—A Nova Scotia brother settled over a Baptist Church in Massachusetts, sends us the following welcome news:—

Dear Brother,— Last October I gave you an account of what the Lord had done, during the summer, for the Church with which I am labouring. Then, fifteen had been buried with Christ by baptism, and God was smiling upon us.

To-day I pen, with gladness, a few lines which tell of continued prosperity. Our Church has advanced during the year that I have known it, with sure steps. Its course has been that of a river, which gathers strength by the way, until it becomes a power which can neither be turned back nor annihilated, but must flow on.

The prayer-meetings continue to be a power, and in them many have been convicted of sin and led to seek Christ. There have been enquirers all the time during the year and frequent conversions.

Yesterday four were baptized, and three others also received the right-hand of fellowship.

Other churches in this vicinity are receiving great blessings from the Lord. The four Baptist Churches of Lowell are rejoicing. In three of them the Lord is working mightily.

North Billerica, four miles distant, has been the scene of a very powerful revival and more than fifty have told of a new-found hope.

At South Chelmsford, two miles distant, several have been converted. All around us there are revivals. The air seems laden with cries of the penitent and the joyful shouts of those who feel their sins forgiven. Christ is marching with a tread worthy of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."

Yours in Christ,
O. C. S. WALLACE,
Chelmsford, Mass. March 27th 1876.

WEYMOUTH.—Rev. J. W. Bancroft writes March 28th, 1876:—Dear Brother.—The work of the Lord is still prospering in our midst. Our meetings are of a deeply interesting character. Sinners are enquiring the way to Zion, and many have found peace in believing. Last Sabbath fifteen put on Christ in baptism. Others are waiting to follow in the foot steps of their Master.

DEERFIELD, YARMOUTH CO., March 29, 1876.—Dear Editor,—It is most cheering to the hearts of us all to learn through the dear old Messenger of the good work of the Lord in so many parts of our province. My heart rejoices while I inform the lovers of our Zion that some mercy drops have fallen of late in the Baptist Church of Ohio. Some have been feeling deeply for the cause of God there, and a season for special services was held, and we can bless the Lord it was not in vain; they who waited on the Lord had their strength renewed and witnessed souls coming to the Saviour. I enjoyed the privilege of burying with Christ in baptism seven, who we hope will continue to walk in newness of life. One has been restored to the church, and one added by letter. O may the Lord lead many more in the path of obedience is my earnest prayer.

JAMES A. STUBBERT.

RIVER JOHN, PICTOU COUNTY, Friday March 31, 1876.—Dear Brother,—The Lord is working in this place. The old members are being revived. Some have been converted, and many are under conviction. Pray for the cause in River John. Many old friends will be pleased to hear that the Lord is reviving His cause here. Bro. Carbonell and myself have been working here with tokens of divine favor. Bro. C. goes home in a few days. But will return and I hope will take this field including Pictou town.

Yours, &c.,
D. FREEMAN.

There are now ten organised Presbyterian churches in Egypt, with a total of four hundred communicants.

St. Mary's Bay, March 26th 1876.—

Dear Brother,—I commenced holding a series of meetings in a section of my church named South Range three weeks ago to-day. God has poured out his Spirit on the people there. Ten have followed the Saviour in the ordinance of baptism. More are expected to follow soon. The meetings are very solemn and affecting. Parents earnestly asking prayer for children; Husbands for wives; Wives for husbands; and children for unconverted parents. May the work extend the work until there is not one left behind.

Yours fraternally,
AARON COGSWELL.

AYLESFORD, March 27th.—The Lord is reviving His work in one part of my field. Souls are being converted. I baptized six last Sabbath. More are seeking the "good part."

Yours in the gospel,
J. L. READ.

NEW TUSKET, DIGBY CO.—The work of the Lord still continues in this place. The meetings increase in interest, and the whole community is moved by the power of the Holy Spirit.

During the last two weeks it was my privilege to baptize, upon a profession of their faith in Christ, thirty-four willing followers of Jesus. One was also received on experience, having been baptized previously, making an increase in the membership of the church, of seventy-eight, since the work began.

That the Lord may continue to bless his people, is the prayer of
Yours truly,
J. D. SKINNER.

March 27th, 1876.

LIVERPOOL.—We are pleased to learn by telegram that an addition of thirteen members was received into the Baptist Church here. On Sunday last, 2nd inst., twelve were baptized by the pastor, Rev. G. O. Gates, and one who had been previously baptized was received on a relation of christian experience.

BILLTOWN, CORNWALLIS.—The Lord is working mightily among the people in Billtown and vicinity. Our beloved pastor the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock baptized six on Sabbath the 26th ult., and twelve yesterday April 2nd. Among the latter were two of the pastor's daughters causing the hearts of parents and friends to rejoice. Several brethren and sisters have been received by letter from sister Churches. Backsliders are coming back to their Father's house and saints are made joyful in the Lord.

BAPTISMS IN WINNIPEG.—Our Missionary in Manitoba—Rev. Alex. McDonald, as our readers will observe, has been privileged to administer the ordinance of baptism to two young men, of whom he speaks very highly. We hope soon to hear of others putting on Christ. Our brother has the honour, we presume, of first administering the ordinance in that province.—Canadian Baptist.

The King of Ashantee has written to the Wesleyans, pressing for the restoration of their old Mission at Coomassie. Mr. Picot, the district superintendent, proposes to visit the place, and to remain there for some time, with a view to preparing the way for a compliance with his request. The climate of Coomassie is said to be more favorable to the health of Europeans than that of the coast, and within a short distance of it are several large towns on elevated situations.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE NORTH.—The tidings from the Moravian Missions in Greenland are in general of a more pleasing character than they have been of late years. Winter has been milder than usual, and there has been abundance of animals to hunt. The general impression is, that the past year has been one of the most gratifying and satisfactory as regards the internal condition and progress of the mission.

"There are 290,000 inhabited towns and villages in Bengal and the North-West Provinces of India alone. Calculate how long it would take to visit and preach once in each of these; how much it would cost to place one Bible in each; and how many men of earnest piety are needed to give an evangelist to each score of villages. And what are these two provinces to the whole of India? and what is India to China?"

On Tuesday evening there was a unique gathering in the Metropolitan Tabernacle. About 1,500 journeyman butchers principally employed in the Metropolitan Market, took tea together in the lecture-hall and other rooms in the basement of the building, and afterwards assembled in the Tabernacle, where a public meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. Alderman M^r. Arthur, M. P.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The House of Commons was engaged during several days the past week in consolidation of the laws respecting Indians.

The Pacific Railway, according to the agreement at Confederation is demanded by the British Columbia people. On Tuesday Mr. De Cosmos moved in amendment to going into committee of supply, a resolution condemning the government. He said the people in the province were getting so dissatisfied that if steps were not immediately taken for the commencement of line there would be a general clamour for secession and annexation to the States. He accused the Minister of Justice of fickleness, and said he would soon lose every friend he had if he did not do justice to the Pacific province.

The bill to incorporate the Royal Albert Bridge Company at Montreal is withdrawn.

Petitions numerous signed have been presented for the better observance of the Sabbath on the government works. On WEDNESDAY Dr. Tupper presented a petition from parties in Halifax, praying for a measure of protection.

ON FRIDAY the matter of the purchase of 60,000 steel rails by the government was made the subject of a warm debate. The charges of corruption were repelled by the Premier and the purchase defended as a judicious expenditure of public money. Dr. Tupper charged it with being one of the greatest commercial blunders of the age.

In a house of 179 members, 124 voted sustaining the government, whilst 55 voted for its condemnation.

An Insurance Bill requiring additional security from Companies doing business in Canada was also under debate and passed in Committee.

A motion was made on Thursday to reduce the duty on petroleum from 15 to 7 1/2 per cent. It was believed that more revenue would be derived at the latter than the former rate.

On Saturday after some angry debating \$75,000 were voted for enlarging St. Peter's Canal.

A bill passed to encourage the cultivation of trees on the prairies of the North West.

Libel suits against newspapers abound in Montreal, six or seven suits are pending, the Herald being the only one exempt and that paper has an action against Mr. Workman for \$948 for election work.

Pierre Beauvais, the Oka Indian, charged with unlawfully cutting wood belonging to the Seminary of St. Sulpice was liberated on habeas corpus on Thursday.

Great complaints are made on the filthy condition of the Montreal streets. Another severe snow storm extended throughout Ontario on Tuesday last.

Mr. Thomas Riddell, of Montreal, paper merchant, who failed a short time ago, has been indicted by the Grand Jury at the assizes for falsifying his books.

Mr. Gray, of the firm of Ireland, Gay & Co., which failed a week or two since, has forged paper to a very large amount.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The House of Assembly at Fredericton was engaged last week in Committee of Supply. The several items were attacked vigorously by the Opposition. The government estimates with slight modifications were carried. The road grants amount to \$70,000.

A girl named Janet Johnston, belonging to Chatham, a servant to Mr. Levi (tobacconist,) St. John, while putting out clothes on Tuesday, fell head first from a window into the yard and was instantly killed.

Mr. James L. Dunn, a merchant in St. John had his spine severely injured by falling on his door-step.

A book-keeper named Edwards also fell and broke his leg.

UNITED STATES.—The direct cable has failed again—this time within 50 miles of Rye Beach.

A public meeting favoring the construction of a railroad from Quebec to Wacasset, Me., was held at Augusta, Me., last week.

A mother and two children got lost in a snow storm in Kansas on Monday, and all three were frozen to death.

The dam at Lyne-brook reservoir in Worcester, Mass., broke on Thursday, when thirty feet gave way and the stream rushed down through Cherry Valley, carrying everything before it. The loss can only be estimated in millions. The track of the Boston Albany road was washed away for nearly a sixth of a mile. Many inhabitants on the line of destruction moved their furniture and fled to high ground. No lives were lost. Many mills and dwellings were swept away. Many sufferers announce intention of bringing suits against the city for damages.

The brig Ceres, of St. John, from Cardenas to New York, sprung a leak and was abandoned on the 22nd inst. At Providence, R. I., on Friday, three boilers in Fletcher's mill exploded, wrecking the boiler house, killing two men and wounding several others.

The house judiciary committee adopted the articles of impeachment against ex-Secretary Belknap, and will present them to the House.

The Government troops were successful in two engagements with Mexican revolutionists on Monday. A rebel attack is hourly expected.

Evidence before a naval court martial

at San Francisco shows that the Pay Inspector Spaulding is a defaulter in \$1,000,000.

At St. Louis, after continuous rain on Monday the heaviest snow storm of the season set in. The street railroad and other travel was much impeded.

Four men were killed by the explosion of a boiler of a locomotive on Tyrone and Clearfield Railroad, near Sand Ridge, Penn., on Friday last.

Fifty-four fishermen from Nova Scotia arrived at Beverley in a fishing schooner, last week.

CUBA.—Cavalry reinforcements have started from Spain for Cuba.

It is stated that the Flor de Cuba plantation, one of the largest in Cuba, near Matanzas, was burned a few days ago. It formerly produced 10,000 boxes of sugar per annum.

A decree just issued ordains an income tax of 30 per cent in gold in Cuba.

MEXICO.—City of Mexico dates of the 17th inst., report Gen. Alatorre with 5,000 men marching on Vaxaca. Telegraphic communication between Vera Cruz and the interior is interrupted. The Government troops revolted, retaining the Governor prisoner. There has been some fighting, and the revolutionists hold many important points. Officials were seeking refuge in Vera Cruz. Foreigners favored the revolution, and many soldiers who attempted to enforce the conscription were killed.

The Mexican revolutionary leader General Diaz, appeared before Matamoros on Sunday with one thousand men. The National Guard went out to resist them but joined the revolutionists. The few regular troops garrisoned two forts and resisted for awhile but finally surrendered. Governor-General Labarra, with a few soldiers, fled to the American side of the river, where they are held as prisoners by United States General Potter.

ENGLAND.—The Royal Titles bill passed to a second reading in the House of Lords on Thursday.

The Times hopes the ministry may be yet better advised than to persist in recommending to the Queen the assumption of the title of Empress of India.

The House of Commons rejected an amendment to the Merchant Shipping Bill, providing that every British vessel, before sailing from a port of the United Kingdom, must have a certificate of seaworthiness.

The British Revenue for the financial year ending March 31, was \$385,658,465, which is \$7,533,465 above the estimate, and \$11,049,100 more than last year's revenue. The actual expenditures of the financial year to March 25th, 1876, were \$365,324,880, while the estimated expenditures for the entire year were \$379,485,000.

The division in the Commons on Tuesday night on the Irish Borough Franchise motion, in which the Government had a majority of only 14—the vote standing 178 against 166—is cited as evidence of the growing strength of the Liberals.

The Times financial article understands that the capital required for testing the practicability of the Channel tunnel is being rapidly subscribed. The French Company has already two million francs, half of the requisite amount. The English Company, if not already equally advanced, doubtless soon will be, and experiments will be in active progress before long.

It is stated that the Duke of Edinburgh, on assuming command of his squadron, will proceed to Livadea, Greece, to fetch the Duchess and Russian Imperial family, who will go to Italy and Malta.

Fifty thousand dollars were recovered from the wreck of the German steamer Schiller on Friday last.

On Saturday the boiler of a locomotive to a construction train on the Glasgow and Southern Railway exploded. Five persons were killed outright and nine badly injured.

In consequence of the increased army and navy estimates, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will probably be obliged to propose that the income tax be increased one penny on the pound.

In consequence of the dullness of trade all iron-workers of Great Sheep Bridge, Atlas, and Cyclops Iron Works, Sheffield, have discharged employees. Phoenix and Dronfield Bessemer Steel works agreed to accept a considerable reduction instead of discharge.

It is reported that the government would on Monday last announce the abandonment of the title of Empress, but will persevere with the Royal titles bill.

It is rumored that the forthcoming interview between Queen Victoria and the Emperor William I to conclude a treaty for the cession to the German Empire of the right of the Duke of Edinburgh as heir presumptive to the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

Alexander Duranty & Co., Merchants, Liverpool, have failed. Liabilities two million dollars.

FRANCE.—A universal International Exhibition will shortly be held in Paris. The French Government have granted \$350,000 for the relief of sufferers by recent inundations.

SPAIN.—The Spanish Senate passed the address in answer to the Royal speech—124 to 4.

The Spanish Government demands

from British subjects the payment of a war tax, and arrears thereof, together with a quota of forced loan, from which German and French residents are exempted.

The Spanish Government will approve the principle of religious toleration and the Catholic authorities will be compelled to accept it.

The Spanish steamer Elvira exploded on Tuesday and sank off the Passages. Many persons on board were killed and injured.

ITALY.—The new Italian Ministry will insist on measures for further securing liberty of religious worship, and pledge itself to make no conciliation with the Romish Church.

A despatch from Vienna says a rumor is spreading there that the Pope is sinking.

Four hundred Italian emigrants passed through Paris on their way to Havre to embark for America.

The Prefects of Rome, Milan, Turin, Palermo and Naples have resigned, because they object to serve under the Party of the Left.

TURKEY.—The Porte has postponed payment of the semi-annual coupons of six per cent loans due in April, until July.

The Austrian peace commissioner has broken off negotiations with Turkish officials.

Bosnian refugees have implored the three Emperors not to send them back under the Turkish yoke.

The Pall Mall Gazette's Berlin special despatch says the Powers have demanded from Serbia guarantees for her continued neutrality, and have asked the Porte to accelerate the pacification of the people.

The Levant Herald announces that the plague has reached Bagdad, where there are ten cases daily. The Egyptian sanitary authorities quarantine arrivals from the Persian Gulf for 15 days.

AFRICA.—The truce granted to the King of Abyssinia by the British Government has been broken; the Abyssinians have again suffered severe losses, and the King has sued for peace.

RUSSIA.—The Russian Ambassador gave a grand dinner in Berlin at which the Emperor and Empress of Germany and all foreign Ambassadors were present.

The Pall Mall Gazette's Berlin despatch says the Czar is expected on the 10th of April.

The Telegraph says of the rumored indisposition of the Emperor of Russia:—"We believe the facts concerning the Czar are that he is seriously ill, and that the doctors have recommended his prolonged sojourn at Ems and afterwards in Switzerland; therefore it is probable that public convenience will necessitate the Czar's exercising the functions of the Emperor during his absence."

The Times' telegram from Berlin says the prospect of a regency in Russia excites much speculation there concerning the probable relations between Russia and Germany, because of the anti-German tendencies of the Czar's will.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

On MONDAY of last week, the license bill was read, clause by clause, and passed.

Some time was taken up on the course taken by members of Government in reference to Eastern Railway extension.

Leave of absence by the Judges of the Supreme Court was brought before the House by the reading of a minute of council recommending that in future it should be by application to the Lieutenant General.

TUESDAY was taken up by railway matters. On the first clause of the Bill for Eastern Extension being read Mr. Holmes moved an amendment that the Government be authorized to prepare specifications and advertise for tenders to St. Peter's, and to the Strait of Canso, in the chief newspapers of Great Britain, United States and Canada, and to enter into contract with those who may tender lowest for the work and give the requisite security.

This he said was not in the spirit of opposition, but as the most economical arrangement to secure a commencement on the Island of Cape Breton.

Hon. Attorney General considered that this would destroy the Bill, which gave the Government discretionary power to build by a Company or otherwise and to proceed on the Island or not. The Government would advertise immediately on the passing of the bill.

Mr. McRae said that as the bill proposed to give away the Pictou Railway there would in future be no hope afterwards of a mile being built beyond the Strait of Canso.

Members of the Opposition charged the Government with having already made arrangements with parties to do the work. After further debate and speeches from both sides the vote was taken on the amendment to the first clause of the bill and carried in the negative by 13 to 17.

WEDNESDAY morning session was occupied with the debate on Eastern Extension.

The house was for some time in Committee on bills and passed several.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid on the table of the House, the Estimates for the current year of which the following is a summary:

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