THE that I have heard disappointment felt a special necessity was laid upon strongly expressed, and confess to a large share in the feeling, at the course him to preach as long as he possibly could, since owing to his yielding to depursued by Rev. G. M. Grant in the conpression of spirit, and natural timidity, troversy with Laon. To some not unfriendly critics the former appears to he had once or twice given up preaching have entered the list with a clear toned for a few years, and this he counted as defiance, and then hastened to withtime lost which must be redeemed if draw almost at the first onset. His oppossible. In this he seemed to be ponent Laon certainly writes well and governed by a marked conscientiousforcibly, but surely his positions are in the main pregnable. I should rather He was a relative of Bancroft the say the positions he is assaulting are in eminent American historian, who has

recently written those truthful and laudatory words in respect to our denomination which are very opportune at the period when the American Republic is about to celebrate its Centennial. He says, " Freedom of conscience, unlimited freedom of thought, was, from the first a trophy of the Baptists." This comes with weight from a man who as a religionist, is no friend to Baptists.

Father Bancroft also informed me that he was a relative of the godly Dr. Edward Payson, whose memoir is a household treasure among American Christians.

It was only the other day, that we learned with deepest regret that our esteemed brother Rev. Dr. Spurden was confined to his house by illness. A few days after the sad intelligence reached us that his sorely chastened spirit had obtained release from its frail tabernacle. we feel that a good man-great in goodness, has passed away from us.-He is deeply and deservedly lamented by him most fully. 'But he will still live and exert an holy and happy influence through the lives and ministry of those whom he instructed.

tized by the late Revd. William Elder, ance with his expressed wish conveyed and united with the Baptist Church at | to the Nictaux burying ground, there to Bridgetown. In 1834 our brother re- await the resurrection morn.' An immoved from Bridgetown to Nictaux pressive funeral sermon was preached where for several years he taught a most at Paradise on the following Sabbath by efficient school, and subsequently en- the pastor Rev. A. Cohoon, from Prov gaged in trade. With the church at Nic- erbs xiv. 22nd, "The righteous hat taux then under the pastoral care of the hope in his death." Rev. I. E. Bill, our brother walked in "Why weep we then for him, who havin happy harmony. He was superintendent of the Sabbath School there during a period of fourteen years, and was ever an active supporter of every interest and enterprise of the church. In the spring of 1840 his beloved companion was removed by death, leaving two daughters, and in June 1841 he was married the second time to Sophia, daughter of the late Colonel Eager of Nictaux. In 1850 he removed with his family to Wolfville and opened a Seminary for young ladies under the charge of his daughters. In the following year he was again called to suffer affliction by the death of his second wife, whose amiable disposition and christian deportment had greatly endeared her to her husband and family, and whose loss left a blank most painfully felt. In 1853 our brother, went to Colchester County, and for a period of five years was en gaged in trade at Five Islands and Londonderry, in both of which places he formed pleasant ties of christian fellow ship and found work to do for the Master. In the spring of 1858 his home at Wolfville, having in the meantime been broken up by the marriage of his daughters, he returned to his native county and came to make it his home with his only surviving daughter at Paradise. The seventeen years spent in the latter place were distinguished by great industry and usefulness, and unselfish devotion to the welfare of others. The life of our lamented brother was not exempt of God he became successful in his worldly affairs and rich in the "treasure" laid up for the life to come. From the time of his making a profession of religion until the date of his death his life was uniformly consistent. His piety was intelligent-its flame never flashed out brilliantly to burn brightly for a time and then die away in darkness but its light never went out. Whatever related to the welfare of the church with which for the time being he was connected, or the prosperity of the cause of God generally elicited his hearty sympathy and co-operation. He regard ed the Sabbath School and Bible Class as among the most efficient instrumentalities for imparting religious instruction, and was ever activily interested in this sphere of christian usefulness. Few layman were more conversant with, or more delighted in the study of God's word than he. During the latter years of his life he spent many of his leisure hours in his own room in the careful study of the Bible and communion with his God. An absent member of the family in writing home after his death touchingly alludes to her reminiscences of him in this connection. "Your departed father" she writes, "has now en tered upon the possession of his inheritance in the Heavenly Land :--that land could not have seemed afar off to him for he lived in sight of it for many years. Poring over the Bible, that book he loved so well, he must often have Rev. I. E. Bill is rapidly recovering caught brief bright glimpses of the Holy City, and the glories thereof." In all the relations of life our departed brother's example was worthy of imitation. As a son he was dutiful, as a husband and father, tender and kind, as a friend faithful, as a citizen intelligent and public-spirited and as a christian humble and devoted. He was naturally friendly and hospitable and delighted in the society of those who enjoyed religious conversation, or could impart religious instruction. A highly esteemed christian minister who made a brief visit at the house a few months before our brother's death, in a letter of sympathy, subsequently written refers kindly to the pleasure then at Granville and was born January 17th, forded for the first time of holding in timate intercourse with the departed

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run. " HURRING MER-HEROHON", " The bound of man's appointed years at last Lifes' blessings all enjoyed life's labor done, Serenely to his final rest has passed. While the soft memory of his virtues yet Linger like twilight-hues after the su is set." annian him endy

### MRS. JESSIE M. PARKER.

Sister Parker departed this life on the 15th inst., aged 33 years, leaving a hus: band, and three little children, with many friends to mourn their loss. About nine months ago our sister took a heavy cold from which she never recovered, notwithstanding all the skill of the physicians, the unremitting attention of a most affectionate husband and the kindness of the many friends who ministered to her wants. She bore her sufferings with great patience and met, every stage of the advancing disease with fortitude and cheerfulness seldom witnessed. Our dear sister professed faith in Christ a few years ago and was baptized by her added yearly to its number. This year, husband Rev. J. M. Parker. From a child she was the subject of deep religious impressions, and although she true to his promise Mal. iii. 10. The never soared very high in religious blessing came, backsliders were returned enjoyment, she trusted most confidently and souls, having accepted Christ as in what her Saviour had done and felt their Saviour, are rejoicing with "joy unmany, but most, by those who knew from the vissisitudes which attend the for her. As a wife-especially a minis- speakable and full of glory." Last Lord's lives of most men; but by the blessing ter's wife-she possessed many qualities day (Jan. 23rd) a large number of geople that prepared her in an eminent degree to fill a position of so much responsibili ty; she was at once unassuming, pru dent, industrious and provident. The cause of God was very dear to her, she took a deep interest in every movement that was made for its advancement she was to her husband in his work, as minister of Jesus Christ, in very deed a helpmeet. During the latter part of her sickness God manifested Himself to her, at times, in a marvelous manner. eausing her to rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and as her faith in God increased the fear of death was removed, and she was enabled to resign her dear husband and little children into the hands of Him who is ever mindful of his covenant. She passed away most triumphantly. Her remains were buried in the beautiful cemetery at Clements vale, there to await the voice of the arch-angel and the trump of God The occasion of her funeral was improved by the writer, to a large and sympathizing congregation, in a sermon from 1 Thes. iv. 18. Our dear Brother Parker is doing a good work in Clements, and is much beloved and respected by his people. His youngest child is now lying at the point of death. May God bless and support our dear brother in his affliction .- Com. by Rev. G. D. Cox

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meeting was formally organized by the appointment of Wm. Archibald, Esq., to the chair. Then followed the presentation of the purse in a neat address by our senior Deacon, Bro. Page. The pastor replied as best he could.

Speeches followed by Rev. Mr Baxter, (Presbyterian), Rev. J. Shenton, (Methcdist), Bro. Davidson and Dea. Faulkner. The exercises were interspersed by choice music, vocal and instrumental, by the choir. The evening was most enjoyable to all. It was hard to tell which was happiest the recipient or the givers. The scriptures turn the scale in favour of the latter, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Donation \$160.00 Yours very truly, a delat ITT W Das Mad J. E. GOUCHER,

JEDDORE, Jan. 26th, 1876 .- Mr. Editor, -No doubt you will be pleased to hear that the Lord is blessing his church in Jeddore. Eight years ago the Week of Prayer was observed here for the first time, and the efforts of the church were rewarded with a gracious ingathering of precious souls ; ever since its meetings have been interesting, and souls have been as usual, it was agreed to observe the Week of Prayer, and as ever God was gathered on the West side of our beautiful Harbour, to witness the obedience of twenty-five rejoicing diciples, who were buried with Christ in baptism. One after another, who had not before seen the ordinance of Baptism administered, or the right hand of fellowship given said, "I wish I had been one of the number." One of the persons baptized was a lad trained up in the Roman Catholic faith, but can now rejoice in One Mediator the man Christ Jesus. Many others are anxiously enquiring the way Zionward. Bro. I. Wallace will be pleased to hear that words spoken by him, while here were not lost, as the experience of one" testified. Pray for us that the glorious work may continue until all anxious ones are relieved and hardened ones subdued, and to God shall be all the praise and glory.

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but most attentive and orderly congregations have listened to his preaching, and hundreds have publicly and repeatedly testified to having received ample and precious spiritual blessings. Backsliders, by the hundred, have professed to return from their wanderings, and resolved by God's grace, henceforth to abide in Christ. I should judge, from what reliable data I have in my possession, that some two or three hundred have professed conversion during the meetings.

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in thus uttering a thought which should

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crave pardon. But as one profoundly

interested in the great questions so in-

tensely important and so closely related

to our highest interests, I had looked

with confidence for a triumphant vindi-

cation ef truth by the pen of so able a

New Brunswick Correspondence.

The labors of Bro. Earle, which have

been most faithfully devoted to our

citizens for two weeks past, have been

crowned with great success. Crowded

For the Christian Messenger.

J. E. W.

writer.

How deeply the masses of church members have been stirred we do not fully know, but I fear not so generally as might have been expected. But when the members return to work at home in their respective churches, we shall be able to determine more accurately in respect to this matter. But we will give God praise for what has been manifestly accomplished, and expect still greater blessings to follow.

The three Baptist pastors of the city proper, and Rev. E. Hickson of Carleton have been constant in their attendance at the meetings, and so have Messrs. Pope, Sprague, Evans, Clarke, Allen, Ackman and Daniel of the Wesleyan Church, and Messrs. Bennett and Dr. Maclise of the Presbyterian Church and Rev. Mr. Garretson, Congregational.

To-night, Mr. Earle preaches his last discourse in this ofty and on Tuesday goes to Sussex to spend two days in response to a requisition from prominent non-professors of that place. On Thursday he expects to start for Willimantic Conn., where he is to commence a meeting next Sabbath.

Our denomination has been sorely afflicted during the last few weeks in THE DECEASE OF MINISTERS.

You have already referred to the demise of Rev. W. A. Crandall, one of our most laborious, devoted and successful ministers. He descended from a good Baptist ancestry and bore a name honoured and beloved by our denomination. Three weeks since our city pastors were called to officiate at the funeral of our aged and beloved Father Samuel Bancroft, who died at the home of his daughter in Petitcodiac on New Year's Day. He had attained to the green old age of 87 years, and had been in the ministry, I believe over 60 years. He told me a few months since, that he was ordained to the office of pastor in Westport, Briar Island, N. S., but could not remember the date of his ordination. About 40 years since he was pastor of Germain Street Church in this city. He died with his armor on, and harnessed for work, having preached with great freedom and effectiveness on the two Sundays immediately preceding his decease. The last text he discoursed from, was that written in 1 Peter iv. 7. "But the end of all things is at hand : be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." .The dear old father, has really been too feeble to itinerate for some time past, but when a few months since, I attempted to dissuade him from pro-

### OUR INVALIDS.

I learn that Rev. T. H. Porter, though much reduced in strength, has buckled on his armor as fully as though he possessed sound health, and is laboring assiduously and with vigor in preaching the gospel in a protracted meeting. Best of all, the Lord is blessing his efforts, and additions have recently been made to his church by conversions and baptisms. . . .

His communication to the Canadian Baptist, replying to Dr. Fyfe's disparaging remarks on the methods adopted in carrying on our denominational work in connection with our Convention, and which article was rejected by that journal, proves that our brother still retains "the pen of a ready writer." The article has been copied into our Visitor, and it might be well to have it printed in your Messenger for the benefit of these Nova Scotians who see no difficulties in the way of a perfect union with Ontario and Quebec in all our denominational work.

from his recent severe illness, and we believe will live to perform much valuable work. God grant it.

Jan. 24, 1876.

# la Memoriam.

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### W. H. TROOP ESQ.

After a short illness, departed this life Nov. 21st, 1875 at the residence of his son-in-law Avard Longley, Esq. Paradise. Our departed brother was the second son of the late William H. Troop of 1801.

He enjoyed the best educational ad-

"I was pleased," he remarks, "beyond anything I might have expected with my conversations with him on that occasion. His intelligence, his knowledge sistance received in his more advanced of men and things, his genial manners and refined christian spirit quite delight ed me. Our dear brother's last illness was short, and for a day or two excited answer. ever retained the most grateful re- no particular apprehension, and when on

### **RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE**

#### From the Rev. J. Goucher.

TRURO, Jan. 26th, 1876. Dear Editor,-

I have been intending for some time to make a formal record of God's good ness in the restoration of my health after a season of physical prostration.

During my illness his loving kindness failed not: "His left hand was under my head and his right hand embraced me." The whole community showed me kindness. The attention, sympathy and prayers of the resident ministers were very refreshing, and can never be forgotten.

as strong. My flesh came back in a few days. My strength comes slowly, but it comes, and I expect to be stronger than ever. For this my people and others prayed, I wait patiently the full Yours in Christ,

J. MEADOWS.

AT WOLFVILLE we understand that the good work is still in progress and quite a number have declared themselves on the Lord's side. It is expected that a number will be baptized next Lord's Day. The students at the College are much concerned and abundant in their labors. Twenty-five of them we are informed were engaged in preaching the Gospel in various places on Sunday last.

NEW GERMANY .- Rev. W. E. Hall writes Jan. 25th, 1876 :

I came here last week. Have been holding some meetings. Prospects are good. Baptized one last Sabbath. The church is much encouraged.

FREEPORT, DIGBY Co .- The Lord is blessing the Tiverton Church, with which I labor one fourth of the time. Last Sabbath I had the privilege of bap. tizing twelve happy converts. Also two I feel now as well as ever, though not were received by letter. The "Shepherd of Israel" has wonderfully blessed this church ; it has doubled its membership within three years. Others are "asking for the old paths," and we are hoping they will "walk therein, and find rest for their souls," Yours truly, 110 m 1973 . 157 . 3 · W. L. PARKER. Jan. 26th, 1876.

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vantages afforded by the schools of the day in his boyhood ; and for valuable asstudies from the Revd. Dr. Robertson of Wilmot, then residing in Bridgetown, he collection.

On the 22nd of January, 1823, brother Troop, has united in marriage to Lucy A. Manning eldest daughter of of the Rev. James Manning. and in 1832 he with his companion made a public profession of religion. The circumstances attending their conversion were somewhat remarkable. Mingling in a gay circle, and following the customs of society, then considered fashionable, they were sorrounded by influences and associations calculated to alure them on in a course of worldly dissipation.

they were not happy, and being led to an interchange of thought and feeling upon the subject, found, to their mutual

the evening of the third day after he was taken, he was informed by his physician that he could not recover, he manifested no alarm or anxiety-all was peaceful resignation to the will of his Heavenly Father.

There was no anguish on his brow, No terror in his eye The spoiler aimed a fatal dart But lost the victory.

On the following morning the morning of the Sabbath on which he died, he requested a friend, who sat by his bedside, to read one of the Psalms, and af-But in the midst of this sort of life ter the reading he engaged in prayer with as much composure as though he had been leading in the family devotion, and with a coherency of ideas and apgratification, that their views and feelings propriateness of language at once astonwere in harmony-each having come to shing and delightful to listen to. He the conclusion that something more then requested his grand children to be length of the vestry were loaded with than a mere round of worldly pleasure brought in that he might take leave of was needed to impart true happiness | them-and shortly after became partially and peace of mind. By the help of God unconscious-and gradually sank into they resolved to "come out from the the arms of death as tranquilly as a

THE CHURCH ENCOURAGED.

The last evening in the old year, two young people, recently converted, made our hearts glad by knocking at the door of the church for admission. The door was readily opened and on the first Sabbath in the New Year'I baptized them. These are regarded as the first fruits of the year's harvest. May it prove abundant and God shall have the glory. On the evening of the 20th, the Pastor and family were gladdened with tangible expressions of good-will by the congregation. Though the evening was very wild in point of weather, a large number of our friends assembled in the church. Tables extending the whole choicest provisions. The entertainment was denominated the "Pastor's festival." A rich social season was enjoyed, and done. Some appear to have been

PUBNICO.-Mr. W. H. Richan writes: -We are holding meetings here, and there is a prospect of a glorious revival. The cries of the wounded and the songs of the redeemed are heard.

The Lord is working mightily amongst the young people. Jan. 26th, 1876.

ATHOL, CUMBERLAND Co. - Brother Mills, writing from here on the 23rd ult., says :-- "Brother McKeen's health is improving. He expects soon to be able to resume his labors.

Our Wesleyan friends have been, and are holding special meetings here for some time. Good, we believe, has been world " and acting upon this resolution, ! child falls into slumber. The remains | ample justice done the feast. Then all brought to the knowledge of the truth."

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