

highway or in the midst of threatening evils with equal boldness. If the reader still prefer to think that death itself is meant let him keep his eye on "I will fear no evil," and carefully peruse for a true idea of death, 1 Cor. xv. 18, 55, 1 Thess. iv. 14, Rev. xiv. 13, Phil. i. 21, Heb. xi. 13, Prov. xiv. 32, 2 Thess. i. 7, Luke xvi. 25, 2 Cor. v. 8, Rev. ii. 10. "The sting of death is sin." If sin be taken away, where is the sting?

Watts (Psalmist 1072) vs. i, line 3, says truly, "Death is the gate of endless joy," but in vs. 2, line 1, he speaks of "The pains, the groans, and dying strife," which I think both misleading and unscriptural. "Pains, groans, and strife" may arise from the disease of the dying, which I presume is not often the case, and not from death itself. Barbauld in hymn 1103 appears much nearer the truth than Watts, or the verse under consideration as commonly understood.

4. "Search the Scriptures." John v. 39. I take it that this should read, "Ye search." The difficulty as to whether "Search," or "Ye search" be correct arises, as the reader probably knows, from the indicative and the imperative of the second person plural being in the same form in the original. In the Union translation it reads "Search," margin, "Or, Ye search," but that is too accommodating. The Saviour meant one or the other, and we should try to find out which.

The men to whom Christ was talking did search the Scriptures, and that most diligently, as is well known, and to tell them to do what they were in the constant habit of doing would be superfluous. The Saviour simply states a fact when He says "Ye search the Scriptures," and then states the reason, "For in them ye think ye have eternal life, &c." The Jews were cavilling at Christ and what He had done, vs. 10, 16, 18. He defends Himself against their attacks, saying virtually:—"You deny that I am the Son of God; I have said myself that I am, (vs. 17) but let my own testimony be not considered, (vs. 31.) Ye sent to John (vs. 33) and he bare witness to the truth, he was a burning and a shining light and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light, but I receive not testimony from man; let the evidence of John go for nothing. I have greater witness than that of John, (vs. 36) for the works that the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do bear witness of me that the Father hath sent me. And I have higher testimony still; the Father himself (vs. 37) which hath sent me hath borne witness of me. You by your diligent searching of His word profess great interest in it, and reverence for God, but ye have not His word abiding in you, for whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not (vs. 38.) Nor is this all, Ye search the Scriptures, (vs. 39) for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they (lit. they themselves are those) which testify of me. But it is not that you lack evidence concerning me, but the will to believe; the truth is, Ye will not come to me that ye might have life (vs. 40).

5. "Being crafty, I caught you with guile." 2 Cor. xii. 16.

This is not Paul's own language, but the supposed charge of an enemy or objector to his manner of dealing with the Corinthians. It appears there were some among them who supposed he was trying to make gain of them (vs. 17) notwithstanding his declarations of disinterestedness, and his benevolence and love towards them. It may be paraphrased thus:—"I seek not yours but you, (vs. 14) it is well known that I did not burden you, (vs. 16) indeed, I hindered you from contributing to my support (vs. 13) and I ask you to forgive me for so hindering you, (wonder did they forgive him) still some will say that I being crafty caught you with guile by making gain of you in some other way." He then puts the question right home to them, "Did I make gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?" He knew right well that the charge was groundless and that they knew it too.

Respectfully submitted to the consideration of your readers by
Yours truly,
Milton. J. B.

The Unitarian Church at Brookfield Mass., has decided unanimously to substitute water for wine at the communion, and to abolish the deaconate, creating instead a "pastoral council."

In Memoriam.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS KNOWLES.
"Help Lord; for the godly man ceaseth for the faithful fall from among the children of men—Ps. xli. 1.

On the first Sabbath in July our aged and much loved sister Jane Knowles fell asleep in Jesus—aged 84 years.

Although she loved the earthly Sabbaths of the Lord, yet she felt there was a nobler rest above to which her longing soul aspired with a firm hope and strong desire. Our sister was baptized by the Rev. James Munroe and remained a member of the Newport church until 1823 when she with twenty-three others received their dismissal for the purpose of forming a church in Rawdon, which connection continued until she was called to join the church triumphant. She dearly loved the people of God, the house of God, and the cause of God. Her patience in her affliction was unflinching. She was ready to depart and be with Christ. Jesus was her all. She was often heard to exclaim "I am praying for patience that I may be able to wait my appointed time." Our sister was soon followed by her partner in life. On the following Friday her husband, Bro. Thomas Knowles said adieu to this world with all its honors and entered upon his eternal rest aged 89 years, about the time the sun was sinking behind the Western hills his sun set on earth and arose in glory. Bro. Knowles was baptized in the year 1804 by the Rev. Mr. Delaney and spent seventy-two years in the Master's cause. He was a bold champion for the truth and a faithful soldier in the army of Jesus. Always found on the watchtower crying "Flee from the wrath to come," and watching against the little foxes of error. He died feeling that he had "part in the first resurrection" on whom the second death will have no power. Some weeks before he died he felt that he was soon going to his home above the skies and that when the earthly house of his tabernacle was dissolved he had a building of God a house not made with hands eternally in the heavens. These highly esteemed disciples have gone up higher. Having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They went resting alone upon the merits of His atonement. And like a shock of corn fully ripe for the Master's use. They leave a large circle of mourners, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends, and Oh, may their last days be like those that have just gone before.

"O, for the death of those,
Who slumber in the Lord;
O, be like theirs, my last reward
Like theirs thy last reward."

"With us their names shall live
Through all succeeding years,
Embalmed with all our hearts can give
Our praises and our tears."
M. B.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

TRURO, Sept. 4th, 1876.—Two months of the year had passed without a baptism. We were becoming anxious. On Friday evening last at our conference we were agreeably surprised, the head of a family deliberately arose and related her christian experience and asked for baptism, I need hardly say her request was granted. This we regard as the earnest of a great blessing. Our prayer is, "O Lord revive thy work." Our attitude, a listening expectant one. Let the ministers and churches have faith in God and "go up and possess the land."

Yours very truly,
J. E. GOUCHER.

KEMPT, QUEEN'S COUNTY, August 23rd, 1876.—Dear Editor.—I know that a number of your readers have been interested in the Baptist Church at Kempt.

The Rev. James Parker, spent about ten years of his useful life on this field. His labours of love will be remembered by many of the people as long as memory lasts. The history of the Church has been a peculiar one ever since he left and I have no doubt many of your readers will like to hear that the cause of God is prospering here now. I have spent several weeks at Kempt and during that time God has been pleased to bless the means used to revive his people and convert sinners. Rev. A. J. Cogswell from Greenfield spent one Sabbath with us and baptized six happy converts.

Although we were made glad by seeing some of the young people coming to Jesus; we were made to mourn. Two of the young members of the Church

were called away by death. Brother Edmund Cushon aged 19 years, and sister Phoebe E. Delong aged 22 years. Their sun went down while it was yet day; but they asked us not to weep for them for they were going home to be with Jesus; which is far better. Our young friends with many others professed religion during the great revival under the labours of Rev. I. Wallace, about three years ago. I hope some one of God's faithful servants will come to labour with this people.
P. S. MCGREGOR.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—A deputation from the Board of Trade at Ottawa, had an interview with the Ministers on Thursday, when they were informed that the Government would aid in the forwarding of goods to the Australian Exhibition, in April.

Some of the Australian colonists have authorized gentlemen to purchase a large portion of the agricultural implements now on exhibition at Philadelphia.—These will be shipped direct from that place.

On Friday last two Americans made a daring attempt to carry off a cash box containing several thousand dollars worth of diamonds from the store of Savage & Lyman, Montreal; fortunately they were caught in the act and arrested.

On Thursday a man named Hayden, of Stansted, Quebec, formerly an hotel keeper there, shot his wife and brother-in-law. The victims were not expected to survive. Hayden has been arrested.

A telegram from Ottawa on Thursday of last week gives an account of an encounter between John Ross Robertson, proprietor of the Evening Telegram, Toronto, and Hon. John Beverley Robinson, M. P. The Telegram published an extract from a Toronto correspondent's letter to the London Advertiser, in which it was hinted that Robinson had used the Northern Railway's funds for political purposes. Mr. Robinson became highly indignant, and when the parties accidentally met a real battle took place, in which the proprietor of the Telegram received a pretty severe beating. On the case appearing before the Toronto courts the following day, Mr. Robinson made a remark to the effect that it would be better for the credit of the country if five hundred editors were similarly dealt with. He was fined five dollars for assaulting Robertson.

On Friday afternoon Mr. Ritchie, of the Montreal Stock Board sent his clerk, a young lad, to deposit \$4,000 in one of the banks, and omitted to write on the cheque "For deposit only." The consequence was the clerk got one of the cheques cashed in the Consolidated Bank for \$2200, and went off with the money.

It is proposed to construct a narrow gauge railway round the two mountains at Montreal.

On Sunday afternoon St. Hyacinthe was swept by fire, most of the houses being destroyed. Loss about two million dollars.

Owing to the dense fog navigation on the river St. Lawrence is much impeded.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Maritime Bank at St. John held a meeting of its stockholders on Wednesday last. Some sharp-shooting was indulged in at the commencement of the meeting, but it closed by a vote of confidence in the management and mutual expressions of kindness and good will. The principal speakers at the meeting were Sir Francis Hincks, Senator Ryan (Montreal), Judge Ritchie (New Brunswick), John W. Barrass (Wolfville), Mr. Domville (Vice-President), and Mr. A. L. Palmer (St. John).

On the 1st Inst., an injunction was served on Mr. W. H. Olive, ticket agent, St. John, restraining him from selling tickets of the European and North American Railway. Fares on each side of the line (the New Brunswick and Maine sections of the road being separate) are to be collected on the cars hereafter.

J. Murray Ray, of London, and E. R. Burpee, of St. John, perfected their securities and were appointed by the Supreme Court receivers of the New Brunswick portion of the European and North American Railroad. They assumed control at once.

UNITED STATES.—The sentence of the young Boston murderer, Jesse Romero, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

There were twelve cases of yellow fever at Savannah, Ga., on the 31st ult.

Ex-Governor Seymour declines the nomination for the Governorship of New York.

Rev. W. G. England, a Methodist preacher and his family of seven persons, were murdered at Montague, Texas, recently, by disguised men; probably for money.

A waterspout burst over Hays City, Kansas, on Saturday, drowning four persons.

A fire at Cincinnati destroyed the freight depot of the Dayton Short Line R. R.; loss \$200,000.

A fire in San Francisco on Monday night of last week, destroyed \$500,000 worth of property, and the homes of two hundred families.

ploded near St. Louis on Wednesday last, killing five men.

It is said that when the Senate re-assembles in December, a new Extradition Treaty with Great Britain will be submitted by the President for ratification.

At the great auction sale of coal last week a thousand dealers were present and great excitement prevailed. The bidding was not spirited, lots of from one to five hundred tons selling as low as \$2.60 to \$2.75 per ton.

Thousands of miners are out of work in the Schuylkill coal regions.

ENGLAND.—Mr. Gladstone declares that the position of the Government in regard to the Bulgarian barbarities is inadequate and unsatisfactory. He favors public meetings upon the subject.

There is trouble in the iron trade in England. One London firm, Thomas Vaughan & Co., has failed; liabilities one million stg.

The market for yarns and fabrics at Manchester dull and tending down.

The London Times of the 29th said: "The realization of the promise of peace in the East depends upon ourselves. All the influences affecting the decision are favorable to peace, except those which we indirectly control. The Serbian government wishes for peace. Montenegro consents to peace: the Czar as always desires peace. It rests with the representatives of England to speak words that shall be decisive for peace or war."

TURKEY.—A despatch from Constantinople on Wednesday last said that a Cabinet Council, at which all the grand dignitaries were present, resolved to depose Sultan Murad and proclaim Abdul Hamid. He was proclaimed on the following day and the entire city was illuminated. The Turkish and foreign ships in the harbor were decorated with flags. The ceremony of girding Abdul Hamid with the sword of Osman is announced for the 9th inst.

The deposition of Murad occasions no excitement or disturbance. Abdul Hamid, the new Sultan, was received by the Ministers and functionaries and proclaimed Abdul Hamid II.

The Daily News' correspondent at Alexinatz says that the Servians lost 10,000 men in the first five days fighting around the town.

Mr. Schuyler's preliminary report on his investigation into the outrages in Bulgaria is published; the report is addressed to the Minister of the United States at Constantinople, and fully confirms the worst told of the atrocities.

A despatch of the 31st from Belgrade announces that the Turks are defeated at all points on the right bank of the Moravia, and subsequently were taken in flank and put to flight. Their bridges over the Moravia were destroyed. The Servians occupied the Turkish entrenchments on the right bank of the Moravia.

The Serbian army is being rapidly reinforced and reorganized by Russians, who are crossing from Roumania and Hungary in large numbers, since this influx the Servians have fought better and seem more likely to hold their ground against the Turks. Meantime public feeling is becoming adverse to Prince Milan's peace negotiations, and there is evidence that Serbia will obstruct or evade them, if possible, unless some new military disaster produces another revulsion of feeling.

Official despatches from Belgrade claim partial successes by the Servians on Friday.

The Times correspondent, who was an eye witness of the struggle, says the battle was sustained uninterruptedly for eleven hours and a half, and was waged on ground which the Servians had made the strongest in all this country. It was the decisive encounter long looked forward to and was wanting in no feature that could impart horrible grandeur. On the one side for supremacy, and on the other for existence.

Swabra and other villages in the vicinity of Alexinatz were burned forming a tremendous conflagration. The fighting was desperate and the carnage terrible.

THE GREAT SHOSHONEES REMEDY.—Is an Indian vegetable compound, composed of the juices of a variety of remarkable medicinal plants and herbs; the various properties of these different ingredients, when combined, is so constituted as to act simultaneously upon the Blood, Lungs, Liver, Kidneys, Digestive Organs, Nervous System, &c., restoring their functions to healthy action, and being purely vegetable, is as harmless as Nature's own beverage. This medicine is a decided benefit in all, and a permanent cure in a large majority of diseases of the blood, such as Scrofula, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum, Canker, Pimples, &c. In prescribing this medicine we do not claim that it always performs cures; but this we do say, that it purifies and enriches the blood, permanently curing a large majority of diseases arising from its impurities. It is ahead and unequalled among the hundred of competing medicines of the day. It has stood the test of ten years, and is to-day more popular than ever. As a summer restorative it stands unrivalled; it enables the system to bear up against the constant drain to which it is subjected by a high temperature. Persons who are subject to bilious Colic, Dysentery, Indigestion, &c., should take the "Shoshonees Remedy." Price of the Remedy in pint bottles \$2; Pills 25 cents a box.
Aug. 16.

WHAT THEY SAY OF IT! A FEW FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE.—There are but few preparations of medicines which have withstood the impartial judgment of the people for any great length of time. One of these is Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Read the following and be convinced.—Thos. Robinson, Farnham Centre, P. Q., writes, "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for the last ten years, and have tried many remedies without any relief, until I tried Thomas' Electric Oil, and since then I have had no attack of it. I would recommend it to all."—J. H. Earl, Hotel Keeper, West Shefford, P. Q., writes, "I have been troubled with liver complaint for several years, and have tried different medicines with little or no benefit, until I tried Thomas' Electric Oil, which gave me immediate relief, and I would say that I have used it since with the best effect. No one should be without it. I have tried it on my horses in cases of cuts, wounds, &c., and think it is equally as good for horse as for man."—A. Maybee, Merchant Warkworth, writes, "I have sold some hundreds of bottles of Electric Oil, and it is pronounced by the public, 'one of the best medicines they have ever used; it has done wonders in healing and relieving pain, sore throats, &c., and is worthy of the greatest confidence.'—Joseph Rusan, Township Percy, writes, "I was persuaded to try Thomas' Electric Oil for a lame knee which troubled me for three or four years, and I never found anything like it for lameness. It is a great public benefit."—A. M. Hamilton, Warkworth, writes, "For weeks I was troubled with a swelled ankle, which annoyed me very much. Mr. Maybee of this place induced me to try Electric Oil, and before one bottle was used I was cured. It is a most remarkable medicine."

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MARRIAGES.

By Rev. M. P. Freeman, Aug. 24th, Mr. Archibald Rushton, to Miss Mary E. Pearson, both of Westchester, Col. Co.

In Paget Parish, Bermuda, on the 25th July, by the Rev. J. Lumley Lough, Park B. Tucker, Esq., M. D., to Mary Susan, third daughter of the late Gilbert B. Frith, Esq., of Halifax, N. S.

At the Baptist Church, Lockport, August 29th, by the Rev. E. Whitman, assisted by the Rev. E. Miller, Enos Churchill, of the firm of Johnson & Churchill, to Helen Todd, daughter of late Robert D. Todd, and step-daughter of T. Johnson, M. P. P.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.
Every Birth is required to be registered, within SIXTY DAYS after the date thereof. Penalty for neglecting to register, \$2.
Every Death must be registered, within TEN DAYS after the date thereof. Penalty for neglecting to register, \$5.
Deputy Registrars are instructed to enforce the law hereafter in all cases of neglect.

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DEATHS.

John Crow of DeBert River Londonderry departed this life Aug. 21st, aged 75 years, Bro. Crow was a member of the Upper Londonderry Baptist Church, and was held in esteem by his brethren as one whose heart was in the prosperity of the cause of God. His love for the church was intensified when seasons of darkness and trial came, and to the last the burden lay upon him. He was a diligent attendant upon the means of grace. His death prevented him from hearing the communications of his brethren in Conference; but he was seldom absent, and always ready to give a reason of the hope within him. Latterly he seemed as one ripening for heaven. When apparently unconscious of all passing events he could in reply to the inquiries of friends, still give expression of his trust in Jesus. And so he passed away—His bereaved partner and family are comforted in their sorrow by the assurance that he has gone to that world where the inhabitants shall never say "I am sick," and to the society of the "spirits of the just made perfect."

Suddenly Aug. 16th, at Eastville, Londonderry, Colin, son of William Slack, aged 21 years.

On Sunday, 27th ult., James Durney.

On Sunday, 27th ult., Mrs. Charlotte Turner, in the 38th year of her age.

At Bridgetown, N. S., on the 28th ult., the Rev. Thomas H. Davies, in the 53rd year of his ministry, aged 77 years.

Suddenly, on Friday, Sept. 1st, George Blackhall, in the 55th year of his age.

On the 28th ult., Dorathia Anastasia Shipley, aged 67 years.

At Digby, August 26th, George Thomas, eldest son of the late Edward Tobin, aged 46 years.

In the 18th year of her age, Annie, fourth daughter of Mortimer and the late Ellen Dwyer.

On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, John Spriggs, a native of Preston, N. S., in the 69th year of his age.

On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at the City Hospital, Wm. Crockford, aged 45 years.

On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, Mrs. Margaret Dewey, wife of Miles Dewey, aged 54 years.

Drowned, Saturday, Sept. 2nd, Robert J. S. Noble, in 25th year of his age.

At Dartmouth, Sept. 2nd, Susanna Synnot, relict of the late James Synnot, aged 84 years.

At Lunenburg, Sept. 1st, James Mc Gregor, in the 79th year of his age.

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