

"sectarian," is their horror, apparently, but the public are not deceived in the matter. *Esse quam videri* is the better motto, and one which our Presbyterian friends should study and illustrate, if they would escape the censure and "misrepresentation" which they profess so much to deplore. But the offer of your correspondent is somewhat singular in another respect. It is generosity to a fault. Never was the traditional recklessness of the politician more strikingly illustrated in any one. His extravagant promises are equalled only by his inability to keep them. He intimates that there are two governorships now ready, and says "should your correspondent be ready to endow more than two chairs, additional, in Dalhousie College, a third vacancy will at once be made." My friend would place three governorships at my disposal, all in a breath. Unfortunately, however, he is powerless. He cannot revoke statutes, and already the whole matter has been settled by legislative enactment. *Endowment* has nothing whatever to do with filling vacancies in the Board of Governors of Dalhousie, and, surely, it is not possible that "one of the governors" is ignorant of the fact! The law of the land points out the course to be pursued, in such cases, plainly and distinctly. There are in all fifteen governors. With respect to twelve of these, vacancies shall be filled by the Governor in Council 'on the nomination of the remaining members of the Board,' three of which "remaining members" will always, in such cases, be the representatives of the Presbyterian Synod; and, with respect to the remaining three, vacancies shall be filled up by such Synod absolutely. It is clear, therefore, that no vacancy whatever in the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College can be filled without the intervention of the Presbyterian Synod, either absolutely or in a more limited way through the representatives of such Synod. This is "church and state"—just a little more church than state, perhaps—with a vengeance! The chief justice did not know all this, and answered "no" when Rev. V. McKay's question was asked in the Synod! I certainly did not hear such an answer from him, and will condemn no man without a hearing.

"One of the governors" evidently belongs to the "favoured three" over whom the government of the country has no control. Let me entreat him to make no needless sacrifice by resigning for my sake; for assuredly the Synod will claim the right, and exercise the "power, to supply the vacancy thus created." I cannot believe that your correspondent speaks for the Board of Governors when he more than insinuates that "the door has always been kept open"—that "there has always been one vacancy and now there are two vacancies at the board"—in order that the governorships may be offered as bribes to secure further endowment!

Let me say, in conclusion, that I for one can never accept a seat in the government of our "Provincial College" until I can claim it without the intervention of priest, prelate or Synod, for I am, NON-SECTARIAN.

Halifax Oct. 14th, 1876.

In Memoriam.

DEACON JEREMIAH VICKERY.

We are called to record the death of our esteemed Brother, Deacon Jeremiah Vickery, who was called to his rest on the first day of September, in the 60th year of his age. Bro. Vickery was early in life the subject of religious impressions, but it was not until he was settled in life, that he made a full surrender of himself to the Lord and was baptized and united with the church of Deerfield and Pleasant Valley with which he continued a worthy member until death. Not long after his union with the church it became evident to his brethren, from his deep piety and activity in the church, that he was a suitable person for a Deacon, and so was elected to that office, which he filled with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the church. Brother V. possessed strong Christian sympathy and great zeal in the cause of his Master, always at his post, and ready to every good word and work, his warm appeals to the heart will be long remembered. The writer has been Pastor of the church of which he was Deacon for almost a quarter of a century; during which time he found him a faithful friend, a brother beloved, whom he always

found ready with sympathy and aid in every time of need. He had been called in Divine Providence to follow five daughters, grown to womanhood, to the grave, and although the affliction was severe, he bore it as a Christian, feeling he should be still and know it was God who did it. The sickness of which he died confined him to his house for almost a year; but his mind was stayed upon his God, longing for the hour that would release him from his earthly house, that he might enter the heavenly. Our worthy brother had taken the *Christian Messenger* for many years; he loved it, read it, and paid for it. So lived and so died a good man, beloved by all; in whose death the pastor has lost a special friend; the church a worthy member and an efficient officer; his family an affectionate husband and tender parent. He has left, to mourn, a widow, five children, and a large circle of friends. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—*Comby Rev. J. A. Stubbart.*

Deerfield, Oct. 12, 1875.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

Ordination at Montague Bridge, P. E. I.

A Council was called by the Three Rivers Baptist Church, P. E. I., convened at Montague Bridge, October 12th, to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. D. H. Simpson to the work of the gospel ministry.

Rev. D. McDonald was chosen Moderator, and Bro. N. J. McDonald, Clerk.

DELEGATES.

West and Clyde Rivers.—Rev. Malcolm Ross.

Cape Wolfe and Alberton.—Rev. John A. Gordon.

Bedegue and Tryon.—Rev. A. Chipman.

Charlottetown.—Rev. D. McDonald.

Uigg.—Bro. John M. McLeod.

Invited to a seat in the Council.—Bro. John Ford, Lic., East Point.

The Moderator informed the Council, that both Rev. S. McLeod, and Dea. R. McLeod of Uigg, who expected to be present were detained by illness.

At the request of the Moderator the Clerk read from the Church Book the resolutions referring to calling the Council.

At the request of the Council Brother Simpson related his christian experience and call to the ministry. He was then closely questioned by different brethren respecting his views of the cardinal doctrines of christianity.

The Candidate having retired, Brother D. Forbes, at the request of the Moderator, gave a statement of Bro. Simpson's labor with the church, which having heard, the Council expressed themselves as satisfied, and unanimously resolved to proceed with the ordination.

The Ordination Service, according to arrangements of Council, was held in the evening as follows:—

After singing, prayer by Bro. John Ford, Lic.

Sermon by Rev. Malcolm Ross, from 2 Cor. iv. 5.

Questions and Ordaining Prayer by Rev. D. McDonald.

Charge to the Church by Rev. A. Chipman.

Charge to the Candidate by Rev. J. A. Gordon.

Benediction by the Candidate.

N. J. McDONALD,  
Clerk of Council.

P. S.—A notice appeared in the *Messenger* a few weeks ago, stating that Mr. Simpson had received a year's mission to Montague Bridge and vicinity, from the Home Missionary Union. It appears there was a mistake somewhere, for neither has Mr. Simpson an appointment, nor Montague any promise of aid from that society.

In behalf of the Church,  
N. J. McDONALD, Clerk.

CANSO.—*Dear Editor*:—On the evening of Sunday, Sept. 3rd, a large number of friends assembled in the Baptist Church here to listen to the farewell discourse of the pastor Rev. George W. Thomas, who was about to leave for Newton, in order to prosecute his studies there. Bro. Thomas has spent three years with us and has been unceasing in his efforts to do good, and we trust that God has made him the means of leading many to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

During his pastorate here he has become endeared to the people, and they

have shown in many ways their appreciation of his labors. At the close of his farewell sermon, the church presented him with twelve valuable volumes of books and the following address—

To REV. GEO. W. THOMAS.

*Dear Brother*:—As the connection which has existed between us, as pastor and people, is about to be dissolved, we cannot let the occasion pass by without expressing our regret at the separation which seems necessary in order that you may further prosecute your studies and more thoroughly equip yourself for the sacred calling in which you are engaged. We thank you for the kindly interest you have always manifested in us and the community and for the earnest efforts you have made for our spiritual and social advancement. We thank the Giver of all good for the success which has attended your labors, and trust that when the last great reckoning shall be made, there will be many found who shall owe their saving knowledge of the "Crucified One," under God, to your ministrations while with us.

Please accept this little gift (books presented) as a token of esteem and we trust that the memories it may call up in future days may not be altogether unpleasant ones.

It is our earnest prayer that wherever your lot may be cast in the coming years, you may be happy and useful, win great victories for the Master whom you serve, and be a blessing to all with whom you are associated; and that when life's toils are over we may meet in that happy home above where we "shall go no more out" forever.

In behalf of the Baptist Church at Canso.

THOS. C. COOK, Church Clerk.

While we are sorry to part with one who has been so long with us, yet we rejoice that we are not left without some one to break to us the "Bread of Life."

We are now enjoying the ministrations of Bro. Wm. H. Robinson, who enters upon his work with all the zeal of a young man and, although the field is a hard one, he seems to think with Paul: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and we trust that the many prayers that are being offered for a blessing on his labors, will not go unanswered, and that we shall soon see sinners rejoicing in a new found hope in Christ as their Saviour.

H. A. S.

BROOKFIELD, COL. CO.—There seems to be a growing interest among the people here. We have large and attentive congregations to hear the word preached, and very interesting prayer meetings every Sabbath and Wednesday evenings.

We are all looking patiently for a rich shower of redeeming grace among us. One beautiful feature of our service is the music. May God richly bless those who are taking such a deep interest in this part of his service.

The Master has during the summer called several of our members away by death to partake of the reward that he has in store for his children. On the 10th ult., we paid the last tribute of respect to the remains of the late George Carter, a worthy member of our church, who returned but a few days previous to his death from Newfoundland, where he had been laboring for the benefit of his large family at home, and who are now mourning their loss. Our prayer is that the Master will be very near and dear to them in this their sore affliction. We tried to console them on the occasion from the words, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." The congregation was large and attentive, and all were reminded of the uncertainty of life.

Bro. Carter was half brother to the late Mrs. Porter, wife of the Rev. Wm. Porter, of Brantford, Ontario, and whose father was buried at Brookfield, in May last. We deeply sympathize with the mother, who, in May followed to the grave her beloved husband, then in a few weeks was pained to hear of the death of her beloved daughter, Mrs. Porter, and in a few weeks more had to follow her son to his last earthly resting place. May the sorrowing remember the words, "All things work together for the good of them that love God and are the called according to his purpose."

LOWER STEWACKE.—As I am engaged only one half of my time at Brookfield, I am laboring under the direction of the Home Missionary Board, the other half of the time at Lower Stewacke. They have a very nice new church edifice, which was dedicated to the service of the Master, about the first of May last. It was my privilege to listen to the first sermon preached in it, by

Bro. Avery of Halifax, and to try to preach the first Sabbath sermon myself. We have large and attentive congregations. The Baptist members are few, but active and devoted.

The brethren at St. Andrews, a branch of the Lower Stewacke church, feeling that it would be to their interest to become a church by themselves, asked for and convened a Council a few days since for that purpose. But the Council thinking it an unwise movement, advised them to continue with the Lower Stewacke church and bend every energy for the building up of the cause there. We hope that this christian advice will be gladly received and acted upon, and that ere long we may see sinners flocking to the Saviour. We trust that every reader will pray for us, and they will not forget to help financially the H. M. Board.

Yours, very truly,  
H. B. SHAFNER.

Truro, Oct. 16th, 1876.

HALIFAX, FREE-WILL BAPTISTS.—The Rev. John M. Lowden, writes the *Religious Intelligencer*, (St. John, N. B.)

We are about to engage in special effort for a revival of pure religion in our church and the salvation of sinners. The Holy Spirit is evidently with us. In our prayer-meetings, last week, three promising young men asked the prayers of Christians in their behalf. One of them is now rejoicing in Christ his Saviour.

The ladies have organized a Woman's Mission Society, with good prospects of usefulness.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Lord Dufferin returned from Philadelphia on Monday, and was welcomed by an immense number of people. The Ottawa City Council presented him with an address of welcome to which he gave a lengthy reply.

Governor Laird left Ottawa on the 17th for Fort Pelly to assume the administration of affairs in the North West Territory.

Mr. David Mill M. P. for Bothwell, has been appointed to the vacancy in the Cabinet.

The contract for section 15, of the Canada Pacific Railway, has been awarded to Charlton & Co., Montreal, at one and a half million dollars.

D. A. McDonald, contractor of N. S. A. Co., has been burglarized of his cash box, containing nine hundred dollars.

A Quebec despatch reports the loss on the North Shore of six fishing schooners. In one the whole crew, seven in number, perished.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—On Sunday week, the Maguadavic Mill was burned with two hundred thousand feet of lumber, as well as a lot of railway sleepers and a flat car belonging to N. B. & C. Railway. This mill was owned by Messrs. Murdoch, of St. Stephen. It was insured for \$15,000 in American offices in Calais. No insurance on the lumber.

On Monday of last week, a Mrs. McDonald, who lived on the Stanley road, York Co., died at the advanced age of 107 years.

A small seam of Albertine has been discovered below the surface of Oil Creek, Belliveau.

P. E. ISLAND.—Boneless fish is largely exported from Souris. It is put up in neat boxes containing 30 lbs each, all ready for use.

Steamer *Prince Edward* arrived at Glasgow on the 10th inst., making the passage in ten days from Charlottetown. In her last round trip, she sailed from Liverpool to Charlottetown, unloaded and took in her cargo, sailed and arrived in Glasgow all in thirty days. Few Atlantic steamers can make such a boast.

The late gale at Summerside did much damage. The *Schr. Jessie*, owned by C. W. Strong was completely smashed to pieces. The *Leader* owned by John Young, was dismantled. The *Onward*, owned by Capt. Ellis Kennedy, and the *Ira*, received considerable damage to their bulwarks and rigging. A French *schr.*, laden with herring, from Halifax, ran into the harbor on Monday morning and grounded on the bar, her sails were torn in ribbons. She afterwards drifted off and sank. Fences, signs, and sheds were blown down in the town. The gravel from the roofs made complete havoc of the windows.

The potato crop has been very large this season, four hundred bushels to the acre being quiet common. Forty-six thousand bushels have already been exported.

On Friday 13th, between the Royalty Junction and Mount Stewart, another railway accident occurred, by which four freight cars were smashed up. The cause of the accident was the breaking of the fore axle on one of the cars. Fortunately no lives were lost.

Charlottetown jail has been lengthened twenty feet and raised one storey in height.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—On the 13th inst., the iron foundry of Mr. C. F. Bennett at River Head, St. John's, was destroyed by fire. At about the same time a fire broke out in the other end of the

town in a carpenter's shop, corner of Duckworth Cathedral streets. This building, together with Free St. Andrew's Church were burned.

UNITED STATES.—The war of races in South Carolina resulted in killing 2 white men and wounding 14 on Monday of last week.

Troops are under orders to suppress disorder in South Carolina, and the President has issued a proclamation commanding the white league rifle corps to disband.

The war cloud in Europe has sent gold up to 115; other stocks are excited.

The Indians have signed a treaty relinquishing the Black Hills country.

A large block of wholesale warehouses in Louisville, K., was burned on Tuesday. Loss \$600,000.

The Arctic whaling fleet has met with a terrible disaster. Twelve vessels were crushed in the ice, and over sixty lives were lost. Great suffering was experienced by the survivors. The loss on New Bedford vessels is half a million dollars.

The frigate Franklin arrived on Monday with "Boss" Tweed.

ENGLAND.—On the close of last session Parliament was prorogued until Oct. 30th. Prorogation will probably be extended until February.

The *Times* says:—It is stated that orders have been given by the War Office to the Commander-in-Chief to hold three army corps in readiness for immediate despatch to the Mediterranean; also, that plans for the defence of Constantinople have been forwarded to the Admiral commanding the British fleet at Besika Bay.

Lord Napier has been ordered to hold himself in readiness to take command of the troops which may be sent to Egypt.

The *Times* states that neither Parliament nor the country would ever hear of going to war in behalf of Turkey. She has had her opportunities and has thrown them away. It would be criminal folly to expend the smallest amount of England's blood or treasure in her support.

England has never undertaken to interfere in the concerns of the continent without continental allies. There is no good ground for believing we should have real support from any power in a war for the defence of the Turkish State. Effectual resistance to Russian power must proceed from Austria and Germany. It appears unlikely that either of them will take a hostile position towards Russia—all having finally returned to the triple alliance.

France and England are the only powers that sincerely desire peace.

The *Times*, in reviewing the situation, concludes that "England's interest is less immediate than that of Germany, Austria and France, and we may await with equanimity even the outbreak of war, but there may be a point at which regard for the well-being and reputation of the British Empire would necessitate a resolute attitude."

Germany's attitude is not understood by the diplomatists. Bismarck is supposed to be biding his time with a view of assisting if an opportunity offers for the disruption of the Austrian Empire.

Lloyds has been notified to have ships ready for transporting troops.

The *Financier* says a war risk of five shillings per cent. is now required for Lloyds and various insurance companies on British vessels trading between England, Australia and the East.

Orders have been received at Devonport Dockyard, to complete the repair of four turret steamships, the *Cyclops*, *Hydra*, *Gorgon*, and *Hecate*, and the ironclad *Agincourt*. Three composite gun-vessels are building, and two others are being prepared for commission.

The *Bacchante*, iron steam corvette, was launched at Portsmouth on Thursday. She mounts sixteen guns.

H. M. S. "Shah" has been ordered to reinforce the British ironclads at Besika Bay. This fleet, which will be commanded by Sir Charles Dunbar Staveland, will assist in operations.

A Cabinet Council was held at London, on Saturday, at which all the ministers were present, when it was decided by the Council to despatch an army of thirty thousand men, immediately upon a Russian invasion, and to SEIZE CONSTANTINOPLE.

Immense supplies have already been accumulated at Malta, and not a stone has been left returned to place England in readiness to act at a moment's notice.

The manufactures of Northern and Northwestern Lancashire will close their mills Nov. 23rd, rather than advance the wages demanded by the employees. The lockout, if it takes place, will throw 800,000 operatives out of work.

Her Majesty's troop ship *Junna* left Portsmouth on Wednesday, for India with 934 artillerymen and upwards of seventy officers, surgeons, &c. She will embark another battery of artillery at Plymouth.

TURKEY.—Constantinople despatches report great uneasiness there and little hope of averting war. The popular feeling against Russia is very bitter. The Turks talk calmly of their determination to fight Russia single handed.

A Belgrade despatch on Tuesday said: "Every diplomatic agent here believes we are on the eve of a great Eastern war. The only difference of opinion among them is whether it will commence in the Spring or almost immediately."

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