

dedicating, consecrating, initiating into, or bringing under obligation to, and it is evidently in this (latter) sense the word is used here, as denoting that they were devoted to Moses as a leader &c."

There is no more evidence that the cloud that accompanied the Israelites ever let down water than that it showered frogs, and any one who argues from Ps. lxxvii. 17, or 1 Cor. x. 2 for infant sprinkling must very be hard up for argument.

Mr. S. charges us with adding to the word of God (his are the italics) he should then have quoted Rev. xxii. 18. Alas, Mr. S. is terribly guilty of this very thing, he declares that to be scriptural which is unscriptural and that unscriptural which is scriptural. I commend to his careful study the words of Isaac Pennington. "He that giveth any other meaning of any Scripture than the true, proper meaning thereof, he both addeth and diminisheth; he taketh away the true sense, he addeth a sense that is not true." And those of Bunyan in "Grace Abounding:"—"Now also I should labour to take the word as God had laid down, without restraining the natural force of one syllable thereof; and the almost last words of Inspiration in the passage just referred to. And as I hope to meet Mr. S. in "the holy city," notwithstanding his infant opinions, I recommend him to amend his ways; to seek forgiveness for what he has done, give up adding to and taking from the word by giving up unscriptural infant sprinkling and taking up scriptural believers' baptism, and doubtless, as he is doing it in ignorance he will be forgiven.

To save Mr. S. any further labour in this matter I may tell him what he cannot do. He cannot prove that the sun does not shine, nor that believers' immersion is not in the Bible, toil at both as long as he please. He cannot stop the course of the Mississippi, nor the progress of the truth of believers' baptism. He cannot see children in the moon, nor anything in the whole Bible to justify either sprinkling or baptizing such, search as long as he like.

Yours, J. BROWN.

P. S.—I had promised to dip my pen in honey, if possible, but Mr. S. upset my jar.

For the Christian Messenger.

Valedictory Address

From the Baptist Church, Sydney, C. B., to their late pastor, the Rev. George Armstrong, A. M., and his Reply.

TO THE REV. GEORGE ARMSTRONG, ON RESIGNING HIS PASTORAL CHARGE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SYDNEY, C. B.

WORTHY AND DEAR BROTHER—We meet with you, on this the eve of your departure from our midst, to give an imperfect expression of the esteem and affection we entertain for you.

In resigning your pastoral care over us, and removing from our midst, for the purpose of assuming the position of Editor and Proprietor of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, we feel that you have not done so without earnest and prayerful consideration, and that you believe the hand of the Lord is guiding you; and although it causes sorrow and pain at parting with you, we have released you from your engagement with us, trusting that the Lord of the vineyard who guards and protects His people, will not leave us uncared for in this our time of need, but will direct another faithful minister to our help.

Your christian sympathy with us, and your cheerful co-operation in every good work and enterprise that has for its aim the social improvement of this community, and our spiritual advancement has manifested a high christian character, and won the esteem of all with whom you have associated.

As our pastor, you have faithfully and very acceptably proclaimed the gospel to us. Your aim has ever been to see the Lord's name glorified and his kingdom extended; and the Master has been pleased to bless your labor, and given us tokens of his love. Sinners have been constrained to cry unto the Lord for mercy, and have found pardon and peace in believing in the blessed Jesus, and will recall with gratitude your counsel and advice, your sympathies with them, and the deep interest you have manifested in their spiritual welfare.

In the field of labour to which you have been called by the Master, and the christian and denominational enterprise in which you are about engaging, you will have increased opportunities for usefulness in exercising the superior talents with which God has endowed you; and we feel assured that your energies will ever be employed in working for the advancement of the Master's cause.

We extend to you and sister Armstrong our sympathy and good wishes; and our prayer is that the Lord may

ever dwell with you and prosper you, and that he will mercifully guard and protect you in your journey, and on your arrival at your new home may your hearts be cheered by a warm welcome from your many dear friends and from christian brethren.

In behalf of the church, CHAS. R. KING, } Committee. FOSTER WEEKS, }

REPLY.

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SYDNEY, C. B.,

DEAR BRETHREN—The parting Address with which, through your Committee, Messrs. King and Weeks, you have honored me, at this solemn moment of severing the endeared and holy tie that has bound us together as pastor and people, and on this the eve of my departure from among you, deeply affects and moves me. It takes me by surprise, and want of time prevents me from giving a suitable reply.

You rightly judge that when I resigned my pastoral charge over you, it was not done without deep consideration and from a sense of duty.

In the good providence of God, at your invitation, I came among you, hoping by Divine help to serve you in the gospel. I found you a weak and feeble band; and it was my aim and desire to labour for your highest spiritual good, and for the conversion of sinners to Christ. The dear brethren who prepared the Address just read, were, it seems to me, induced by christian love and friendship to form too high an estimate of my humble services; and you, from the same cause, have in adopting it, endorsed that estimate. And though I cannot regard my labors in the same light, and must disclaim all title to it, yet it affords me great comfort at this parting hour to have the consciousness that it was my great anxiety, next to my own salvation, to labour for the salvation of your souls—your progress in the knowledge of Christ, in spirituality, in brotherly love and unity, in holy co-operation and labour, in the cause of our Divine Master and Lord; and moreover, that my sympathies, desires and efforts went out to others also in like manner.

And you and I have great cause for gratitude to God that we labored not in vain; that seals, precious seals of His approval, were mercifully given, that sinners were converted, gave testimony to the power of Divine grace, offered themselves willingly among us, and followed Christ in his ordinances with joy and delight. Never shall I forget these cases, nor that divine and gracious visitation with which we were favored during the past winter and spring. And now my earnest wish and prayer is, that those disciples and all others who have come forward in like manner, may stand fast in the Lord; that so we may have joy and not sorrow concerning the future.

I will not now, dear brethren, speak of discouragements, only to say, that the discouragements which at times oppress a Minister's heart when he sees his best endeavors and earnest hopes of success thwarted, are distressing, and would indeed be appalling, could he not commit himself and his work to God, and feel that the intention and labour, though most imperfect, were graciously approved and accepted by Him; and that seed sown in hope would yet germinate and bear fruit to the praise of God, and the joy of coming laborers in the Gospel harvest.

I assure you, dear brethren, that I respond most heartily to the earnest expression you give of your desire for a faithful Minister of Christ to come and labour here for your spiritual welfare and that of this people—for your knowledge and growth in things most precious, enduring and divine. I hope and pray that the Good Shepherd will speedily send you such a pastor; and that when so favored, each member and friend will bear in mind the duty of sympathy, love, and co-operation, which are due to the servant and ambassador of our Divine Master and Redeemer.

Mrs. Armstrong begs to acknowledge with thanks your Christian sympathy and good wishes in regard to her, and to say that she most cordially responds to them, and wishes you peace, prosperity, and true happiness.

I rejoice, even amid the sorrows of this hour, that I depart from you to another field of christian enterprise and labor with the consent and good will of this Church; and from credible testimony, I may also say, with the respect and good will of this community generally. As you have already been informed, I go from you to assume the Editorship of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, the organ of the Baptist denomination in the Province of New Brunswick; a position of usefulness and influence which an angel might desire, and which a minister may be pardoned for coveting.

I hope, by God's grace, to devote my best energies to the CHRISTIAN VISITOR and the Pulpit, with earnest desire to promote the cause of gospel truth and holiness, to maintain the principles of the Baptist denomination, and with the good will, sympathy and confidence of the denomination, and to the spiritual good of multitudes besides.

I ask your prayers and sympathy in this noble and responsible work, that grace may be given me to carry on the enterprise in the spirit of Christ, and that great usefulness may result.

And now, dear brethren and friends, in parting from you, allow me to express my cordial thanks for all the kindness and respect shown me by you and others

also with whom I have become acquainted, and with whom I have been associated in Christian worship and work in this town, and on this important and lovely Island.

And now, dear brethren, "I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, who is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified." Farewell!

I am your humble servant and pastor in Christ,

GEORGE ARMSTRONG.

Sydney, C. B., Nov. 22, 1875.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—On Friday last, as the Hon. Mr. Huntington was returning from Lachute, the driver mistook the road in crossing the Ottawa River, and suddenly the party found themselves in several feet of water. Mr. H. with great presence of mind jumped from the sleigh and catching the firm ice saved himself, and then on looking round found his companion in the water. Mr. H. with difficulty saved him.

The "Canada Gazette" contains a proclamation calling Parliament for the despatch of business on the 10th of February.

A Branch of the Protestant Defence Alliance has been formed in Quebec. A meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday of last week, when it was decided to retain the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Q. C., and Mr. Doure as counsel of the Association, with instructions to proceed against the Seminary at once for the destruction of the Protestant Indian church at Oka.

The case of the French Protestant at Arthabasca, whose house was attacked by a mob and destroyed, was next taken up, and it was decided to bear the expense of the suit against the Seminary on behalf of the sufferer to recover the value of the property destroyed—counsel to be instructed to proceed with the case without delay.

It was resolved to have a large number of pamphlets printed with a full account of the destruction of the Oka church, and have the same distributed amongst the Protestant churches.—Chronicle.

Two Quebec detectives tracked a man whom they supposed to be Boss Tweed, down into Parishes beyond Quebec, evidently on his way for Halifax, by way of Metapedia River. They are certain it is Tweed, and had to give up for want of funds.—Herald.

A Belgian of extremely good appearance and great intelligence has been arrested at St. Henri for forging several insurance companies receipts in Montreal, several of them for considerable amounts, and from the evidence in the hands of the detectives it appears that a very large business has been done by him in swindling the public with a sham insurance.

The Italians at St. Davids, whom the contractors brought out to work on the canals, have joined the Stone Cutter's Association and refuse to work until their scale of prices is accepted by contractors.

Lieut. Governor Caron, instead of giving a New Year's ball, sent \$1200 to the Mayor of Quebec to be distributed among the poor. The Mayor himself increased this sum by a personal contribution of \$500.

UNITED STATES.—A despatch from Washington of a semi-official nature confirms the statement in a special from Vienna, in relation to a circular sent to the European Governments, as to American intervention in Cuban affairs.

On Tuesday last Frank Moulton brought a civil suit against Henry Ward Beecher for malicious prosecution, laying his damages at \$50,000.

A night express train ran off the track on the Vermont Central, at Middlesex. About a dozen persons were injured.

The wife and child of David Morrison were burned to death at Grease City, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, and a mother and her three children shared a similar fate at Risingsun on Saturday.

Several shops, mills and manufactories were swept away at Pulaski, New York, on Wednesday by the moving of an ice gorge in Salmon River.

On Wednesday a sneak thief stole a box containing \$50,000 worth of papers from the Blackstone Bank, Boston, the property of Nathaniel Carr.

A tornado passed twelve miles East of Hickman, Ky., on Sunday evening, sweeping down forests in its pathway. Twelve dwelling houses and barns were blown down. Some were shattered into fragments, the inmates barely escaping with their lives. Fences from bottom rails were all lifted and blown down at Mayfield. Two persons were crushed to death under the ruins of a house.

A negro was killed outright at another point. A man named Chucks and a lady named Gearcy were killed and the lady's sister badly crippled. A hotel at Reelfoot Lake was blown down, and the guests barely escaped, some being badly bruised by the flying timber. Death and destruction left their trace along the entire track of the tornado, which made a noise for miles.

On Thursday a man named Munster shot his wife and child fatally, in fifty third street, New York, having subsequently attempted to take his own life.

The City Treasurer of Buffalo, New York, is a defaulter to the amount \$400,000, and has fled to Canada. He confesses dishonest practices.

On the night of Thursday thieves effected an entrance into Benedict Bros. Jewelry store, under the Grand Central Hotel, N. Y., and under some pretext man aged to disarm the suspicions of the men in charge, chloroformed them when a favorable opportunity occurred, and robbed the safe of \$25,000 worth of jewelry and diamonds.

A Sioux city despatch reports that 4000 hostile Sioux are encamped at Ponca Agency, and the settlers are fleeing, expecting the agency to be attacked.

The National Centennial was ushered in at midnight of January 1st., in various portions of the country by the ringing of bells, firing of salutes, kindling of bonfires on the hilltops and other joyous demonstrations.

A terrific tornado swept across various sections of Illinois on Saturday, destroying a vast amount of property.

CUBA.—The Cubans who burned the sugar estates at Rosana, Managna and San Luis carried away from them nearly 500 slaves, capable of bearing arms.

The Havana press comments quite severely on Secretary Fish's note to foreign powers relative to intervention in Cuba.

ENGLAND.—The American Minister at London has addressed the British Government regarding intervention of the Great Powers for the prevention of further bloodshed in Cuba. England defers her answer for the present.

A Vienna despatch says Secretary Fish, of United States, transmitted to every European Government a circular asking an expression of views regarding the question of American intervention in Cuba, in order to obtain data to be used in President Grant's supplementary message to Congress. All the foreign Governments replied satisfactorily.

The British Admiralty has issued a new order relative to fugitive slaves. Any slave received on a British man-of-war on the high seas shall be retained until he can be landed in a country or transferred to a vessel where his liberty will be secured. Fugitive slaves asking admission to a British war vessel when in the territorial waters of a foreign state are only to be admitted if their lives are endangered, and only till danger is passed, but no demand for the surrender of a slave is to be entertained by a British officer.

The Anglo-Am. Telegraph Company's tariff for political and general news other than commercial despatches to the press unabbreviated and not in cypher, will be one shilling, or 25 cents gold, per word.

The National Rifle Association of Great Britain have accepted the challenge of the New York, to take part in a match for small bores, to be held in the United States during the Centennial celebration. Sir Henry Halford has been appointed captain of the English team, and is now busily engaged in arranging the preliminaries.

The marriage of a Protestant girl to a Catholic was the cause of a serious riot at Bonespool, Ireland, on Thursday. A number of persons were killed, and several wounded.

The amount of bullion deposited in the Bank of England the past year on balance is the largest ever recorded.

FRANCE.—The Assembly passed the press bill on Wednesday by a nearly unanimous vote.

M. Thiers reserves the right of choosing between Senate and Chamber, if elected to both.

On Thursday the Assembly discussed the final dissolution report without reaching a decision. A committee has submitted a motion that the Assembly finally separate to-day. The Minister of Public Works urged the Houses not to adjourn until all the Bill were passed. This was agreed to.

The Assembly adopted all the other recommendations of the committee on dissolution, viz., that the delegates to choose Senators be elected January 9th. That they proceed to the election of Senators January 23rd. That the general election for members of Chambers of Deputies be held February 20th, and both Houses meet March 8th.

In the Assembly on Friday a permanent committee was chosen.

According to an agreement between the various parties, consisting of thirteen of the Left and twelve of the Right, all measures remaining are to be acted on principally. The railway bill passed almost without debate.

Due d'Audiffret Pasquier, President of the Assembly, made a speech, closing the session.

The Assembly separated, the Left shouting "Vive La Republique." The Bank of France now holds 325,000,000 in specie.

SPAIN.—A Madrid special, last week said there was a rumor that European intervention in Cuba will soon be made and that the United States is aware of the fact.

"El Cronista" says the King of Spain has signed a decree ordering the general elections on Jan. 20th, and convoking the Cortes on Feb. 15th.

Reinforcements have been sent to Herani by the Spanish Government.

The "Standard's" Madrid despatches report that the Alfonsists have concentrated 80,000 men in Navarre and Alara.

The "Imparcial" newspaper of Madrid asserts that Spain will shortly address a communication of importance to the various European Cabinets on the subject of Cuba.

King Alfonso says his mother, ex-Queen-Isabella, shall return to Spain, a revolution will probably be the consequence.

Gen. Jouvellar left the capital on Tuesday for Cadiz, to embark for Cuba.

"El Cronista," (Ministerial organ) asserts that General Jouvellar, the newly appointed Captain General of Cuba, is to put an end to all abuses in that Island.

GERMANY.—Some two hundred American residents of Berlin passed resolutions on Wednesday night expressive of their abhorrence of the Bremerhaven tragedy, and protesting also against the unjust criticism of the German press on American civilization.

The "Daily News" special from Berlin asserts that the meeting of Americans, recently held in that city, to protest against the strictures of the German press in associating American civilization with the Bremerhaven Dynamite horror, has thoroughly attained its object. The German papers have almost invariably withdrawn previous unfavourable reflections.

TURKEY.—Negotiations are pending with regard to the construction of a direct railway between Vienna and Constantinople.

The Austrian project for the pacification of the Turkish provinces has not yet been sent to the great Powers, for some reason unknown. It is reported that while no agreement has been made with regard to the control the powers should have under the treaty, negotiations are pending between Austria and Russia as to what manner it should be exercised.

INDIA.—A special telegram from Perak to the "Times" says the British now hold all important positions in that neighborhood. Maharajah Leta has fled and taken refuge in Siamese territory. British power is supreme at Perak, only the murderers of Mr. Birch, resident, being under arms.

SOUTH SEAS.—Intelligence from the Philippine Islands gives details of a dreadful hurricane which occurred there on the 30th of November; the storm was particularly severe in the Provinces of Albay and Camarines, which form the South Eastern part of the Island of Luzon. Two hundred and fifty lives were lost, and three thousand eight hundred dwellings were destroyed. Many cattle perished, and crops in all directions were ruined.

ITALY.—The Pope received many visitors on Saturday. No speeches were made.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE WEATHER on New Year's day was not favorable for the usual visits of gentlemen to their lady friends. The warm and close atmosphere and occasional falls of rain made the streets one mass of mud. Nevertheless a large company of public officials and private gentlemen were in attendance at the Lieutenant Governor's levee.

Monday last was more like a day in the month of May than January. The sun shone clear and bright and made one think that Spring would soon appear. Past experience however teaches us that there are some heavy snow storms and severe frosts yet to come upon us for which we must prepare.

Mrs. T. H. BOND died last week from injuries received in a fall on the ice on Christmas day.

THE TEACHERS' CONVENTION was not so largely attended as in former years, arising probably from insufficient notice being given. Some good lectures were given and essays read by Rev. A. S. Hunt, Dr. Burns, Mr. Patterson, Dr. Honeyman, Rev. Dr. Dart, President of Kings College. The discussions on School matters were useful and interesting.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

President.—A. H. McKay, B. A., Pietou.

Vice Presidents.—J. T. Mellish, M. A., A. M. Patterson, M. A.

Secretary and Treasurer.—A. McKay, Dartmouth.

Council.—Messrs. Calkin, Condon, Burbidge, Bishop, Hutton, Dimock, Little, Jack, Major, McLaughlin, McMillan, (Pietou), Willoughby, Richardson.

AT ELLERSHOUSE there was a most disastrous fire last week, by which the most important buildings of the paper works were destroyed, involving a loss of probably \$100,000. It originated in the explosion of an oil lamp. This will throw a large number of persons—about eighty—out of employment.

AT WAVERLY on Christmas eve a most fiendish act was perpetrated on a poor old man; a Cornish miner (probably under the influence of drink) poured oil on the old man's head and set fire to him. It is probable that the man will die from the effects. The miner fled and was allowed to escape.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.—A Temperance Meeting under the auspices of the Association will be held on Monday Evening next in Association Hall. Several addresses will be delivered, Subject "The duty of Christians with regard to granting licences." Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

TRURO has proved the efficiency of its Water Works. The works threw two streams of water over a three story building three quarters of a mile distant.

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