

Dr. Cramp received last week a letter from Rev. W. Boggs. It was dated "Bimlipatam, Dec. 1." Mr. Boggs had partially recovered from his indisposition, and recommenced work, when a fresh attack supervened, and he found it necessary to suspend study and labor for a time. An invitation from Mr. Sanford gave him an opportunity of trying the effect of change of air, and Mrs. Boggs and him-self proceeded by steamer to Bimlipatam, which is 100 miles from Cocanada. The experiment was succeeding in a very encouraging manner, and at the date of the letter Mr. B's health was much improved. He was contemplating a visit to Vizianagram, where a Baptist church was formed last year, and where he could consult Dr. Parker, the army surgeon, whose kindness has been reported to us.

A REMARKABLE MISSION CHURCH, is situated at Kobe, in Japan. The Rev. Mr. Davis, Missionary, says (Oct. 18, 1875.) "The Kobe church now numbers thirty-two members, twenty men and twelve women. Of these twenty men, thirteen have from the time they were received into the church or before, been preachers of the Word.—not paid as native helpers by the mission, but going out on the Sabbath and during the week, and on tours of ten days, at their own charges to preach. Regular preaching has been, and is now kept up by them weekly in five different places, and monthly in about as many more. They have gone on foot to do this, or have paid for carriage hire and other expenses out of their very limited means, refusing foreign money to do it.

"Of the twelve women, six are the wives of members of the church. Two are old ladies, and four are young women, who are female preachers of the word, going with our lady missionaries from place to place and talking to crowds.

"Thus, of our Kobe church, more than half are active preachers of the word, not one of whom is paid by the mission to preach it, but they support themselves by honest toil, and go out at their own charges. If there are, in home or heathen lands, similar examples, I will praise God for every one of them."

Mr. Davis adds—"I doubt very much whether Christ ever intended,—nay, I feel sure that he never did intend,—that such a ministry should be raised up as has been in Christendom, and is in Christendom to-day,—one to do all the preaching to saints and sinners, and most of the praying as well. I feel sure that Christ commanded, and desires to-day that all the laity, both male and female, should be as devoted and as truly preachers of the word as are our ministers at home.

Our standard of receiving members, considering the light of the people, is incomparably higher than that of the churches at home; and while we do not aim to exclude any real Christian from the church, the high standard which our members have in reference to Christian work may keep some real Christians from applying for membership, because, from diffidence or want of consecration, they do not feel that they are ready to become preachers. What proportion of those received into the churches at home would apply, if becoming a church member meant becoming a preacher? We feel that the kind of Christians we have identified with us is a thousand times more important than numbers." (*Boston Missionary Herald.*)

A good deal depends on the words that are used. Tell a young convert that he is expected to preach, and he will shrink from it; but tell him that it is his duty to use his powers and opportunities for spreading the gospel, and he will admit the obligation and act accordingly.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NEWPORT, HANTS CO., Jan. 19th, 1876.

Dear Messenger,—
Knowing your willingness to convey good news to the brethren, I desire to let the Lord's people know how it fares with us in this locality. In the month of June last, I entered upon my labours as pastor of the church in this place. The church—which is one of the oldest in the Province—was worshipping in the Village Hall, their Meeting-house together with their Sabbath School, library, &c., having been burnt to the ground some four years ago by the hand of an incendiary. However, the people set to work with a will, and decided to erect a neat and commodious building, and the same being

completed, was duly opened for public worship.

In response to an invitation, and with the unanimous consent of this church, I visited Yarmouth, spending some six weeks with the brethren and sisters of the Temple church, during the temporary absence of their highly esteemed pastor, Rev. W. H. Warren. The following contributions in aid of our new meeting-house were received from the brethren during my very pleasant visit to Yarmouth: Samuel Brown, Esq., \$4; A. C. Robbins, Esq., \$25; Mrs. Shaw, \$5; Mrs. Perry, \$1; Mrs. Lovett, \$5. Collection after Lecture in vestry of Temple Church, \$20; Sundries, \$50; Collection after sermon at Beaver River, \$6.25.

On my return home, I found the meeting-house completed, and on Sabbath, Aug. 29th, the dedicatory services were held; many ministerial brethren had been invited, but owing to a variety of circumstances, only two, with the exception of the Pastor, were able to be present, viz: Rev. Jeremiah Bancroft and bro. Bishop, Licentiate. The house was full in every part. In the morning, the Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Bro. Bishop, and the dedicatory sermon was preached by the Pastor, from the words, "Our holy and beautiful house," &c., Isa. lxxiv. 11. In the afternoon, a very able sermon was preached by Rev. J. Bancroft, from the words, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health," &c., 3 John 2. The services were continued in the evening; the collections amounted to nearly \$40.

The building—the seats in which are entirely free—is a neat edifice 37 by 50 ft., and with gallery, is capable of accommodating some 450 persons. The interior is finished with black ash which adds much to the beauty of the building, the total cost of which, including land, stoves, furniture and insurance, amounted to \$4,600. Some \$900 of which remains unpaid; but the ladies, who are ever ready for every good work and work are devising means to remove the same, and if any of your readers feel disposed to assist them, and they will remit the contributions to me, I will hand the same over to the proper parties and acknowledge the same in your columns. Since the opening of our meeting house, we have been endeavoring to advance the interests of our Master's kingdom, and we have not been left without the Master's seal of approval. During the month of October, we held a series of special meetings, during which, while we were not favoured with any remarkable manifestations of divine power, we were permitted to rejoice, inasmuch as the church members were brought into closer harmony with each other, and some who had grown cold, were quickened and brought to seek after a closer walk with God.

On the first Sabbath in November, we visited the baptismal waters, and a young man was buried in the likeness of the Saviour's death; in the month of December two were received by letter; on the first Sabbath of the New Year a dear sister followed her Lord in his appointed way, and was "Buried beneath the yielding wave," and on the following Sabbath our hearts were again made glad, as we led four more young persons into the stream, where they were baptized in obedience to their Lord's command. May they all be kept "Faithful unto death."

While God has thus blessed us spiritually, the people have not been behind in temporal things. On Friday, Dec. 24th, a

CHRISTMAS TREE AND REFRESHMENT TABLE, heavily laden with useful and fancy articles were exhibited, and in a few hours, were cleaned of nearly every article, thus enriching the treasury of the "Ladies Sewing Circle" to the amount of about \$70 net. Now as money is very scarce, and there are many mechanics out of employment, and considering that a donation party had very recently been held in the immediate neighbourhood, one would scarcely have been surprised if the friends had said, "Well now, we must rest awhile," but no, the Newport friends are used to hard work, and have large hearts and willing hands, and remember their pastor, not only in their prayers, but also in their pockets, larders and granaries. This was manifested in a very practical manner on Thursday

evening last, when, in accordance with previous arrangements,

A DONATION PARTY,

to the number of about 200 persons, visited the pastor's residence, and after partaking of a sumptuous tea, prepared by the ladies, and listening to several addresses by warm-hearted brethren, the donation was presented, which amounted to the very handsome sum of \$109.83, \$85.83 of which were in cash, and the remainder in oats, firewood, and other useful articles. May such kindness be repaid by Him who will say unto all such, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me." And now with our comfortable house of worship, free to all comers. The pastor and his family's wants for the winter well supplied; with increasingly large and attentive congregations at all the preaching stations, with some fallow ground in process of breaking, and some enquirers looking toward Zion, and, best of all, with peace and harmony in the church, we are pressing on in our Master's work, to us a work of faith and labour of love, supported by the precious assurance, that "In due time we shall reap if we faint not. Praying, hoping, and believing that the present year will be one in which all the churches may receive much of the Holy Spirit's aid and presence, and many precious immortal souls be won for our dear Redeemer, I remain,

Yours in the best of bonds,
A. E. INGRAM.

HANTSPORT, N. S.—We are now in the midst of a gracious revival. There having been a growing increase of interest all along since I came to this church, we resolved to foster it and labor for an extensive work of grace, which under God might not end after a few days excitement. Believing that the proper time had come, and that the first week of the New Year would be an auspicious season, we determined to improve the opportunity, and accordingly commenced a protracted meeting on the evening of the first Monday of the new year, which, having been very interesting, induced us to hold one special prayer meeting during the day and one in the evening ever since, up to last evening—Sabbaths and Saturdays excepted. On the former we have from four and five meetings, and on the latter a special Conference. At the first special Conference six were received for church-membership, all of whom had belonged to other denominations.

January 18th. Yesterday was a very busy and delightful day for the Hantsport churches and its pastor. God having blessed the labors of our dear brethren Dykeman and Sweet, of the Wolfville Academy, at Falmouth Village, and a number having come forward for baptism they sent for me to administer the ordinance on Sabbath morning whereupon I appealed to Professor Welton at Acadia for help on sabbath, and brother Goodwin having come in the evening train, at eight P. M. I set out for Falmouth, being carried by dean E. Davidson's speedy steed, the pleasure of which was enhanced by having the good deacon for a driver. Arriving at brother E. N. Davidson's about nine P. M., we met brethren Dykeman and Sweet, and every thing being arranged for Sabbath we retired and slept soundly until aroused by the good man of the house, for breakfast. Soon everything was ready and the candidates having arrived we went to the baptismal font, on the side of the hill, near the neat little chapel,—which nature had formed for the glory of nature's God, and where numbers have been buried with Christ in baptism; where we buried in the likeness and according to the example of Christ five willing and happy converts. At 11 A. M. we met in company with the church and congregation, I tried to speak to them, after which we received the candidates into the church, closed the service, went to dinner, and were soon on the way back to Hantsport where we arrived in good time for baptism at 3 P. M. Six having been baptized we returned here. When the familiar strains of the church bell called, we went up to the evening service, saying "I was glad when they said let us go up to the house of the Lord." Brother Goodwin occupied twenty-five minutes of the meeting in the delivery of a very nice sermon, a dense and appreciative audience, after which the right hand of fellowship was given to

seven candidates, the six newly baptized and one who had been baptized in another community. The preaching service being over, we had a delightful season of social worship. This is the third week and the meetings continued with unabated interest. The work seemed to commence in the church and have extended to the congregation, a number of whom have been hopefully converted and others are seeking the Saviour. The members of the church are entering heartily into the work, and we have been aided by our good brother Professor Elder, who being at home on vacation has entered energetically in the good work, and been of material service to the cause. We were also favored the first week by the aid of brother W. Robinson, of Acadia. It is "so good" to have the sympathy and co-operation of the pious.

Hoping that we shall have the sympathy and prayers of all who are interested in the salvation of souls and the extension of truth, I subscribe myself,

Yours for the truth, in love.
J. C. BLEAKNEY.

Jan. 16th 1876.
P. S.—We had one very remarkable conversion from pedobaptism to New Testament baptism. At the shore he said "I once did not believe in this baptism, but THROUGH PRAYER TO GOD AND READING His word my mind has been enlightened and my eyes opened to see that it is right"

[Since the above was in type we have learned that there were seven more persons received by the church on Saturday for baptism last Lord's Day.—Ed.]

HEBRON.—Bro. Doty writes Jan'y 17th 1876:—"The Lord is doing great things for us in Hebron. Backsliders are returning home some who have been long away. The church is being revived, and we hope sinners are being saved. Yesterday was a good day for Hebron, our Pastor baptized seven, all young people, four quite young from 10 to 12 years of age. May God bless these lambs, and bring many more. It was a pleasing sight to see these dear youths follow their Lord in his appointed ways. When they came forward to be welcomed into the church, the sight of the eyes affected the heart. May God continue his work until there shall not be one unsaved sinner left in Hebron. Our Pastor is a faithful worker, and the Lord is with him. May his hands be supported by the prayers of the church. He has the hearts of the young with him as well as the older ones. May God help him to win souls to Christ, is the prayer of my heart. Pray for us."

Rev. J. D. Fulton does not propose to leave Brooklyn. According to the *Tribune*, a large number of his friends met in the edifice, formerly occupied by the Clinton Avenue Baptist Church, and organized the Centennial Baptist Church, with Dr. Fulton as pastor. One hundred and eighty-three persons joined the new church.

DR. MOFFAT'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.—A week or two since, a deputation from the Congregational Board of Ministers in London, waited on Dr. Moffat at his residence, and presented him on behalf of the Board, with a warmly worded address, expressive of deep respect and affection. It had the deputation informed Dr. Moffat, been signed by 140 members of the Board, and would be signed by others as soon as they have the opportunity. Dr. Moffat was deeply affected by the kindness of his brethren, and said it never occurred to him while working among the Bechuanas that his labors would obtain the applause of men. He never thought of anything but to do his work for his Lord, and for the souls of the poor Africans. Had he a thousand lives he would live them all over again in the same good and holy cause.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The meetings of the Dominion Board of Trade at Ottawa closed on Friday last, and resulted in a resolution to the effect that in any re-adjustment of the tariff reciprocal duties with the United States should be adopted, that parliament be memorialized and the products of the soil, forests and mines and manufactures be also considered; that it is desirable that pilotage should be by law declared compulsory and that the Government be memorialized to repeal the Stamp act so far as it relates to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.

The Governor General entertained the delegates, including those from the United States at dinner.

A large meeting of manufacturers was held on Wednesday last at Montreal, to protest against the present tariff, and take measures to induce the Government to increase it.

A man named John Hutchinson was

killed on Wednesday night by being kicked off a gallery in St. Sophia Street, Montreal. Joseph Bowman is in custody for kicking him.

It is reported that the successors to an estate which, many years ago, was given on Jacques Cartier Square, Quebec, for market purposes, intend to attempt recovery of that property, on the ground that the objects for which it was given are not now being carried out. The property in question if recovered, would be a very valuable inheritance.

Applications for work, to the corporation of Montreal, are still very numerous, and show how badly off the poor people are. They are only paid at the rate of 60 cents per day.

A telegram to the *Reporter* says: The Christian Brothers of Ottawa will apply to Parliament next session for an Act of Incorporation, enabling them to hold property and act as teachers of youth throughout the Dominion.

The number of imprisonments in Montreal gaol last year was 4847; of these 2297 were for drunkenness, 465 for larceny, 280 for assault and battery, 75 for assaulting the police, and 66 for keeping houses of illfame. The greatest number at one time was 479; deaths 9; cost of rations a day, 7 1/2 cents each.

On Thursday last George St. Pierre's house and his mother-in-law were burned at Coteau Landing, Ont., on Wednesday.

Daly's hotel, Kennedy's and Burton's stores and three dwellings at Workworth Ont., were burned.

At Toronto, Clements, accused of being an accessory before the fact of the murder of Jane Gilmore by abortion has been acquitted.

Mr. Dove, clerk in the Department of Agriculture, has been appointed to take charge of the Emigration office in London, temporarily, vice Mr. Jenkins, resigned.

Mrs. McKenzie, wife of Hugh McKenzie, of Montreal, eloped to New York with Lieut. Brydges, son of Mr. J. C. Brydges where they were arrested on Saturday. But they got away on Saturday night to Philadelphia, thus escaping arrest on a charge of abduction. Mrs. McKenzie left her two children at Windsor Hotel with her brother and cousin. No further attempts was made to stop them. Since it has been announced that women were to be employed in the public departments as copying clerks there has been a rush of all classes to Ministers to obtain the desired work. It has become such a nuisance that the service of females are to be hereafter dispensed with.—*Tel. to Chronicle.*

UNITED STATES.—Correspondence between the United States Government and Spain respecting affairs in Cuba, was sent to Congress on Friday last. The inference from the correspondence is that now Spain concedes to the U. S., demand, and the *Virginus* protocol is to be fulfilled.

In the House of Representatives on Tuesday an effort to suspend the rules, and vote on the Amnesty Bill, was defeated.

Four negro incendiaries were taken from jail of Friar's Point, Miss., and shot dead by a masked mob on the 15th Inst.

A collision on the elevated New York railroad occurred on Tuesday last on the switch, owing to fog. The engines were badly smashed and a fireman reported killed. No passengers were injured.

All goods to be shown by Egypt have been received by the Egyptian Commission and placed in the Centennial Buildings. The Director-General is informed of the shipment of 300 tons of goods from Australia and the neighboring colonies. Eighty-seven cases of goods for exhibition were shipped by the steamer from the Cape of Good Hope on Saturday the 15th Inst.

Three persons were killed and two seriously injured by a boiler explosion at La Grange, Ind.

The strike of female employes in the Good-year Glove Company's works, at Nangatuck, is ended, nearly all having resumed work at a reduced rate.

At a fire on Wednesday night at Apollo, Pa., nearly half the town was destroyed. Two squares, comprising about forty buildings, were burned.

Two hundred operatives were thrown out of employment by the burning of Carpenter & Co.'s mills, at North Hoosick, N. Y.

The liabilities of the Tredegar Iron Works Company, of Richmond, Va., are \$1,300,500.

A private letter from Havana to New York states that John B. Spittoma was elected President of the Cuban Republic.

Thomas Liversidge, of Milton, Mass., recently deceased, left over \$400,000 to found an institution for the education of poor boys.

BERMUDA.—The barque Sirian Star, of Yarmouth N. S. from Liverpool, with the loss of mizzen-topmast, topsail-yard and several sails; and the schooner Martha A., from St. John, N. B., for Cienfuegos, leaky were towed into St. George's on the 6th.

ENGLAND.—The weather on Friday was stormy throughout the British Islands, and the telegraph lines were prostrated between London and Valencia.

The memorial of the Anti-Slavery Society to the Earl of Derby on the Cuban question states that they have reliable information that Spain is willing to place Cuba in the same relation

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