

the nucleus of a permanent Baptist Sabbath School Library. Such acts as these are worthy of imitation by those who desire the prosperity of the cause of God in connection with the churches to which they severally belong. Such acts give a fragrance to the memory of departed Christian friends, and lead us more clearly to apprehend the saying of Scripture, "The memory of the just is blessed." The church, at the close of the communion service yesterday, passed a very unanimous resolution in acknowledgment of the gift, in which a high tribute of respect was paid to the memory of our departed friend, for her many christian virtues.

Onslow, Oct. 9th, 1876.

S. M.

The St. Hyacinthe Conflagration

728 HOUSES BURNED !!

St. Hyacinthe settled nearly a century ago is one of the oldest Canadian Country Towns.

All its laboring population Manufactures and business places were concentrated in a curve of the Yamaska, a pleasant little river running through a wealthy and fertile plain. On a high street are built most of the private residences, churches and educational institutions of denominations, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, offering to the eye of visitors a pleasant panorama.

But while it is a matter of thankfulness all these were spared in the fire of 3rd ult. The lower town offers a most lamentable sight of charred walls and a forest of chimneys.

However owing to the energy of leading men and aid, business places and cottages are fast being rebuilt and we may foresee that St. Hyacinthe will rise from its ashes more beautiful with its wider streets and more effective precautionary measures against fire.

A few business places have already been reopened in temporary buildings.

The French Protestant Ladies' College which has miraculously escaped has also reopened on the 13th ult., under the management of the Rev. R. P. Duclos; where, it may be interesting to many to know that young ladies can get, combined with a comfortable home, a first class education in French and Arts at very moderate charges.

From its location and management, there is no institution in the Dominion so favourable to the acquirement of literary and conversational French. The principal is careful to secure the services of the most thorough and experienced Teachers in the various departments, parents and guardians may depend upon young ladies receiving the most careful cultivation and finish in the solid part of education, as well as in accomplishments.

The building has been refitted with steam apparatus, bath-room, &c., and can now compete in healthfulness and comfort with the leading institutions on the continent.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

Ordination at Port Medway.

In compliance with a request from the Port Medway Church, a Council convened at the Baptist Meeting-house, Port Medway, Sept. 27th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to consider the propriety of ordaining to the work of the christian ministry Bro. A. H. Lavers, Lic.

Rev. E. N. Archibald was chosen Moderator, Prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. O. Gates, who was elected Secretary. The delegates present were:

1st Ragged Island Church.—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

Milton, Queens Co.—Rev. John Brown, Deas. J. H. Nickerson, and J. B. Wyman.

Liverpool.—Rev. Geo. O. Gates, Dea. Thos. Nickerson and Bro. Geo. S. Parker.

Mill Village.—Dea. Enoch Steadman, and Bro. W. A. Read.

Greenfield.—Bro. E. H. Freeman.

Port Medway.—Deacs. Charles Atkins and Geo. Manthorn, and Bro Wm. Dayly.

Invited to a seat in the Council.—Bro. H. Lavers of the Milton (Yarmouth) Church—Bro. W. Manthorn of the Liverpool Church and Bro. Curtis Manthorn, D. Morine, D. Gaskill, Wm Merriat and B. F. Tupper of the Port Medway Church.

The records of the church authorizing the calling of the Council were then read by the Church Clerk—after which at the request of the Council, Bro. Lavers gave a relation of his christian

experience his call to the ministry and views of Christian Doctrine. Upon this relation he was quite carefully and fully questioned by the Moderator and other members of the Council.

The candidate then by request retired from the Council.

Inquiries were then made by the Moderator, of the members present of Churches of Port Medway and Mill Village, with which Bro L. has been laboring for some months past, as to his standing, preaching, &c., &c., which were answered quite to the satisfaction of the Council.

After which it was unanimously resolved. That this Council being satisfied with the christian experience, call to the ministry and views of Christian Doctrine as expressed by the candidate, advise that the ordination take place as proposed by the Church in calling the Council.

It was also resolved that the Rev. Jno. Brown preach the ordination sermon in the evening at 7 o'clock.

That Rev. E. N. Archibald ask the questions.

That Rev. G. O. Gates offer the ordaining prayer.

That Rev. E. N. Archibald give the Right Hand of Fellowship to the candidate.

That Rev. J. M. Brown give the charge to the candidate.

That Rev. Geo. O. Gates give the Charge to the Church.

That the Moderator offer the closing prayer.

And that the benediction be pronounced by the Pastor.

Also resolved that the Sec. forward a copy of these Minutes to the Christian Messenger for publication.

The services were observed in the above order in the presence of a large and attentive congregation, Rev. J. K. Smith (Free Baptist) assisting in the preliminary exercise.

GEO. O. GATES.

[The above communication came to hand on Saturday last. We mention this as enquiries have been made concerning it. It must have been somehow delayed.]

WINDSOR PLAINS—On Sunday the 24th of September, I had the pleasure of baptizing five persons in the presence of a large concourse of people. It is some years since such a season has been enjoyed by the church here. The Lord has not forgotten them.

AT HAMMOND'S PLAINS also on the 1st of October, I baptized one person. A good work is begun there.

WALLACE LUCAS.

NEW ANNAN, Oct. 12th 1876.—The little church here has had no pastoral care for a long time. The flock, small at first, has become very much scattered, some having died, others having moved away. Their candlestick had thus become all but removed. We have had some special meetings. God has blessed our labours, those who were striving to maintain the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, have been strengthened. Wanderers are returning, and many others are anxiously inquiring the way to Zion.

Brethren pray for us that the Lord will pour us out a great blessing, that many perishing ones here may be saved and added to the church.

WILLARD PARKER ANDERSON.

MARSH ROAD, ST. JOHN.—A new Baptist church has been constituted here by the publicly covenanting together of ten baptized believers on the evening of Thursday the 5th inst., and the election brethren W. R. Floyd and C. G. Berryman, as Deacons, and Brother Charles Spencer as Clerk. Two candidates for baptism and church fellowship were received on the following evening and baptized on the following Sabbath by Rev. J. D. Pope of Leinster Street Church. This work is largely the result of the labors of Mr. John F. Burditt, a licentiate of German Street Church on Sunday and Thursday evenings. The sympathy and aid of the city churches will be largely needed to make this new interest a success.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Dominion Government will pay the ocean freight on such samples of Canadian manufactured articles as will be sent to the Sydney, Australia, Exhibition. A committee has been appointed to select and

define the quantity. A vessel leaves Montreal, October 28, another sails from New York, November 25.

The body of W. Y. Nard, the defaulting bank clerk of Hamilton, was found in a swamp. He shot himself in the mouth and wandered through the woods till he bled to death. His father is a colonel of a British regiment now stationed at Cork.

Mr. M. Coleman, of the Montreal Witness is suing the Star in a three thousand dollar libel suit.

A pupil in the Joliette R. C. College died on Friday from swallowing a piece of tobacco.

Two canal laborers, while drunk, fought, when one stabbed the other with a knife.

The new steamer Northern Light, building by Mr. Sewell, of Quebec, for keeping up winter communication with P. E. Island and the mainland, will be finished about 15th November. It is probable the steamer will be ready to commence the service for which she has been built about the 1st of December. Precaution has been taken to make her as strong as she can possibly be made.

On Saturday morning last the streets of Montreal were covered with an inch of snow.

On Sunday morning at a fire in Griffintown, Montreal, three cows were burned, and a woman was severely injured by a kick from a horse.

An agitation is now going on in Montreal for the organization of a Citizen's Protective Association against the heavy municipal taxation and expenditure.

The steamer Dominion of Canada was to sail on Monday for England with nineteen fine horses.

The schooner Maggie Hunter, of Toronto was lost in Lake Ontario, on Friday, with all hands.

The Ontario Assembly meets early in January, when the commission for the consolidation of the statutes will report.

Last week twenty-seven Catholics and three Protestants died of small-pox in Montreal.

A Montreal telegram says that "on Sunday night or Monday morning the pawn shop of D. Lazarus, Notre Dame Street, was entered. Three locks on the front door and two of the safe were, it is alleged, opened with skeleton keys; there were sixteen large drawers in the safe which were full of watches, jewellery, silverware and \$546 in bank notes—The whole of which is valued by Mr. Lazarus at between eighteen and twenty thousand dollars.

[The telegram probably intends to say the above property was stolen, but it does not.]

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Telegraph informs us that a sail boat in which were two young men, named Isaac Stinson and Thomas Smith, was upset in a squall, off Lord's Cove, Deer Island, Charlotte Co., on Saturday last, Stinson drowned. He was an unmarried man, about thirty-two years old, a native of Cape Negro, Nova Scotia, but has been living on Deer Island for the past twelve months.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Mr. David McClure, of Murray Harbor, lost his barn filled with produce by fire. The loss is \$10,000.

A monument to the late Hon. Edward Whelan is to be erected.

UNITED STATES.—A large number of arrests are being made in South Carolina, of parties threatening to interfere with colored voters at the pending election.

The eighty-sixth anniversary of Father Matthew's birth was celebrated on Tuesday last in New York by a grand parade of the Irish Temperance Societies; 5000 men were in a line.

On Monday the 9th, eight hundred bales of cotton, valued at \$37,000, were burned in Brooklyn, N. Y. Also on the same day, a grain elevator and other buildings, at Cleveland, Ohio, were burned; loss \$244,000.

On Tuesday the entire business portion of Sandy Hill, N. Y., was burned. Loss over \$200,000.

A boiler explosion in Zug & Co's. nail manufactory, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on Thursday killed nine men and wounded twenty-one.

Several lives were lost on the Mississippi on Thursday last near Baton Rouge by the burning of the Steamer Southern Belle.

The Nova Scotia Giantess.—Captain Bates and his wife, formerly Miss Anna Swan, the giants, whose marriage in London attracted much attention several years ago, have retired from show life, and built a fitting residence near Rochester, N. Y. He is seven and a half feet high, and she is an inch taller, and each weigh over four hundred pounds. The rooms of their house are eighteen feet high and the doors twelve feet. Their bedstead is ten feet long, and all the furniture is proportionately large.

ENGLAND.—Mr. Gladstone, in a letter to a public meeting in London on the 9th, severely attacks the administration for what he calls persisting in a policy condemned by the nation and not supported by Parliament; he expresses his conviction that making Bosnia, Herzegovina and Bulgaria independent of the Ottoman will, would end the controversy; but declares he has exhausted all hope that the government will see the true merits of the case.

At meetings of cotton spinners, at Barney and Blackburn, the determina-

tion was expressed to resist the demands of operatives, but they decided to abide by the decision of the general meeting of employers at Manchester on Thursday. A meeting at Preston unanimously resolved to close the mills on the 1st of November if operatives persist in their demands. If masters adhere to their present attitude, a lock-out of 70,000 operatives will probably result.

Private advices from London say the outbreak of a general European war is only a question of time as to whether it will be within a month, or not till the Spring of 1877.

It is now stated that Serbia and Montenegro reject the armistice.

A correspondent at Paris telegraphs that an uneasy feeling regarding the Eastern question prevails. He is informed on good authority that the French foreign office considers war inevitable. Germany is the only power that can prevent it.

The Times' leader declares that if Russia refuses the armistice, or is the means of the refusal, she becomes the enemy of Europe.

The announcement of the resignation of the Duke of Abercorn as Viceroy of Ireland, is confirmed. The Duke of Marlborough is his successor.

A new wharf, with flour and rice mills, at Rotherhithe, has been burned; loss £350,000.

FRANCE.—A decree has been issued in France summoning the Senate and Deputies to assemble on 30th October.

Polish residents in France have presented to Minister Washburn an address and medal for President Grant in commemoration of the American centenary.

SPAIN.—Despatches have been received from Barcelona announcing that thirty thousand soldiers will if necessary follow the fifteen thousand who start for Cuba on the 20th. General Campos goes as Commander-in-chief.

EGYPT.—It is said the Egyptians lost ten thousand men who were surprised and massacred in defiles of Abyssinia.

TURKEY.—A despatch dated Constantinople on Wednesday says that at the sitting of the extraordinary council it was decided that Turkey should grant an armistice for 6 months, viz., until the end of March, 1877.

The Times' leading editorial says: "If it is true that an armistice has been granted, there is still good hope for peace, and Turkey has placed herself right. Should Serbia reject the armistice, she would forfeit all claim to consideration."

The following are given as the conditions on which the Porte concedes the armistice:—Russia must stop the despatch of troops to Serbia and Bulgaria; Serbia must immediately suspend hostilities and give other military guarantees.

The Turks accord the armistice to the European powers, not to Serbia.

The Porte is willing to have a conference, providing only that Serbian affairs and propositions for reform is discussed. No Serbian representatives shall be admitted.

The Servians, it is claimed, will accept the six months' armistice.

The Porte proposes that the armistice shall extend to 15th March, 1877, and requests the great powers to appoint delegates for settlement.

A Belgrade despatch says the Servians on Monday repulsed the Turks in an attempt to cross the River Drina.

A despatch from Cettinge reports that the Montenegrins have turned the positions of Moukhtar Pasha and entered Trebilje and Lperbinje; they burned the latter town.

Some serious fighting has taken place lately between the Turks and Montenegrins, the latter being defeated.

A Montenegrin official journal declares that Montenegro will not accept either armistice or peace except in concert with Serbia, because Montenegro, like Serbia, is bound to continue the war until the liberation of the Christians is accomplished.

Fifty Russian officers, some of whom held high positions in Russian staff, arrived at Belgrade on Friday.

RUSSIA.—The Black Sea squadron is ready to carry 96,000 men from northern to southern shores. The Persian Government has been asked by Russia to co-operate. Persia, in obedience, is sending troops to the Turkish frontier. The reserves are being called out in some of the western provinces.

Russian troops have been moved toward the northern and eastern frontier of Gallacia. 20,000 horses have been placed on a war footing in Russian Poland. These measures are believed to be intended to force Austria and Turkey to concede the independence of southern Slavonians.

Russia rejects the six months' armistice decided upon by Turkey, and demands a six week armistice imposed upon the belligents, thus reverting to the proposals originally made by England to Turkey.

GERMANY.—Count Von Arnim is condemned to five years imprisonment for treason and offences against the Emperor William and Bismarck.

A despatch from Berlin says the creditors of Turkey have seized two hundred and ninety-two Krupp guns shipped from Antwerp for Turkey.

A Berlin correspondent says Italy, in her alliance with Russia, has in view the acquisition of Tunis.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An agricultural show was held at Shelburne and Liverpool, last week, and another one is to be held at North Brookfield to-morrow Thursday the 9th inst.

FRANK MILLER'S HARNESS OIL received the highest and only award at the Centennial Exhibition. Oct. 18. 13 ins.

SEE WHAT THE CLERGY SAY:—Rev. R. H. Craig, Princeton, N. J. says—"Last summer when I was in Canada I caught a bad cold in my throat. It became so bad that often in the middle of my sermon my throat and tongue would become so dry that I could hardly speak. My tongue was covered with a white parched crust, and my throat was much inflamed. An old lady of my congregation advised me to use the "Shoshonee Remedy," which she was then using. The first dose relieved me, and in a few days my throat was nearly well. I discontinued the use of it, but my throat not being entirely well, became worse again. I procured another supply and I am happy to say that my throat is entirely well, and the white crust has disappeared. I wish that every minister who suffers from sore throat would try the "Great Shoshonee Remedy."

Rev. Geo. W. GROUT, Stirling, Ont., says—"Mrs. George Francis was severely afflicted with kidney disease, and had been under the care of three physicians without any beneficial result. She has since taken four bottles of the "Shoshonee," and now enjoys the best of health."

Rev. T. C. BROWN, Brooklyn, Ont., says—"My wife was very low with lung disease, and given up by her physician. I bought a bottle of the "Shoshonee Remedy," and at the end of two days she was much better. By continuing the Remedy she was perfectly restored." Price of the Remedy in pint bottles \$1; Pills 25 cents a box. Sept. 20.

FRANK MILLER'S LEATHER PRESERVATIVE and Water Proof Blacking received the highest and only award at the Centennial Exhibition. Oct. 18. 13 ins.

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 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, etc., 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, etc., 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."—S. N. THOMAS, Phelps, N. Y., and NORTHROP & LYMAN, Toronto, Ont., Sole Agents for the Dominion. NOTE.—ELECTRIC—Selected and Electrolytic. May 10. 2 m.

MARRIAGES.

At Middleton, P. E. Island, Oct. 2nd, by Rev. A. Chipman, A. M., Mr. Allan C. McPhee, of North River, to Miss Maggie E. Crawford, of Middleton.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Lower Grandville, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. P. R. Foster, Mr. David H. Everitt, to Miss Olivia Ellis.

On the same day, by the same at the residence of the brides father, Mr. Holland Snow, to Charlotte A., daughter of Mr. Joseph McKenzie, all of Grandville.

At Canard, Cornwall, Oct. 10th, by Rev. S. B. Kempton, W. W. Hay, Esq., of Woodstock, N. B., to Sophia A., third daughter of the late Judson D. Harris of Canard.

On the 9th of October, by the Rev. John A. McLean, Andrew H. Johnson, to Olivia P. Church, both of Falmouth, Hants Co., N. S.

On the 10th inst., by the Rev. W. J. Ancient, Chas. Tullock, to Lizzie Carson, both of this city.

On the same day, by the same, William Thomas, of Portland, Me., to Elizabeth Shears, of this city.

At Upper Stewiacke, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. Edward Grant, H. J. Parker, of Dartmouth, to Libbie, eldest daughter of George Fulton, Esq.

At Dartmouth, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. John F. Bell, Lewis A. Wilson, of Halifax, N. S., to Annie, eldest daughter of George Wells, of Dartmouth.

At Clementsport, N. S., Oct. 9th, by Rev. R. Smith, Mr. George H. Correy, Architect, of Stanbridge, Quebec, to Miss Mary Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Wm. H. Hay, Esq., M. P.

At Bale Verte, N. B., on the 10th inst., by Rev. D. M. Bliss, J. Walter Allison, of Halifax, N. S., to Minnie, daughter of the late Charles Prescott, of Bale Verte.

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