

In Memoriam.

MR. READ HALL.

Death has again entered the ranks of the Baptist Church at Lower Granville. One of its most active and useful members has recently been summoned from earth. Mr. Read Hall, of Granville Ferry, known to many of your readers, closed his earthly career on Friday morning, Jan. 26th, 1877, aged 65 years. He died of consumption. His illness was very protracted, and a times he suffered much, but remarkable submission to the Divine will characterized his conduct under his sufferings, and in prospect of his dissolution. The subject of this notice was the youngest son of the late James Hall, an honored name in connexion with the history of the Lower Granville Baptist Church. He professed religion about 40 years ago, under the ministry of Rev. Joshua Cogswell, and by the grace of God continued "faithful unto death." His piety was not fluctuating. In times of religious declension as well as in times of prosperity his pastor could depend on his co-operation. He loved the cause of Christ, and to the utmost of his ability was ready to give it his support. His attachment to the church was ardent, and his regard for the distinctive doctrines and practices of his denomination conscientious. He was one of the Building Committee as well as a Trustee of the neat and comfortable Baptist Meeting House at Granville Ferry. Our departed brother was a staunch friend and advocate of the Temperance cause. For many years he was a prominent member of New Caledonia Division of the Sons of Temperance, usually filling the Chaplain's office. The Division, wearing regalias and badges of mourning attended his funeral. He has left a widow, one son, three daughters, and a large circle of other kindred to mourn his death. May God be their "refuge and strength, and a present help in their time of trouble!" In consequence of his having conducted the correspondence that resulted in the settlement of Rev. I. Wallace, in Lower Granville, in 1861, and the subsequent long and intimate friendship, it was Mr. Hall's request that that brother should preach a sermon in connexion with his funeral. This long cherished wish was sacredly regarded. Revs. P. R. Foster, T. A. Higgins, H. Achilles, and Mr. Sponagle (Wesleyan), were also present, and took part in the service. A very large concourse were in attendance, thus indicating their respect for the departed, and their sympathy for the bereaved. The sermon on the occasion was founded on Rev. xiv. 13. The singing by the choir of which the deceased had long been a member, and conducted by Mr. Thos. Hall, music teacher, was peculiarly impressive.

"Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee,
Since God was thy Ransom, thy Guardian, thy Friend—
He gave thee; He took thee; and He will restore thee,
And death hath no sting since the Saviour hath died."
—Com. by a Friend.

DEACON RODERICK McLEOD.

"Help Lord for the godly man ceaseth, and the faithful fail from among the children of men." Fell asleep in Jesus, on the 19th Nov. last, Deacon Roderick McLeod, Ugg Rear, in the 66th year of his age. Bro. McLeod was baptized in the year 1844, and then united with the Ugg Church, over which he was ordained Deacon in the year 1863, in which honored capacity he served the Church faithfully until the Master called him up higher to serve in the Church triumphant. The consistency of Deacon McLeod's christian life has made a mark that will not be erased upon the memory of all who knew him; and those who knew him best loved him most. Always forward in his contributions to advance the cause of God and never uninterested in any enterprise that had for its aim the wellbeing of humanity. Without hypocrisy, we can affirm Deacon McLeod to be an intelligent and a good citizen, a loving husband, an affectionate father, a consistent christian, and a faithful Deacon—A pillar in the Church. Consequently his death is a loss to the community as well as to the family and church; but the Master had need of him and we must submit knowing that our loss is his gain. He leaves a widow and ten children. May the Lord help them all to trust in

their father's God that they may meet beyond the river.

"Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away;
As morning bright and brighter shines
To pure and perfect day;
Nor sink those stars in empty night,
But hide themselves in heaven's own light

Charlottetown P. E. I. Jan. 30. 1877.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Notes from the Third Baptist Church.

Since our last notice four have been added to the church. The baptism on Monday, Jan. 29th, was an interesting one from the fact that one of the young sisters was going away to join her friends in the country, there alone, and yet not alone to testify for her Lord and Master, whose will she had learned and obeyed during her visit to Halifax.

On Lord's day, the 18th, by invitation, our pastor goes to visit Jeddore, the brethren having intimated their wish for an exchange so that they can practically give us encouragement and aid the Building Fund.

On Saturday a very kind letter was received from the Clerk of the Baptist Church at Ellershouse, to inform us that we are remembered by them, and that on account of the hard times, and many of the men being in the woods, they defer their response till the Spring, when they will contribute their mite. God bless them for their willingness!

Will not our brethren, far and near, try and send us some aid? We want enough, to start this summer; strict economy shall be studied. Our desire is to build the vestry first. Please invest, and if you visit Halifax we trust you will be pleased by seeing the new building, like a hive, filled with activity and sweetness; should you not, we trust future reports will show you that your assistance was rendered to a people deserving. Remember, brethren, many can help one! We ask your sympathy and aid. Prov. xix. 17.

Our site is near the New Station, it will be very convenient, if you wish to lend the Lord bricks, lumber, shingles or any other kind of useful material. In his name and for his glory we wish to build. Shall we be straightened? We will answer responses to this appeal in the Messenger with the Editor's permission.

MILTON.—The fifth anniversary of the Women's Missionary Aid Society connected with the Baptist Church, Milton, was held on Monday, Jan. 22. The Secretary's report showed that the meetings had been regularly held (with one exception) throughout the year. The number of members and consequently of subscriptions had somewhat decreased, owing mainly to the present business depression. The report however gave prominence to the rich promises of God with reference to the heathen world, with an earnest appeal that the number of members be increased. The subscriptions showed an increase on the previous year according to the number of members.

The meeting was addressed by Revs. Gates, Lowry and Brown.

On the following evening, the Quarterly Sunday School Concert was held. The School was examined in the six months' Old Testament Lessons of last year. Then followed a short review of the lives and deaths of the Apostles, a number of recitations, poetic and Scriptural; the latter in particular; a simultaneous recitation of the Lord's prayer, by a very young class; "Our Faith" by another, besides a variety of other exercises, Revs. Murray, Lowry, and the pastor were present, but they were ruled out by the juveniles, whose exercises extended to about two hours and a half.

FIVE ISLANDS.—Brother J. Soley, writes, Jan. 29th.—"The cause of God here is progressing very favourably, our new house lately opened for worship at Five Islands is likely to prove a blessing to the cause there. Over two years had expired since there had been conference held at the above place. At our first conference held in the new church a candidate offered himself for baptism at the age of 74 years, having belonged to the Methodist Church the last 40 years, whom we received for baptism."

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Rev. D. McDonald writes Jan. 24th. We are holding meetings this week. The interest is increasing; baptized five last Lord's Day and expect several more next. Pray for us.

THE BAPTISTS IN NEW ZEALAND.—A correspondent of the London Freeman says: What, of the Baptists? In Christchurch they have started a quarterly Magazine, and written home to Mr. Spurgeon for a minister. It is to be hoped he will do better for them than he has been able to do for Caversham, by Dunedin. They have waited two years and more. In the interval, however, they have wrought wondrously. The church has been enlarged at a cost of £600, and opened it free of debt. The roll of members has risen largely. They have 300 children in the schools, and work two stations. Portobello, a seaside township, is to have a church built. In Dunedin the "Strict Baptists" have put up a small building and planted a church and school in it. There has been a secession from Hanover-street, and a new cause started with every prospect of advance. They have obtained the use of a hall, have one of the best men in the city to lead them, and have invited the Rev. Allan Webb, of Sydney, to come over and help them. Notwithstanding this drain, the old parent church thrives still. Throughout the district during the last three or four years the schools and rolls of the Baptists must have more than doubled.

A novel entertainment, consisting of a "Bible Spelling Bee" and sacred concert, was recently given at the chapel Princess Risborough, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. J. Hillier.

The Evangelist cautions its readers against "The Habit of Abuse". How easily does a virtue become a vice; and this criticism and censure of others grow into a habit of fault-finding, which makes a man a nuisance to his best friends. One who is always finding fault in his family, who is always scolding his children, is a household pest; and he who in society boasts that he "speaks his mind," who tells everybody what he thinks of them, who no matter where or in what company, takes a pleasure in expressing opinions that are disagreeable, is a public nuisance.

In a church in the Black Isle, Ross-shire, on a recent Sunday, a woman who had been guilty of transgressing the seventh commandment was condemned to the "cutty stool," and sat during the whole service with a black shawl thrown over her head.

WESLEYAN.—The Methodist mission in Pachua, Mexico, has enjoyed an extensive revival. Seventy-three persons were received on probation in one day.

An American Wesleyan paper urges some modification of the Methodist system of regular removals, to avoid the injury often done to city churches by the removal of men particularly adapted to the work of building up and sustaining them.

Three Methodist ministers, while riding circuit in Pope County Arkansas, on the morning of the 26th Oct., were shot from the bush by two illicit distillers. One of them died in two hours afterwards; the others were seriously if not fatally wounded. It is believed they were mistaken for revenue officials by the sassanins.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Montreal is being troubled by assaults in some of the less frequented parts of the city. On Tuesday night in the heart of the city, a Mr. Bertrand, an insurance agent, was knocked down and robbed of his pocket book.

Two Frenchmen are candidates for the mayoralty. It was hoped that an English speaker would be induced to run.

Le Nouveau Monde severely attacks the Protestant press on account of its strictures on Bishop Langevin's mandement.

A new Presbyterian church is to be built on Dorchester street, Montreal, to cost a hundred thousand dollars.

A deputation from the New Brunswick Government was at Ottawa last week and had an interview with the Ministers relative to a continuation of the "better terms" to that Province.

At Ottawa, John Lowry committed suicide on Wednesday last at noon by shooting himself through the heart.

The Canada Gazette contains the appointment to the Senate of L. G. Power, of Halifax, N. S., as successor to Sir Edw. Kenny and R. P. Grant, of Pictou County, to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late John Holmes.

Shipbuilding is more active at Quebec. There are now seventeen vessels on the stocks averaging a thousand tons each.

At Toronto the Inland Revenue officers have seized three illicit stills on the premises of A. Brass.

The Manitoba Legislature opened on Wednesday. The speech from the throne expressed thanks to the Dominion Government for the grasshopper relief fund, and congratulates the country on the progress of the Pacific Railway.

Benjamin Paquet, Dean of the Faculty of Theology of Laval University, Quebec, has been appointed secret chamberlain to the Pope.

At Ottawa there have lately been discovered a number of cases of body-snatching so that the cemetery guards watch night and day.

A telegram from Ottawa on Saturday said the mandement of Bishop Langevin

has been submitted to Archbishop Tasche reau at Quebec. The whole matter will be referred to Rome for decision, Archbishop Taschereau strongly disapproves the sentiments of the mandement, which is said, in theological circles, to contain many errors of doctrine.

His Excellency the Governor-General arrived in Montreal on Monday evening to attend the marriage of his brother-in-law, Capt. Hamilton, with a daughter of Sir Hugh Allan.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—A telegram from St. John's on Monday last said the steamer "George Washington," of the Crownwell Line, which left Halifax 18th January, for this port, went ashore at Cape Race and became a total loss. All hands drowned. Fourteen bodies have been washed ashore. The only cabin passenger on the ill-fated vessel was Mr. Wm. Archibald, eldest son of Mr. Thomas Archibald, of this city. There was one steerage passenger, named Jas. Powers. The crew were all Americans, belonging to New York and vicinity.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Northern Light seems to be nearer a success and accomplishing the object sought in the hands of Mr. Sewell. It is hoped that she will continue all the winter, running between Georgetown and Pictou.

A dastardly attempt was made a few days ago to wreck the railway train near Georgetown, by some miscreant taking up a rail, misplacing it, and fastening it down, out of place. Providentially, Mr. George Parker, Junr. hearing the noise went to the place and discovered the mischief in time to prevent an accident.

UNITED STATES.—The joint convention of the two Houses met at Washington on Thursday to count the electoral vote. The galleries were densely crowded. The seats near the speaker's desk were reserved for President Grant, his Cabinet and the five Judges of the Supreme Court constituting the judicial branch of the Electoral Commission. The States are called alphabetically; Arkansas and Alabama were counted for Tilden; California and Colorado for Hayes; Connecticut and Delaware for Tilden without question.

The vote of Florida was the first objected to and referred to the Commission. Three sets of certificates were presented, and the certificates and objections were ordered to be printed.

Representatives David Dudley Field, on Friday, opened the argument as objector in the case of Florida. He argued in favor of going behind the face of the returns on the ground that if this could not be done the American people would be powerless in the face of gigantic fraud. He was followed by Representative Tucker, of Virginia, another of the objectors on the same side. Evarts and others argue the Republican side.

President Grant favors an immediate resumption of specie payments. The public debt statement shows a reduction during January of over two millions.

The officers of the suspended security Life Insurance Company, have been indicted for perjury and embezzlement.

An investigation has developed collusion between several American foreign consuls and importers for swindling Government by under valuation of goods imported. Removals and prosecutions are to follow.

The Boston Board of Trade has memorialized Congress and appointed a Committee to visit Washington in furtherance of reciprocity with Canada.

Signor Blitz, the well known magician and ventriloquist, died at Philadelphia Sunday before last.

An ice gorge on the West branch of the Susquehanna, caused enormous loss to lumbermen and farmers of this section. Such floods have not been seen since 1847. The Philadelphia and Erie Railway bridge is endangered.

CUBA.—A Havana letter says negotiations for peace initiated by the Spanish General Compos resulted in a response demanding autonomy for Cuba similar to that of Canada, abolition of slavery, and general amnesty. The Madrid Government refused, and the insurgents seek to enforce their demands by laying waste every locality they gain possession of. Great suffering from lack of food exists.

ENGLAND.—Sales of cattle, sheep or goats, are prohibited in London except specially licensed by the Privy Council or when the animals for sale have been on the premises of the vendor free from disease for a month previous to the sale; the animals sold must be killed within ten days after sale.

Mr. John Crossley, member for Halifax, it is stated, is about to resign his seat in Yorkshire Parliament. The Financier says he lost between three and four million dollars in financial operations.

The Manchester market is dull and declining. Countess Howe on Tuesday threw herself from the window of her mother's residence, on Berkeley Square, and died from the injuries.

The Steamer Samoset put into Queens-town on Friday with the main steam pipe broken. She repaired and sailed for New York on Friday.

The sales of American cotton in Liverpool on Tuesday were 4400 bales.

There was a gale in the south and south-west of England on Monday and last night, accompanied by rain and sleet.

An editorial in the London Times of Monday last says: "Prince Gortschakoff's circular will not, we fear tend to lessen the distrust with which Russia is viewed in England. It will be regarded as an invitation to begin a war from which, if Turkey had no allies, Russia would certainly profit. The English Government will certainly reply, with the approval of Parliament, that England will hold herself free to guard her own interests and the general interests of peace. England will await events. If Russia is more precipitate she must act on her own responsibility."

FRANCE.—The French government has dismissed several Mayors, for attending masses in Memory of Napoleon III., and decided to treat severely all officials participating in Bonapartist demonstrations.

The king of Sweden, the Crown prince and prince John of Glucksburg, have been initiated into Freemasonry, in presence of 1600 brethren, including deputations from England, Germany and France. The ceremony took place in Paris.

GERMANY.—The Pall Mall Gazette says:—"Results of German elections are deeply discouraging to the supporters of the Empire. Bismack will still be able to command the majority, but only by skillful manoeuvring."

The tone of the French and German press is that of the days preceding the last war.

RUSSIA.—A St. Petersburg telegram reiterates the story that Gortschakoff is about resigning.

The mobilization of the Russian guards has been resolved upon.

The Russian army received orders on Saturday to cross the Pruth, if the Porte concentrates troops on the Dalmatian frontier.

Gortschakoff, in a circular, considers that Europe, in its united diplomatic action, has proved itself deeply interested in the maintenance of peace in the East, and recognizes its duty as well as its right to co-operate for that end on behalf of general interests.

GREECE.—in view of the failure of the Conference and the prospect of continued misrule and unredressed grievances, it is stated that the Greek Government has given notice that it cannot longer undertake to restrain the Greek population in Turkey from seeking to obtain their rights by their own efforts.

TURKEY.—It is believed at Constantinople that peace will be concluded with Servia and it is also rumored that Montenegro has received Turkey's overtures for peace favorably.

The Times Belgrade correspondent says:—"It is quite possible Russia may make no opposition to Servia's concluding peace with the intention of declaring (in the event of war) that Servia is virtually Turkish territory, and invading Servia through the Timok and Morava valleys, and pushing on to Lophia. In such case all the Servians worth having could join the Russian ranks without the Servian Government committing itself in favor of either belligerent."

A despatch from Berlin says Servia is willing to raise the fortifications of Deligrad and Alexinatz if Turkey leaves the other fortresses in her hands.

The Times correspondent at Semlin telegraphs that the situation is so complicated it is impossible to form any opinion as to the probable result of the crisis in Servia.

The Turkish envoy will shortly arrive in Belgrade to open peace negotiations.

It is here reported that a special envoy had been dispatched to St. Petersburg to obtain a definite statement of Russia's desires, and to ascertain positively what support, if any, can be relied on if the Turkish proposals are rejected.

It is believed that the Porte in its negotiations with Servia is disposed to require as a condition the continued Turkish occupation of Alexinatz.

Montenegro's reply to Midhat Pasha's despatch to direct for peace, accepts the proposal to negotiate, and requests the Porte to state the conditions it will accept as a basis of negotiation.

The Stamboul Constantinople asserts that the Prince of Montenegro declares it impossible to entertain direct negotiations for peace, as his subjects would dethrone him if he did.

Local News.

The Pictou Monday evening train of last week met with quite an accident by the breaking of a wheel between Bedford and the Three-mile House. At Africville crossing nearly the whole train went off the track, tearing down three telegraph posts and piling the cars one upon another. One brakeman was thrown off and over a fence into the main road, but fortunately escaped uninjured. The cars were badly damaged, and three sets of points were destroyed by the dragging of the pin of the broken wheel on the track. The damage to the road was repaired and clear by 2.30 next morning.

The Weekly Mail trains have made remarkably good time ever since the change. That of last week were at River du Loup in 19 hours from Halifax.

At the School Commissioners meeting last week, the draft of the Act providing for the establishment of a High School was read clause by clause and passed with a few amendments.