

a day of rejoicing, not only did he see the people gathering far and near to listen to the truth, but it was his happiness to take the writer out with him to baptize seven who had declared their faith in Jesus, and their wish to be numbered with the church.

Most of those baptized were young, and our Brother Rhuland is specially cheered and hopeful concerning some of these young men.

Bro. Crawley, who is growing feeble, was there, and appeared young again as he marched before the candidates singing like a true pilgrim. May the grace of God be given unto him abundantly till he is across Jordan.

Brethren, pray for these few sheep in the wilderness, and for the brother who is tending them, that strength and encouragement may be given him in such measure that he will not leave them, at least till the Chief Shepherd shall appoint another. For even now they lack many privileges we enjoy. Our brother informed me on my way home that the church had only met for the actual remembrance of the Lord's death in breaking bread twice in the course of five years. I do not feel quite blameless in this matter, although on those occasions it was my privilege to administer.

J. F. AVERY, Pastor Third Baptist Church.

For the Christian Messenger. WOLFFVILLE, August 28, 1877.

Dear Editor,—

The 1st Cornwallis Church, formerly under the pastorate of the late Father Manning, with its efficient Sabbath School, is evidently exerting a powerful influence for good in this section of the country. This church was organized in 1809, being previously a "Congregational" church. This church has steadily grown until now, after planting from its membership other churches, it numbers 387 members, ranks in the "Central Association" No. 3 in membership, and No. 5 in contributions to benevolent objects. Through the persevering efforts of the pastor, Rev. S. B. Kempton, M. A., and his earnest, large-hearted members, one of the finest and most convenient places of worship in the Province has been erected on the famous spot where stood the old "time-honoured house of prayer." The pastor, Mr. Kempton, has also been instrumental in the erection of a neat church at Port Williams.

The "old-fashioned" house, for so long occupied by Father Manning and family, still stands there, and well represents the past condition of things, connecting the past with the present. If a few of these time-honoured houses and old churches were photographed before sinking to decay, coming generations would treasure them as precious memorials of the "Fathers" and early Baptist periods.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT.

Under the able management of Superintendent E. W. Roscoe, Esq., the teachers and scholars afforded much pleasure and profit to the large and intelligent audience assembled in the new church at Canard, by their recitations and musical exercises. These interesting exercises were very creditably performed, and were listened to with marked approval. Appropriate addresses were delivered by the Revs. Jos. Kempton and G. W. Thomas, (the latter a former Sabbath scholar), also Ansel T. Baker from the Tremont Sabbath School, with a touching, appropriate speech by the pastor.

Such a band of Sabbath School workers as was present on that occasion are a "power" in any community.

"Sowing the seed," as they seem to be doing faithfully, 'tis not difficult to solve the important question, "What shall the harvest be?"

Yours, &c., SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER.

In Memoriam.

MRS. HEZIBAH DOWNEY, wife of Mr. Ephraim Downey, of Stronach Mountain, Wilmot, was called home on the 23rd day of July, 1877, at the age of 78 years, leaving a husband and five children.

While these with other surviving relatives and friends, can not fail to mourn the departure of one so generally esteemed as she was, they have satisfactory grounds for strong consolation. When those whose lives have not furnished evidence of piety, manifest conviction, near the close of life, of their guilt and need of a Saviour, and express a hope of pardoning mercy, the bereaved naturally entertain a favorable view with regard to the state of the departed. But a life evincing genuine faith in the Redeemer, affords much more solid grounds of comfort to mourners. Amidst the infirmities to which frail nature is subject, such a life was evidently led by our deceased sister. In her youthful days she professed faith in Christ, and became a member of the Baptist Church Nietaux, in of which the venerable Thos. H. Chipman was pastor, and by whom doubtless she was baptized. Through a long pilgrimage she remained a steadfast and sedate follower of Jesus.

During the last years of her life, sister Downey suffered much from rheumatism, and especially by reason of a diseased hand. Being, however, a very industrious woman, she still managed the affairs of the household with great diligence, but was in a great degree deprived of the privilege of attending public worship. She took much delight in religious reading; and highly valued the visits of her pastor, and other pious persons.

The manner of her decease was remarkable. Being suddenly attacked with illness, she fell down and could not arise. Evidently aware of her approaching dissolution, she attempted to sing—"Depths of mercy! can it be, The gates are left ajar for me?"

Our dear sister then immediately fell into a dead sleep, from which she could not be aroused; and the next day thus quietly passed, as we may be well assured, into that rest which remains for the people of God.—Com. by Rev. O. Tupper.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

CAPE WOLF, P. E. I.—Mr. Editor,—Your readers will remember that not long since, Rev. Isa. Wallace announced through the MESSENGER that a work of grace was in progress at O'Leary Road and Cape Wolf under the labors of Bro. E. H. Sweet (Lic). This work is still in progress. Brethren Rev. D. G. McDonald and J. S. Brown, Student, from Charlottetown, came to aid Bro. Sweet, on Bro. Wallace departing, and remained two weeks; Bro. McDonald baptizing sixteen the first Lord's Day he was here, and fourteen the second. At the earnest request of Bro. McDonald, I came to this place two weeks since, and have had the happy privilege of baptizing eleven the first Sabbath, and seven the next, and hope to lead several down into the baptismal waters next Lord's Day. Such meetings I have never before attended. The Lord's presence has been manifest in a remarkable manner, and sinners of all ages, classes and creeds have been led to cry for mercy—to find peace in Christ, and obey His commands. Though but few of the people of this locality have been to any extent under Baptist influences up to the present, it is nevertheless the same now as it was in the "Day of Pentecost." "They that gladly receive the word are baptized."

"Sixty rejoicing converts have been buried with Christ in baptism" since the work began, and we hope that there are many "more to follow."

The fields here are white to the harvest. At Alberton, where Bro. Sweet also has been laboring, there are a number of inquirers, and some awaiting baptism. The Lord is also working there. To Him be all the glory.

Brethren in Christ, remember this field in your prayers.

Yours in the Gospel hope, D. H. SIMPSON.

GRIMSBY, ONT.—Bro. C. E. Wolverson, speaks as follows, Elder Cameron, of Brantford, preached on Monday night 13th inst. Our little flock seem to be noted for listening attentively to truth. There were two baptized last month; and there is one waiting now to put on Christ by baptism.

ORILLIA.—Recently Pastor Sherman administered the ordinance of baptism in the presence of a large number of witnesses. We are pleased to learn that good progress is being made in the building of the chapel, which, when completed, will be second to none in the town.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Mr. Mackenzie has entered into correspondence with Premiers of the different Provinces so far as possible to secure observance throughout the Dominion of a stated day for thanksgiving for present abundant harvest. November twenty-second has been suggested, as all the summer industries will then be closed for the season.

Two Frenchmen slating a roof, in Peel Street Montreal fell a distance of sixty feet to the ground. Both were killed.

A writ of habeas corpus has been refused by Judge Monk in the Oka Indians, accused of setting fire to the church and seminary, some months ago.

On Friday next there will be a great and unusual sight at Niagara Falls. R. S. Pendleton will try the experiment of sending a life raft over the cataract.

The Canadian Government has accepted thirty feet square to exhibit a Canadian trophy at the Paris Exhibition.

Rev. George Muller, founder of the Orphan Asylum, near Bristol, arrived in Montreal by last mail from England.

On Thursday last a baby fell into a water butt at Lachine, and was drowned. Dr. Brigham, M. P. P., for Missisquoi, was the other night decoyed into a house on pretense of going to see a sick man, and an endeavour was made by a man named Sears to force him to sign a note in his favour. The doctor, after a struggle, escaped. The man has been arrested.

Patrick Farrell an employe of the Grand Trunk, has been committed for an attempt to wreck a train of cars at River Beaudette. He has a difficulty with the company.

By an explosion on Thursday last at Windsor powder mills, considerable damage was done; no one was injured.

Many horses in Montreal are affected with influenza.

A fire at Perth, Ont., Thursday destroyed part of the town. Loss fifty thousand dollars; insurance \$3,000.

Mr. Frechette, M. P., editor of the Quebec Journal, has brought an action for libel against Desjardins, the editor of the Canadien, and the latter brings a cross action against Mr. Frechette for forty-five thousand dollars.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The N. B. Legislature assembled in Special Session on Tuesday of last week for the purpose of giving legal force to enactments to measures for rebuilding St. John. Governor Tilley made special reference to the practical sympathy awakened on behalf of St. John. He asked attention to bills to amend the law for the better prevention of conflagrations in the city of St. John, to regulate the construction of buildings and to provide for due inspection thereof, to provide for rebuilding and replacing public property destroyed by the fire, to widen certain public streets, to authorize the board of assessors of taxes to grant relief where taxable property has been destroyed, and to provide for deficiency in assessments, and to regulate the storage of petroleum and other inflammable articles, within the city and town of Portland.

A three story wooden house for Mr. Carron, on the corner of Carmarthen and St. Andrew's Sts., was to have the floors laid, the walls erected, roof put on, and, in fact, the exterior of the whole house built in four days, to be completed by Saturday evening of last week. Should the contractor fail to finish his job at the specified time he is, according to agreement, to receive no pay for the work done.

An ex-Justice of the Peace at Botsford, the other day, was fined \$20 for kissing a lady against her will.

Messrs. Needham and Catto are holding meetings in St. John. Mrs. Needham has been giving Bible readings there.

A fragment of rock from an insufficiently covered blast interviewed a carpenter named Johnston, working near the scene of the blasting operations, breaking two of his ribs and smashing his watch.

Burglars were operating among the St. John ruins last week. They were driven off before accomplishing their object.

The new barque Richard, owned by Mr. Leary, cleared at the Custom House, Richibucto, on Tuesday, for London, with a cargo consisting principally of lobsters, valued at \$75,000, the most valuable cargo ever shipped from any port in New Brunswick.—Telegraph.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Charlottetown Examiner reports excellent crops being harvested by the farmers, and good catches of fish being made by the fishermen.

At Mount Stewart, on Wednesday, a little boy, five years of age, son of Mr. Angus Gillis, accidentally fell into a well and was drowned.

UNITED STATES.—At Paris, Mc., on Thursday, an incendiary fire destroyed ten blocks of stores and dwellings, including three hotels, post office, telegraph and express offices. Loss, one million to a million and a half dollars. Many families were without shelter, and several lives reported lost.

Brigham Young was attacked with cholera morbus on Tuesday night, superinducing inflammation of the bowels, followed by continued swelling until respiration was stopped. Brigham's trouble was occasioned by indigestion consequent upon a meal eaten imprudently on a day of extreme heat.

On Saturday morning the body of Brigham Young was conveyed to the Tabernacle, where it was placed on the platform, and remained in state all day and night. The interior of the platform was heavily draped, and the platform decorated with flowers and white merino. Immense numbers of Mormons from all parts of the territory have viewed the features of the dead. His funeral was attended on Sunday by from 12,000 to 15,000 people.

A successor of Brigham Young will not probably be elected before the October Conference. Young left a will, but it is not yet opened.

Details of the railroad accident on Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R. R. at the east branch of Four Mile Creek, seven miles from Desmonesia, say that the number of killed is estimated all the way from 10 to 50. All the train but the sleeping car went down into the stream. The engine completely out of sight. Barnum's show car went down among the rest and it is said ten of the eleven occupants were killed.

A freight train on the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette road derailed at Hansell's station. Two tramps who were stealing a ride were killed and two badly wounded.

It is feared that the failure of the State Savings Institutions at Chicago will cause a general run on the savings banks, and that six more suspensions will occur this week.

Sitting Bull, with thirteen hundred warriors, has been met South of the British line. It is understood he left the British territory because of difficulty with the authorities. His band is in good condition.

ENGLAND.—Edward, second son of Sir Edward Cunard, was killed on Friday last, by being thrown from a horse in collision with another player in a game of polo.

Owing to depression in the cotton trade it has been decided to close the Nuneaton cotton mill, which employs over 500 operatives.

The Bank of England fixed the minimum rate of discount at 3 per cent.

A strike of ten thousand operatives has commenced at Boston, England.

General Grant and wife arrived in Edinburgh last week, and are the guests of the Lord Provost.

Rain fell in torrents all over the north of Scotland on Wednesday last. Harvest reports from all quarters are most desponding. The floods caused great damage in South Wales.

The annual convention of the Home Rule Confederation of Great Britain was held at Liverpool, last week. The following resolutions passed:—

"That the Confederation being fully conscious of the feeling of the Irish people in favor of a more active and vigorous policy on the part of their Parliamentary representatives, calls upon the Home Rule League in Ireland to summon a national conference to settle the programme of the Home Rule party."

"That the Confederation hereby endorses the vigorous policy pursued during the late session of Parliament by those members of the Home Rule party termed 'obstructionists.'"

Sir Stafford Northcote, at Plymouth on Tuesday night, declared that the duty of England at the present moment was to pursue a policy of the strictest neutrality. As the struggle became more and more mortal, the necessity increased for England so to plan her conduct as to avoid the possibility of her motives or sincerity being misunderstood or suspected on either side. What they wished was in the interest of humanity and the world at large to bring about, if possible, a settlement of the unhappy quarrel which at present has desolated Europe. He hoped that the Government would be allowed, without having to contend with an excited outburst, to exercise—according to the best of their judgment, and with a firm resolution to do their duty—the influence which still remained to Great Britain in the councils of war. He believed that that influence is still growing, and that it would not be less powerful for good at the close of the nineteenth century than at its commencement.

FRANCE.—The French elections have been finally fixed for October 4th.

Gambetta has received a summons to appear before the Judge d'Instruction of the Civil Tribunal of the Seine on Friday.

At his examination he said he accepted the full responsibility for the publication of his speech. The greatest courtesy was observed on both sides. On his arrival at the palace, Gambetta was cheered by the crowd.

The Bien Public announces that all members of Council General of Lyons have been summoned before Judge of Instruction because of vehement speeches against the Ministry at their sittings.

The vacillation and blundering of the government in this and other affairs has caused the Republicans to feel nothing but disdain, whilst the other parties are merely bewildered. Dissatisfaction at the proceedings of the Government is greatly aggravated by the fact that owing to the sudden dissolution of the Chamber all local improvements, &c., are at a standstill.

It is stated that the chief charge against Gambetta will be for exciting mutual hatred among citizens.

TURKEY.—A despatch on the 2nd said

the week closed favorably for the Turks, throughout the whole theatre of war. As regards Skipka, although Suleiman Pasha has not succeeded in driving out the garrison, he has almost completely blockaded it. The latest Russian bulletin almost admits that he is master of the situation for the time.

News from Asiatic seat of war is most conflicting as to the present movement of Russian main army under General Melkoff, Mukhtar Pasha asserts in official despatches, which agree with latest advices from Erzeroum, that it is retreating; whereas telegrams from Kuruk Dora of same date declared that Russian camp had advanced four versts.

An Adrianople despatch says Bulgarian executions are still going on there, but batches of victories are smaller than before, averaging 14 instead of 40. The majority executed belong to the richer classes. This gives rise to suspicion on the part of the Bulgarians, that they are sacrificed in order to confiscate their property.

It is reported that the Czar is ill, and has been advised to leave for a healthier locality than the general head quarters. The Russians lost before Kunkadava two generals and eight officers killed, 237 soldiers killed and 711 wounded.

Deserters say the Turks lost three thousand men.

Suleiman Pasha telegraphed on the 28th:—"Our entrenched line of investment is only 150 paces from the enemy's fortifications."

RUSSIA.—The Russian newspaper Vedmost after an elaborate review of sums already expended on the war, draws the conclusion that if the war lasts till next autumn it will cost not less than 850,000,000 roubles, of which 232,000,000 are already expended.

A telegram from Erzeroum says the Russians have changed their position, and are now between the Turkish army and Alexandropol. They have evacuated their camp at Baldirvan, and withdrawn from that neighborhood. The Russian Bulletin announces that Prince Charles of Roumania has assumed command of the united Russian and Roumanian forces, comprising western detachment, and appointed General Stoloff his Chief of Staff.

A Russian bulletin says the Russian losses in wounded in Shipka Pass to the 28th was 2,371.

It is reported that the British Consul General at Belgrade has seriously remonstrated with Prince Milan relative to the attitude of Serbia, declaring that if the Servians are defeated the principality will be abandoned to the discretion of the Turks.

The Pesth Lloyd states that the powers have arrived at an understanding that their neutrality will remain unaltered, notwithstanding the military alliance between Serbia and Russia. Officers from the Russian headquarters are buying large quantities of grain and cattle in Serbia.

Moscow newspapers state that Prince Lartcherkssata has been removed from the administration of Bulgaria.

ITALY.—The Pope is again reported greatly prostrated, and with barely strength to attend any business. A comarilla commands at the Vatican, and acts in name of the Pope.

An intrigue has commenced which is preparatory to a crisis, and some Cardinals are holding a meeting to provide for any emergency.

GREECE.—The Porte recently instructed Musuvus Pasha to call the attention of the British Government to the armaments of Greece, declaring that if an outbreak occurs it will send troops to Athens to extirpate the evil at its root. England thereupon addressed remonstrances to the Greek Government. The latter has just sent a note to the Porte giving pacific assurances and promising if necessary to co-operate with the Ottoman troops and to repress brigandage on the frontier.

Advices from Athens state two thousand offered their services to the Greek army in Crete. The agitation continues. 500 christian families asked permission to leave the Island, but the Governor refused.

Trustworthy information from Athens shows that the Greeks are holding back, because military preparations are behindhand, and because it seems certain that the Russians cannot end the war this year.

AUSTRIA.—The Galician Diet at Lemburg has been closed by the Governor without awaiting the discussion of the address. The course of the majority in the Diet lately has caused some anxiety, as they proposed sending an address to the Emperor Francis Joseph, expressive of national aspiration of the Poles, and it was feared that such a step might cause displeasure in Russia and Prussia.

Some Turkish troops crossed the Austrian frontier on Friday, near Kanilabuka. They carried off some cattle, set fire to barns, and fired upon the Austrian patrol.

CHINA.—A despatch from Yokohama, on Thursday said: "The rebellion is entirely broken up, but there will probably be irregular skirmishing for a long time to come, and may possibly be one large final engagement though it is not expected. The insurgent bands now retreat before every advance of national troops and abandon strong positions without a struggle."