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For the Christian Messenger. Dedication of the New Albany Baptist Meeting-house.

About a year ago the foundation of this house was laid. Our holy house, where our fathers praised God, was not burned with fire, but time had worked decay until it was no longer decent for the service of the Most High. It is very seldom that such a work is consummated in so brief a period, but the Lord wrought in the hearts of his people so that they had a mind to work. The unanimity that has characterized the whole proceeding is remarkable.

The house did not go up without the sound of axe or hammer. but it went up without the least jarring note-no clatter no clash of tongues. With united effort they have carried their plans into execution, and to-day, May 22nd, 1877, it stands neat, commodious and inviting, and we enter it with joy and thankfullness to set it apart for divine service. Friends from far and near have come up with us. Four ministering brethren occupy the pulpit. First there is the presentation by brothers Dimock Whitman and Gardner Tufts of a very handsome Bible, together with a hymn-book accompanied by a touching and congratulatory address.

Then the Dedication Sermon by the Revd. W. G. Parker from the words, "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." He reviewed the past in the history of this church, showing the "great things" God had done for it. It was a fitly chosen subject, expressing the very sincere emotions of the people on this day of glad ness, "The Lord hath wrought all our works in us." In the afternoon a deeply interesting sermon was delivered by Revd. G. N. Ballentine from Gen. xxviii. 17, "And he was afraid and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God and this is the gate of heaven." He pointed out what made any place the house of God. It was strictly speaking only the house of God when true worshippers worshipped there-the Lord being in the hearts of his people.

BLACK ROCK, CORNWALLIS. - Dear Bro. ty obligations the Department cannot -Last Sunday was a high day at Black render any assistance of the nature in-Rock. The Sabbath School, under the dicated. efficient superintendence of Bro. R. Rudolph, met at 9 o'clock a. m., pre-

has resigned. Ex-Governor Fenton, of New York, has been selected to succeed from Ardahan. him.

The Pennsylvania Railway have reduced the salaries of their employes | The Turks are sanguine. ten per cent.

United States Manufactures at the Paris Exposition next year.

A British Celebration was held last week at Petersburg, Virginia. It commenced on Tuesday. Delegations from various Canadian cities, Chicago, New York, Connecticut, Philadelphia, Baltimore, &c., were received. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

A brick block at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, fell on Monday, and injured more or less fatally seventeen persons.

It is said that Government detectives have discovered the head centre of grand smuggling operations at Montreal, by which hundreds of thousands of through the lines of the United States. by bribery of customs officers, baggage men, &c.; also, that whole cargoes of liquor are smuggled in canal boats under supposed loads of grain. In one instance a valuable cargo was landed in New York and sold to a firm within a stone's throw of the custom house.

At New York freights by outgoing European steamers have advanced per cent. recently, and all go with full cargoes.

A terrible accident happened at the launch of the iron steamship "Saratoga" at Roach's shipyard, Chester, Pa., on Tuesday morning; about forty men timely sermon. The Church has had were under the vessel when it went A number were crushed to over. death, seven deaths have resulted, as far as heard from. Some workmen were killed and dragged into the water by the ship.

Evarts responds that in view of neutrali- The Bashi Bazouks are preparing for be prejudicial to German interests and action. Everything indicates a desperate effort on the part of the enemy. It is stated that the Russian forces assigned George H. Barker, Minister to Russia, to the assault of Batoum have been

strengthened by 20,000 men just arrived

It is reported that the Grand Duke Michel commands the attack in person.

A Turkish squadron consisting of 2 Action is being taken in New York | monitors, three iron-clad frigates, several in preparation for the representation of smaller vessels and a whole flotilla of barks supposed to have volunteers aboard, is cruising in the waters of Sebastopol and Eupatoria.

The Russians again bombarded forts Tohnaz and Kara Dogh, 2 fortresses at Kars, on Tuesday. The Krupp guns in the forts replied well.

The Russians are at Oltre, and are advancing upon Erzeroum, from that and various other points.

The Sultan has ordered the purchase of 20,000 revolvers, to be paid for from his private purse, for distribution in the Caucasus.

A letter from Kossuth is published, urging an alliance between Hungary and dollars worth of goods got smuggled Turkey, to defend their independence against their common enemy, Russia. The Russians ceased bombarding Kars on the 24th.

> The Levant Herald has been sup pressed for a month for disparaging the Minister of War. It is rumored that the Sultan will soon abdicate.

> ENGLAND .- Orders have been received at Portsmouth that five great Indian troopships are not to be subject to any alterations which cannot be completed in a few days, so that they may be ready to proceed to sea if required. One thousand barrels of powder were

embarked for Malta on Tuesday.

maintenance of peace between France. Germany, and Italy.

AUSTRIA .- The question is being discussed whether it is not advisable to in. corporate Bosnia, Herzegovina and Servia into one State under an Austrian Archduke.

In consequence of Austria's remonstrance only a small Russian detachment will remain in Little Wallachia. The Roumanian reply to Count Andrassy's note, respecting the free navigation of the Danube, was unsatisfactory. The Austrian Government replied that it was not disposed to recognize Roumania as a belligerent.

The Hungarian Government has issued a decree forbidding the export of arms and munitions of war.

BELGIUM .- The strike of colliers at Seraing is assuming a serious character. A large force of troops has arrived. The cavalry cleared the streets on Thursday, and several arrests were made.

GREECE.---A telegram from Athens says that the Porte has sent a harsh reply to Greece's strong representation relative to the recent release of Turkish brigands from prison. They have been forced to return to Turkey. It is expected that war between Greece and Turkey will break out in

twenty days at the latest.

ITALY .- The Pope received the Ameri can pilgrims on Thursday last. The Archbishop of Philadelphia read an address to His Holiness expressing the devotion and affection of the American Roman Catholics, and affirming that the sufferings of the Pope are theirs, and that distance increases their devotion. Nine bishops presented to the Pope the offerings of their dioceses, amounting to \$25,000. His holiness expressed joy at seeing himself surrounded by the faithful from such distant lands. And alluded to the persecution to which the church was subjected in Europe, and in conclusion thanked them for his offerings and gave them his blessing. In the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday last, Minister Melgaria and Depretis, replying to interpellations relative to relations between France and Italy, made reassuring statements that the cordial relations between the two countries had not been affected by recent events in France.

When God comes down our souls to greet, And glory crowns the mercy-seat,

communication is being held between God and man. His delightful stay is where Christians meet to praise and pray. God is always in his Church for its protection.

The other ministering brethren took part in the devotional exercises.

Throughout the day Christians could say, "This is indeed the House of God." In the evening a very encouraging social meeting was held. One who had long remained undecided came forward and took his stand for God and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not." We are looking to see others dedicating themselves to Christ. " The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."-Com.

SYDNEY C. B.-It was my privilege on Sunday, 20th inst., to welcome two more members into the church here, through the initiatory ordinance of the gospel. It was a peculiarly interesting occasion. One of the candidates was a daughter of our dear brother, the late Rev. Arthur R. R. Crawley. The baptism took place at Point Amelia, the beautiful retired spot opposite town, which has long been the family residence of the friends of whom I speak. Thoughts of the present were mingled with memories of the sainted dead. We were informed by some present of another baptismal scene which occurred at the same place many years ago, when several persons were baptized by the now venerable Dr. Crawley. One of the candidates on that occasion was our beloved sister, Mrs. H. W. Crawley, mother of the missionary. She fell asleep in Jesus just a year ago on Sunday 20th, and at the very hour we visited the baptismal waters. Another was her sister Mrs. Leonard, of like precious faith, also gone to glory ; and another was Rev. George Armstrong, then a young man. We felt on this occasion as if the spirits of the departed must be very near to us, and the words of Wesley's beautiful hymn were especially true.

some spiritual quickening during the spring, under the labors of Bro. J. W. Weeks, the acting pastor. There was baptism last Lord's Day-administered by a neighboring pastor.

senting a most prosperous aspect, both

as to numbers and exercises. At 101 a

large assembly met around the baptis-

mal waters. Six courageous disciples

were about to be buried with their Lord

in Baptism. These represented three

classes-the aged, the middle-aged and

the young. After singing, the Scriptures

were read, showing our authority and

direction for the administration of chris

tian baptism. The morning was de-

lightful, the converts were happy in this

act of consecration, and the presence of

God was evident. The impression on

the minds of the large assembly was

powerful and salutary. Une of the con-

verts had been educated in the Roman

Catholic faith, and I learn had studied

for a time with a view to the priesthood.

section of our church this spring. Many

there are saying "Behold what God hath

Yours truly,

ACADIA, YARMOUTH .- The Church at

Acadia sustains a heavy loss in the

death of Dea. A. F. Whitman who was

buried on the 18th inst. A large congre-

gation gathered at his funeral when

Rev. J. Rowe preached an able and

Berwick, May 22, 1877.

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wrought."

These make 27 baptisms in that

Rev. G. B. Titns is slowly recovering from his recent illness. May, 24.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA .- Preliminary arrangements are being made for the proper representation of Canadian products and industries at the Paris Exhibition of 1878; similar to those adopted for the Philadelphia Exhibition. It has been decided to sell all articles exhibited at Paris after the Exhibition closes, except such things as scientific collections and articles of more than ordinary value. The Dominion Government will provide free transportation, show cases, &c. The Minister of Agriculture has called for 40,000 feet in the

main Exhibition building. The Commissioners have not yet been appointed. Forms of entry and classification will

be ready in ten days, and should be applied for at the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

The bricklayers of Toronto struck last week for an increase of pay-from \$2.20 to \$2.50 per day. Contractors and builders have resolved not to accept. Presents and other matters for negotiating a treaty with the Blackfeet Indians are being arranged. This will be the sixth and last treaty, by which the whole of the Indian tribe lands in the Northwest pass to Canada.

A despatch from Montreal says : Considerable dissatisfaction is felt here at the manner in which the Local Government are trying to deprive the city of the terminus and work shops of the North Shore Railway to Ottawa, a railway to which Montreal contributed a million. Lord Dufferin goes to Manitoba in Au-

In consequence of the large price demanded for tonage of freight ships on Lake Ontario to Montreal, merchants are proposing to forward grain via. U. S. Atlantic ports or Halifax, N. S.

MEXICO .- The agent of Lerdo arrived at New Orleans on Saturday and says Escobedo is managing the pending revo lution for Lerdo, and seven States are ready to pronounce in his favor.

A despatch of May 16 from the city of Mexico says the popularity of the Diaz administration is apparently increasing. Diaz is generally credited with a determination to act according to the constitution.

TURKEY .- A body of Softas proceeded to the Chamber of Deputies at Constantinople, on Thursday last, to demand the dismissal of the Ministers. The Chamber received a deputation of the Softas and discussed their petition. The debate became stormy.

It was on Saturday officially an nounced that the Softas demonstration was the work of a few thoughtless persons. The Porte has arrested the promoters.

It is by some supposed that a change in the Turkish Ministry is inevitable, in consequence of the demonstration of Softas. It is likely to embrace the Grand Vizier, Minister of Foreign Af fairs, and the Minister of War.

A special despatch to the Times says that the Sheik-il-Islam is proclaiming a holy war against Russia.

Twenty-five Circassian regiments are to be organized at Adrianople and Sofia. A despatch from Erzeroum on Wednesday said the Russian left wing had advanced from Ipack to within two hours march of Kara Kiliza. While one of the Ottoman detachments holds position at Toprakkalch, two regiments of Cossacks are scouring the country round Penek Villages, within 7 hours march of Mukhtar Pasha's camp, for provisions for the Russian right wing.

It is said that the Grand Duke Nicholas intends to enter Constantinople, to make the Turks feel that they are crushed, although he does not intend to retain the city.

The Porte has been inquiring of contractors about the time in which quantities of provisions could be stored in Barnum is at Montreal and pickpock- Constantinople. A conscription of all able-bodied men between 19 and 25 has been ordered.

In a mutiny on the American ship Kate Davenport, Capt. Mallet, at Liverpool, for Moble, the chief officer was shot and stabbed. The ship was detained.

During the Whit-Monday amusements at Hull a balloon about to ascend was blown against a gas jet and exploded. Eighty-six spectators were injured. Sixty proceeded to their homes after having their wounds dressed. Six of the cases are dangerous.

It is stated that England has given notice to Turkey that she will oppose every thing that might hamper the passage of merchant ships or men of war of neutral powers through the Suez Canal.

It is believed in diplomatic power circles that an alliance between Germany and Italy is on the point of being concluded. Italy is evidently disinclined to see the Mediterranean converted into an English lake, which it would virtually be if England should get complete possession of the Suez Canal.

It is believed that Russia will first recognize the independence of Roumania, and that Germany, France and Italy will follow; England and Austria are expected to delay recognition.

FRANCE.-President MacMahon visited the Exhibition building on Friday last. In conversing with Commissary-General Keraviz and others he said : "Rumor of a postponement of the Exhibition has induced me to pay this visit. The exhibition will open May 1st, 1878, as announced. I am especially desirous of protecting the freedom and security of great national enterprises."

At a reception yesterday at Elysses the President said : " I am conscious of having fulfilled a great duty. I have remained and shall remain absolutely within the bounds of loyalty. It is because I am guardian of the constitution that I acted as I have; to attribute to me an intention of assailing the constitution is a misconstruction of my character. The country will soon comprehend that my sole aim is the salvation of France and the Government she has given to herself."

A plot to overthrow MacMahon has been discovered in Paris, and he will make the discovery a pretext for harsh measures. All Republican telegrams are now stopped. The legitimist and clerical newspapers continue to express a desire for modification of the Cabinet in conformity with their views.

SPAIN .- On Wednesday night some Cantonalist conspirators were arrested. Documents implicating them were found on their persons, and they were handed over to the judicial authorities.

Russia.-- A Bucharest telegram confirms the intelligence that the Roumanian Deputies unanimously adopted a resolution declaring was against Turkey and proclaiming the absolute independence of Roumania.

There is not much probability that any of the great powers will raise objection to Roumania's declaration of independence.

Prince Charles of Roumania is already addressed by his royal title in Russian official documents.

The Grand Duke Nicholas has congratulated Prince Charles upon the independence of Roumania.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says Prince Milan has received permission to pay his respects to the Czar.

The Times' Vienna despatch of the 22nd says: "An Odessa letter says that since the fall of Sukoom Kaleh panic reigns not only at Odessa, but all along the Black Sea. All confidence in the shore batteries and torpedoes is lost. The Governor of Odessa has endeavored to calm the public mind by issuing proclamations."

The Roumanian Official Gazette promulgates a circular interdicting navigation on the Danube.

A telegram from Eupatorio says most of the families belonging to the wealthier classes have fled to Simferopol and other towns in the interior. All shops are shut. The roadstead is deserted. and all merchantships have left. Smaller

"E'en now by faith we join our hands With those that went before, And greet the blood-besprinkled bands On the eternal shore.

And our prayer was that those who have "put on Christ" may walk in the

W. B. Boggs.

ets abound there.

gust.

NEW BEUNSWICK .- Hayden's steam saw mill at Woodstock, was burned to the ground on Saturday last; valued at five thousand dollars. There was no insurance.

A very destructive fire occured in Port land on Thursday.

UNITED STATES .- The Grand Lodge of Good Templars of the World was in its 23rd Annual Session at Portland, Maine, last week. It comprises 62 Grand Lodges and is supposed to have 450,000 members. Representatives were there from the various States of the Union, from Canada, and from England and Ireland. The discussion on the color question was a prominent question. Minneapolis was decided upon for the next Convention. Resolutions were adopted complimentary to the Queen, patroness of the Church of England societies. "God Save the Queen" was sung, and "America" given in return, with cheers Lodge were in session all Saturday night and adjourned soon after two o'clock on Sunday morning.

A despatch from Washington says numerous applications are being made to the State Department for assistance

Sheep tax doubled. The Turkish troops which fled from Ardahan have been defeated in a mountain pass near Dars. The passage of the Danube is not expected before the 8th June.

Mahommed Damand Pasha has been openly denounced at Constantinople as a traitor during a public discussion relative to the advisability of recalling midhat Pasha, which is seriously discussed.

The transmission of private telegrams in the interior is prohibited, unless despatches are written in the Turkish language.

The French Consortium, headed by M. Fremy, has offered the Porte a loan of 50,000,000 francs, in consideration of a right to issue and circulate small coins from the produce of the Turkish mines. It has also offered a new loan of £2,000, 000 sterling, which shall serve as a for her and the President. The Grand foundation for a new intended issue of 6,000,000 consolides.

There was a tremendous cannonade at Batoum on Thursday from the Russians.

The battle has just commenced, and firing became general along the entire

Don Carlos has started for Linz, in Austria. Prosecutions have been instituted against provincial papers of Marseilles and Paris for insulting President MacMahon. Many sub-prefects have resigned.

Le Temps states that the circulation of foreign newspapers in France will only be permitted after minute censorship. Some of the newly-appointed prefects show a disinclination to accept their posts. Radical deputies under Louis Blane will draw up a declaration violently inverghing against the ministers.

The Times' Paris despatch says France will doubtless pronounce overwhelmingly against President MacMahon at the election, even if the Senate gives majority in favor of a dissolution, which is very doubtful.

GERMANY .- Bismark, during his recent short visit to Berlin, had an interview with the French Charge d' Affaires in which he repeatedly expressed his great the widow of Charles Hugo one of steps of those who "through faith and to procure positions in the medical line. The Turkish batteries replied despatches by Prince Bismark, to the about 2000 persons pressed forward to corps and various other branches of the vigorously. The utmost enthusiasm effect that the opposition to a clerical shake hands with the newly-married Russian military service. Secretary prevails among the Ottoman troops. and monarchial Cabinet in France might | couple.

vessels have been sunk or hauled ashore. In the town there is a perceptible want of provisions.

The Czar starts for the Danube on the 2nd of June. He will be absent about three weeks.

General Todeleben has arrived at Sebastopol to take command of the defences.

The Czar has ordered further extensive mobilization for the purpose of concentrating a strong reserve.

The Russians state that they have secured advantageous positions commanding both Kars and Erzeroum and that the surrender of both places is certain.

Great preparations are being made by the Russians for an attempt to pass the river between Rahova and Nikopolis. They are erecting large fortifications at Islatza and Turna Magureli. Continual concentration of troops in the direction of Simnitza is observable. The Turks are fully prepared to resist the attempt.

Recently the marriage took place in Paris, of M. Lockroy to Madame Hugo, disapprobation of the change of Cabinet. the sons of the poet. The ceremony The North German Gazette reprints was attended by an exceptionally large