

gical in sentiment. Of course these men are members of the Lutheran Church, and hold to some things to which Baptists could not subscribe. But on the cardinal doctrines of Christianity they are one with ourselves. It is not unfrequently the case in the German University—at least it is the case in Leipzig—that students cheer the Professor when he gives utterance to anything that is peculiarly important and striking. On two different occasions the last term Dr. Luthardt has been enthusiastically cheered. On one he was combating the materialistic, and on the other the rationalistic notions which prevail, alas, to a wide extent in this country. While at Heidelberg for example, the theological teaching is so characterized by the rationalistic element, it is gratifying to know that at Leipzig such men as Luthardt and Kahnis stand up faithfully for a purer faith. It is to be hoped they will long continue to do so, though there are those who would shut their mouths if they could. Many in the kingdom of Saxony think Leipzig is altogether too evangelical, and efforts are being made in and through the State to have all future appointments in the Theol. Department filled by men of more liberal views. Such must ever in principle be the result of state control. I hope the time is not far distant when the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces will cut Acadia clear from every semblance of governmental dictation—for the reception of government aid means this—and take the cause of higher general education as well as that of theological into their own hands, which I am growingly convinced is the best place for them. This however supposes the raising of a considerable sum of money in the coming five years; and I feel sure that the friends of Acadia will not let the chance of so good an investment—an investment promising such profitable returns to them and their children pass unimproved.

But Mr. Editor, my letter is already too long, and the time at my disposal for writing has expired. A dozen topics yet remain to which I had hoped to be able to refer.

I have only yet named Prof. Delitsch, the great Semitic scholar, and the humble christian, whom to know is greatly to admire and love; but I will begin at this point when I find myself able to take up my pen again.

I receive the Messenger quite regularly, and eagerly devour its contents. Praying that the divine blessing may rest on the churches of the three Provinces this year even more signally than it did last, I remain yours very truly,

D. M. WELTON.
Leipzig, March 3rd, 1877.

In Memoriam.

MR. DANIEL GATES, SENR.

Parents can not impart saving grace to their children; but it is a great blessing to have pious and exemplary parents. Through Divine goodness this blessing was enjoyed by our departed brother, Daniel Gates, Senr., of Melvyn Square, Wilmot. He and his religious partner have also been enabled, by grace received, to confer the same favor on their family with like happy effect. Bro. G. appears to have been graciously preserved in youth from the ruinous snares of vice and immorality. Many years ago he was led to embrace the Saviour by a living and operative faith, and to unite with a Baptist Church, of which he remained a steadfast and esteemed member till he was called to join the Church triumphant. During a quarter of a century the writer, who was till recently the pastor of the church to which he belonged, was intimately acquainted with him, received from him many tokens of kindness, and ever regarded him as one of the excellent of the earth. A commendable trait of his character—highly worthy of imitation—was a readiness always to converse or religious subjects. He delighted to dwell on the rich, free and sovereign grace of God. As an illustration of this it may be remarked that a little before his departure his pastor asked him if there was any particular portion of the Lord's word that he would like to have read at his funeral? He answered, "Yes, the 8th Chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans." Our dear brother was very infirm for a number of years: but his infirmities and

sufferings were borne with Christian patience, fortitude, and submission.

Being asked shortly before his decease, respecting his views and desires, he replied, in effect, "If the Lord were pleased to call him, he was ready to go; but if he saw fit to continue him longer in life, he was willing to endure whatever might be laid upon him. Thus with cheerful acquiescence in the Divine Will, and firm reliance on the gracious Redeemer, did our justly esteemed brother pass quietly away, on the 21st day of March, 1877, at the ripe age of 76 years, leaving the aged companion of his youth, one son, and three daughters, to mourn the departure of a kind husband and father; but consoled with the assurance that for him to die was gain.

At his burial, Rev. W. E. Hall, the pastor, delivered an appropriate discourse from Phil. i. 23, 24, "For I am in a strait," &c.

At the request of Bro. H.—who being much less acquainted with the deceased—the mourners were addressed, and the above has been prepared by

C. TUPPER.

"Fell asleep in Jesus," Mr. Duncan Robertson, Red Point, Lot 46, in the 54th year of his age. Bro. Robertson followed his Lord in the ordinance of baptism in 1842, in the sixteenth year of his age, united with the East Point Baptist Church, in which he has been an active member, and for a number of years the efficient Clerk. The consistent christian character of Bro. Robertson won for him the confidence and respect of the whole community. Bro. R.'s remains were followed to the grave by the largest procession ever witnessed in this vicinity; tears fell freely from the eyes of strong men whom we supposed were strangers to sorrow; those who knew him best loved and valued him most. He was always interested in any enterprise having for its aim the good of his fellow-beings and the glory of God. He had a heart to dare and a hand to do for God and his cause. As a church we feel our loss, but knowing it to be his gain, we would say, "Thy will be done"—believing that though there be one footfall less in the earthly sanctuary, there is one more on the golden streets of the New Jerusalem. One seat empty in the church below, one mansion more is occupied in our Father's house above. Who is to take his place amongst us? is the question on the hearts of the church at present. We look in confidence through our tears to Him who has taken a Moses and given a Joshua, he will not forget us. Bro. R. was an intelligent citizen, a loving husband, and an affectionate father. He has left a widow and seven children to mourn their loss. May the Lord sustain them in their sad bereavement.

J. A. G.

Bothwell, March 28, 1877.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Ordination at Newport, N. S.

Minutes of the Council held at Newport, March 22nd, 1877, to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. P. G. McGregor to the work of the gospel ministry. Rev. Geo. Wethers was chosen Moderator, and J. O. Redden, Clerk. Rev. E. W. Kelly offered prayer. The following delegates were present: Windsor,—Rev. E. W. Kelly, Dea. H. Redden, and Bro. J. O. Redden. Rawdon,—Dea. Phalen, and Bro. J. McLearn. Ellershouse,—Rev. M. W. Brown, Dea. S. Miller, and Bro. C. H. Burgess. Kempt,—Rev. Geo. Wethers, Dea. J. Masters, Bro's S. Langil, and D. Masters. Hantsport,—Rev. J. C. Blakeney, and Bro. J. Borden. Newport,—Dea's J. Dimock, S. B. Dimock, L. Dimock, and Ed. Dimock. Invited to a seat in the Council: Dea's Wm. Knowles, N. Dimock, Bro's S. Dimock, W. Ritchie, R. Ritchie, J. Walley, L. Harvey, J. Barron, E. McLearn, J. J. Dimock, B. Sandford, and J. Robinson.

The minutes of the Church, relative to the ordination of Bro. McGregor, were read and considered; also a statement of his labors with the Church was given by Dea. S. B. Dimock. On motion, Bro. McGregor was requested to relate his christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of Christian Doctrine. The statements of the candidate were

clear and simple. He was then questioned by the Council.

Resolved,—That the Council having heard with great satisfaction the relation of christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views of Bro. McGregor, advise the Church to proceed with his ordination, in accordance with the purpose of calling the Council.

Resolved,—That Rev. J. C. Blakeney preach the ordination sermon; that the further questioning of the candidate be omitted; that Rev. Geo. Wethers offer the ordaining prayer; that Rev. M. W. Brown give the right hand of fellowship to the candidate; that Rev. E. W. Kelly give the charge to the candidate; that Rev. Geo. Wethers give the charge to the church; that the candidate offer the closing prayer and pronounce the benediction.

Resolved,—That the minutes be forwarded to the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER and Christian Visitor for publication.

The services were conducted in the above order in the afternoon. Quite a large congregation was present, notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather.

J. O. R.

BERWICK, March 30, 1877.—Dear Brother,—It was my privilege to baptize eight more rejoicing converts at Black Rock last Lord's day and to administer the Lord's Supper to about sixty communicants. It was a high day for that section of our church. Nineteen have recently been baptized there, eight of whom are heads of families. Several of those baptized were brought up in connection with the teachings of other denominations.

Capt. Jas. Robinson, keeper of the Black Rock Light, well and favorably known to many of your readers, is among the converts. He promises to be a great blessing to the church. In fact, this entire accession is likely to be an increase of strength as well as numbers. The good work still advances.

Harborville, too, is considerably revived and prospects there are brightening.

We hope to have a few extra meetings in Berwick next week. Christian readers pray for us.

Yours truly,

ISA. WALLACE.

BARTON, Digby Co.—Dear Editor,—It may not be interesting to the readers of the Messenger to know, that since Bro. J. H. Sauter's wrote, four more have been added to the church at this place, three by baptism, one by letter, making in all seven.

We do not append the usual request, "Brethren pray for us."—It has become so stereotyped, we leave it to others, who "hold the plates," and "wear the cravat." Still, we make no objection to receiving benefits in answer to the prayer of any who feel thus inclined. The sympathy and supplications of such we shall have, solicited or unsolicited.

Yours very truly,

GEO. H. GOUDRY.

March 28th, 1877.

YARMOUTH, March 30th, 1877.—Dear Brother,—I have the pleasure of recording a work of the Lord in this church this winter. The South Yarmouth Central Church held its week of prayer according to appointment. The meetings kept constantly increasing in interest. The members of the church prayed for an outpouring of the Spirit, and God in answer to their prayers blessed the church greatly. Many were converted who had not before belonged to any religious body. God be praised for it. O that the world were converted to God.

I baptized 23, and received 3 by letter, making in all 31 added to the church. I feel it a pleasure also to record a donation party of the church and friends—some from Acadia Church, for which the pastor is truly thankful to God and to them for the kind expression of their love.

Yours truly,

JOHN ROWE.

DIGBY NECK, SANDY COVE.—Rev. J. C. Morse writes, March 19th: "We are by the presence and power of God greatly revived at Little River, twenty-two have been added to the 2nd Church of Digby Neck by baptism since the 25th of February last. The work is general and deep. Prospects all around brightening."

[We had a notice of this work a week or two since, given us verbally by a friend. The above may be taken as a correction of that, as to the numbers.

Ed. C. M.]

WATERVILLE, HANTS CO.—Dear Bro.—The hand of the Lord is with the church at Waterville. Sinners are embracing and obeying their Saviour. Six converts were baptized yesterday. Others will soon follow.

Yours truly,

JOHN A. McLEAN.

Falmouth, Hants Co., April 25th, 1877.

OSBORNE, March 19th.—On Sabbath, March 11th, we baptized two and received three into fellowship with the church at Jordan River. Others are coming forward. We are having a blessed revival in the church here. May all our churches be cheered with the blessed songs of new-born souls.

E. N. ARCHIBALD.

PORT MEDWAY, March 27, 1877.—Dear Bro. Selden,—The Lord is reviving his work on some parts of this field. Special services have been held at Lapland with good results. Seven were buried with Christ on Sabbath, the 11th inst. Others are expected to follow. To God belongs the glory.

Yours in haste,

A. H. LAVERS.

DUNDAS, P. E. I.—While helping Bro. Kidson, missionary here, I baptized thirteen happy converts. The interest is still good. Bro. K. is not in good health.

Yours truly,

J. A. GORDON.

Pastor of East Point Baptist Church.

Local News.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is doing good service in our city. The coal hawkers' horses receive special attention, not before it was needed. One of these animals (the horse, not the hawk) was overhauled the other day by the vigilant Secretary and a farrier, who pronounced it over 30 years old and unfit for work. The owner was let off with a fine of \$1, provided he had the horse shot, or \$10 if he did not. He chose the former. Within one hour he was reported, arrested, tried and sentenced. Quick work.

Our policemen, as a rule, are a highly respectable body of men, but unfortunately one of them, John Murphy, last week exceeded his duty in the case of a woman who was convicted of selling liquor without license, together with some family troubles. However he was tried and fined \$40 or 90 days' imprisonment.

Soldiers are occasionally troublesome fellows, and after drinking fight each other. It is therefore pleasant to notice rewards for good conduct. At full parade, last Saturday morning, Sergeant Joseph Lewis, of the 97th regiment, was presented with a medal "for long service and good conduct," with a gratuity of £5 sterling.

Dartmouth streets are well lighted. On Friday night there was a striking contrast between the city and Dartmouth in this respect. Whilst Halifax was in comparative darkness, with puddles of mud and water to navigate in its streets, the other side was comparatively dry, with plenty of light.

Fine Easter beef has been displayed by the butchers during the past few days. One of the best we have seen was at John Whiteley's, Dartmouth, raised by himself; but the price—18 cents per lb—makes it almost prohibitory.

The Spanish war frigate "Ville de Madrid," from Havana, 20 days out, bound to Spain, arrived at this port on Friday evening for repairs. On the 26th inst., the vessel encountered a very heavy S. E. gale, which continued until Thursday, the 29th. She lost the foretop gallantmast. Her foretopmast was blown to atoms, and the vessel received other damage. When the wreck of the broken spar went over it chafed about 40 sheets of copper off, and injured the ship's side. She has on board 140 Spanish soldiers, invalids from the Havana hospital, who are on their way to Spain. Three of the soldiers have died from consumption since the ship arrived at this port.

CUSTOMS REVENUES.—The following are comparative statements of duties, etc., paid at the Custom House for the month of March, 1876 and 1877:—

	1876.	1877.
Duties.....	\$61,848.05	\$89,263.40
Signal Tax.....	62.00	61.00
Sick Mariners' Fund.....	374.02	470.14
Other Revenues.....	276.76	385.90
Totals.....	\$62,560.83	\$90,180.44
Increase March, 1877.....		\$27,619.61

For the quarter ending March 31, as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, the figures stand as follows:—

	Quarter ending March 31st, 1876.	1877.
Duties.....	\$194,763.73	\$246,235.14
Signal Tax.....	125.00	148.00
Sick Mariners' Fund.....	939.72	2,041.38
Other Revenues.....	1,029.28	1,399.82
Totals.....	\$196,867.73	\$249,824.34
Increase March 31st, 1877.....		\$52,956.61

INLAND REVENUE RECEIPTS.—The following is a statement of the receipts at the Inland Revenue Office for the month of March, 1877, as compared with the same month last year:—

	1876.	1877.
Spirits.....	\$1,396.43	\$1,702.29
Tobacco.....	5,120.30	2,832.98
Malt.....	1,390.47	3,120.4
Petroleum.....	1,342.46	0,000.00
Decrease.....	\$9,202.66	\$7,655.69

BILL STAMPS. March, 1876.....\$769.05 1877—\$1,010.00

Strange, is it not? Mr. Holmes last week presented a petition from the Garden of Eden for a road thence to Barney's River.

WILLIAM JOHNSON of Hammond's Plains was arrested on Saturday, for passing counterfeit money. He denied having any knowledge of its being counterfeit, but in one of his boots another piece was found of the same kind—a U.S. gold dollar piece.

Mr. Brown, in the employ of the Steel Company of Canada, at Londonderry, has been arrested again on a charge of shooting the man who was killed during the late riot. He was on the train for Halifax when arrested.

BERWICK.—On Saturday night a fire broke out in Mr. Strong's Store in this village. His store and stock were burned. Also J. M. Parker's building, occupied as the Post-office, and J. McInnis', also Halliday's dwelling house. Strong's loss is estimated at \$4,600. Some insurance. Parker's loss \$600. No insurance. Halliday's loss \$1,500. Insurance \$1,000.

Mr. Edward Meagher, an elderly member of the Dartmouth Baptist Church, died suddenly on Wednesday morning. He got up during the night, and returned to his bed, and was supposed to have gone to sleep, but in the morning was found dead.

Mr. George Irwin, who occupied the office of City Marshal for many years, and was subsequently appointed Supervisor of Flour Weighers, died on Wednesday last after a short illness. Mr. Irwin was a faithful and efficient public servant, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He had been for several years a worthy member of the North Baptist Church.

PICOTU HARBOR was opened on Tuesday last by the ferry steamer "Mayflower." She cut through the ice that the teams with passengers from the Halifax train had just passed over. The crossing has been much better than usual this winter, but was becoming dangerous for teams. The "Northern Light" came to the wharf at Picotou landing, so there was an opening between Picotou and Picotou landing and out to sea.

The Royal Gazette contains the appointment of Miss Adelaide Murray to be Registrar of Deeds, at Yarmouth, vice John Murray, Esq., resigned.

The Windsor Mail says the heavy rains of the past week have flooded a great many cellars about Windsor. In the lower parts of the town a large area of land was lying under water.

YARMOUTH.—A despatch to the Chronicle on Friday says two scoundrels were caught last night in the act of setting fire to two barns. They are said to be the parties who have for a long time been attempting to commit such depredations. It is said a Boston detective, allured by the \$1000 reward made by the Custos, had to do with the capture.

The steamer "Soud" this week commences her three trips per week across the Bay, viz: every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

THE RAILWAY TO PARSBORO will shortly be prepared for carrying coals from the Spring Hill Mines, and lumber from the vast forests of Cumberland County to Minas Basin. Track-laying is now complete, with the exception of the sidings. The terminus of the railway is at Whitehall Creek, nearly a mile beyond Parsboro. The creek is navigable for vessels of 300, 400 and 500 tons, and three wharves are to be built, 100 feet in length and 25 feet wide, to give facilities for loading three vessels at the same time. The stations on the railway will be named Maccan, Lawrence, Southampton, Westbrook, Jeffers, Leaks, Parsboro', Whitehall.

PORT MEDWAY and its neighborhood has suffered much from late freshets. Roads, buildings and mills have received much damage by the water in the river being raised so much above the usual height.

WHAT NEXT.

A CONSUMPTIVE CURED.—When death was hourly expected, all remedies having failed, and Dr. H. JAMES was experimenting, he accidentally made a preparation of INDIAN HEMP, which cured his only child of consumption. He now gives this receipt free on receipt of two stamps, to pay expenses. HEMP also cures night sweat, nausea at the stomach, and will break a fresh cold in twenty-four hours. Address Craddock & Co., 1,032 Race Street, Philadelphia, naming this paper.

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