

In Memoriam.

MRS. ELIZABETH SPROUL.

As the present pastor of the Church, of which the deceased was an esteemed member was not acquainted with her, and the former pastor, who long enjoyed a pleasing acquaintance with her, was unable to write at the time of her decease, by the request of relations he now furnishes the following notice.

Mrs. Sproul, widow of the late Mr. Robert Sproul, of Upper Wilmot, who died Feb. 15th, 1854, was baptized with her husband, in June, 1830, and united with the Baptist Church in the place where they resided. She walked in fellowship with that church, and was justly regarded as an exemplary Christian to the end of her life.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NIOBAUX.—Dear Editor,—I baptized eight willing converts on the first Sabbath in this month, making in all baptized, thirty-four. "God has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

FREEMONT.—Dear Editor,—It is cheering to know that God is visiting his people in mercy, and sinners are being converted in different parts of the provinces. A few drops of mercy have fallen on the churches with which I am laboring.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF CHESTER AND CUMBERLAND COUNTIES.—A Sabbath School Convention for the above named Counties, has been organized, and holds its meetings semi-annually, in connection with the Ministerial Conference.

THE NEXT MEETING IS TO BE HELD, according to appointment, at Great Village, and will be early in April, of which due notice will be given in the Christian Messenger.

THE CROWN COURT PROPHECY.—The Rev. Dr. Cumming has again expressed his belief "that the world, and Europe especially, is at this moment upon the eve of the greatest catastrophe which has ever happened in the history of mankind."

THE TIMES REMARKS THAT MR. TOOTH was imprisoned for contempt, and that he has been released with contempt.

THE BRIDGETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH is enjoying a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The meetings have been full of the deepest interest. On Saturday last, at the Conference, twenty-seven persons on profession of faith were received for baptism.

2ND DIGBY NECK Church under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Morse has recently had a large ingathering to its membership. Two Sabbaths of the past month were marked by the administration of the ordinance of baptism—on one, twelve, and on the other, eight were immersed in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and are going on their way rejoicing.

METHODIST.—The Ladies of the Brunswick Street Church donated \$170 to the Dartmouth Methodist Church the proceeds of a Tea Social. Good.

Mrs. Temple, lady of the popular President of the N. Scotia Conference, was presented recently with a purse of \$116 besides other articles of value. A donation visit in the Amherst vestry was the occasion of the gift.

Rev. J. STROTHERD who is now an invalid, received a donation from the congregation of Avondale.

Methodism is strong in Charlottetown. A letter to the editor of the Wesleyan says:

"We have been receiving rich blessings here in Charlottetown this winter, and I rejoice to say our Sabbath School has shared largely: very many Bible class scholars have consecrated themselves to the Saviour, and all have been encouraged to still greater effort in the Master's service. The attendance in our school has wonderfully increased, three Sabbaths ago there were present 524."

Rev. David Gwynne has recently left the ranks of the Wesleyan ministry in Newfoundland and joined the Episcopalians, and he is said to speak and act not very kindly respecting the denomination he has left.

TEMPLE CHURCH, ST. JOHN N. B.—The Public recognition services of this church were held on Sunday the 11th inst., at 2 1/2 p. m. Rev. Thomas Crawley read the Scriptures, Rev. Geo. Armstrong offered prayer, Rev. D. McClellan preached the sermon—an able and appropriate one, Rev. Edward Hickson, offered the recognition prayer, Rev. J. D. Pope made an address to the Church, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, the hand of fellowship and welcome, Rev. W. P. Everett, pastor, pronounced the benediction.

The number of persons reported as being baptized in 1876 in the Baptist churches of Massachusetts is 2,822, more by nearly a thousand than in the previous year.

The Senatus Academicus of St. Andrew's University has conferred the degree of LL.D. on the Rev. Alex. Anderson, M. A., Principal of Chanoury House School, Old Aberdeen, and pastor of George Street Baptist Church, Aberdeen. Mr. Anderson was expelled from the Free Church of Scotland in 1848 on account of his views on baptism.

THE BAPTIST ANNUITY FUND.—Dr. Landels reported at Bradford that the sum promised and subscribed towards the Annuity Fund has now reached upwards of £40,000. Bradford has already subscribed £1,400, and it is confidently expected to more than double that amount.

Mr. P. P. Bliss, whose Gospel hymns are sung around the world, was born in 1838, and when twelve years of age united with the Baptist church.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—ON TUESDAY last in the House of Commons the bill for the prevention of gambling practices in public conveyances was read a third time. Mr. Blake said he was not inclined to except steamboats from the operation of the Act.

The bill fixing the salaries of Judges of the Maritime Courts at six hundred dollars annually was read a first time.

The discussion on the tariff has occupied much of each sitting during the week.

ON WEDNESDAY Mr. Blake introduced a bill to remove doubts which existed as to the power given by the Act to railways to intersect other railways.

Mr. Caron asked whether it is the intention of the Government to arm all rifle regiments with short rifles and sword bayonets.

Mr. Vail replied that such was the intention as soon as possible.

Mr. DeCosmos moved for a committee of twelve to enquire into the progress made with the surveys of the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. Blake's extradition bill was read a first time. Its provisions extend only

the Governorship of Louisiana, writes to President Hayes pledging that no disturbance shall follow the withdrawal of Federal troops.

Fred. Douglass has been appointed Marshall of the district of Columbia. The office is worth ten to twelve thousand dollars a year.

The Republicans of New Hampshire have elected their Governor by 3400 majority, and two Congressmen.

Ex-Secretary Morrill has been appointed Collector of Customs at Portland, Me. The Vanderbilt will dispute, has been amicably settled.

James Kingman, produce speculator, has disappeared, leaving liabilities estimated at half a million of dollars.

A boiler explosion in Hunter Brothers' saw mill, Worthington, Ill., killed two Hunter brothers, two brothers named Bender, and one man unknown, dangerously wounding others.

There is great suffering among mechanics and laborers in the mining districts of Pennsylvania. Many families are on the verge of starvation. Public meetings have been called.

Four steamships sailed from New York for Europe on Saturday, fully freighted, including nine hundred tons of fresh beef, apples, oysters, agricultural implements, etc.

The steamer "Rutland," Red Star line, from Antwerp for New York, went ashore at Long Branch, on Saturday night; the passengers and crew, about 250, were saved by boats and a life car from the shore. The cargo was valued at \$550,000.

ENGLAND.—The London Times of Wednesday last said the crisis in the Eastern question has arrived. Never during any phase of the question has a more important communication been addressed by one State to another than that in which Gen. Ignatieff and Count Schouvaloff have been intermediaries.

The substance of it is that Great Britain and other powers agree to maintain the settlement insisted upon at the Conference, and urge it upon the Porte, Russia will be content to act in accord with them, and demobilize her armies.

This communication is now under serious consideration of the British Government.

The Post editorial, based apparently on authority, says the Eastern question is not to be settled in an hour. The public, therefore, will not be surprised to learn that there is a very fair prospect of an arrangement which will meet the exigencies of the situation.

It was officially announced on Friday that Sir Henry Elliot would shortly resume the duties of ambassador at Constantinople; and probably be followed by ambassadors of the other great powers.

The Times says: The Powers will employ their influence in favor of the reforms the Conference decide necessary but further than that they will not go.

In the House of Lords on Monday afternoon, Lord Derby, in reply to Earl Granville, said that Russia's answer to the English amendments to the protocol had been received with certain alterations, which the Cabinet had not time to consider.

GERMANY.—The German Parliament was on Tuesday engaged in an animated debate over the Budget, which requires seventeen millions more than last year.

A despatch from Berlin says the Minister of War justifies the increased expenditure by pointing to the growth of the French army and the recent movement of troops on the frontier; also to the growth and improvement of the Russian army.

FRANCE.—Ravages of insects in vine-growing districts of France causes a great amount of poverty and distress.

TURKEY.—The Sultan has proclaimed a general amnesty in Bulgaria. Turkey refuses Montenegro's demand for cession of territory.

The dead lock between the Porte and Montenegro continues. Nicos is pinched for rations and still blockaded by Montenegrins.

The Post thinks the renewal of troubles in Bosnia and the stubbornness of Montenegro indicates fresh foreign intrigues and militates against peace prospects.

The Times' despatch says the recall of Midhat Pasha and war with Russia are dominant amongst the demands of the populace of Constantinople.

An obstinate fight, with serious loss, has taken place between Turks and Bosnians.

Popular feeling against Mohammed Damad is gaining ground in Constantinople.

Thirty Softas were arrested on Thursday.

A large body of Softas went to Police to demand the release of their comrades, and threatening to do violence. Revolutionary placards are increasing, and the people within the palace are becoming anxious.

RUSSIA.—It is semi-officially stated that the slow progress of peace negotiations between the Porte and Montenegro is observed with much regret in political circles. Montenegro adheres to the decisions of the Conference.

The Porte, however, will not permit the unfettered return of Herzegovinian refugees from Montenegro, and has not consented to territorial cession demanded by Montenegro nor made any counter proposals. The Prince of Montenegro does not intend to participate in the negotiations, but has resolved, should they prove fruitless, to withdraw into

the strongholds of the country and defend his present possessions.

Public opinion in Russia regards a solution of questions pending between Montenegro and Turkey as a necessary preliminary to any arrangements between the Powers.

AFRICA.—Stanley, writing from Ujiji, Aug. 13th, 1876, announces that he has completely surveyed Lake Tanganyika.

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

ON TUESDAY, the Crown Land Bill being read for the third time, Mr. Holmes asked for a call of the House, and moved that the bill be referred to a committee of the whole for the purpose of substituting the office of the Commissioner of Works and Mines instead of the Attorney General.

On a division there were for the motion—Messrs. Holmes, McRae, Cameron, McKay, Moseley, Woodworth, Longley, Black, J. J. McKinnon, Patterson, Allison, Troop, North, Vickery, Putnam—15.

Against the motion—Hon. Provincial Secretary, Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Commissioner of Works and Mines, Messrs. Johnson, Lovitt, Eisenhauer, McCurdy, Francheville, Boudrot, Hon. Mr. McDonald, Hon. Mr. Campbell, Messrs. Dickie, Farrell, Archibald, Davidson, Freeman, Gayton, Fraser, Hon. Mr. McKinnon, Messrs. Campbell and Robichau—21.

Dr. Farrell gave notice of a motion to request the Dominion Government for a subsidy for a fortnightly line of steamers between Liverpool and Halifax.

The House in Committee on Bills took up the Act to amend certain Acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, in accordance with the suggestion of the Minister of Justice.

On the reading of the 8th clause respecting the act to incorporate the Nova Scotia Fishing Company, limited, Mr. Longley asked how far it would restrict the operation of the bill.

Hon. Atty. General explained that it prevented them from engaging in business in places outside of the province, for instance from making foreign investments.

ON WEDNESDAY, after the routine business, several law bills were read, one of which was a bill to do away with juries in the Supreme Court, unless required by the parties to the suit.

The second reading of City bills was gone into.

Dr. Farrell pointed out that one Bill was virtually to increase the civic taxation by \$11,000. He moved that the bill be read again this day three months.

Mr. Weeks seconded it and the motion passed without division.

The Special Committee to report upon the petition of the W. & A. Railway reported, recommending the prayer of the petition to the favorable attention of the house.

Mr. Weeks moved in amendment, and Mr. J. J. McKinnon seconded, that the report of the Committee be referred to the Government. It passed by a large majority.

Hon. Atty. General introduced a bill to amend the Act establishing County Courts.

Mr. Longley asked for information concerning Public Printing during the year 1876.

Dr. Farrell introduced a bill to repeal the act providing for the registration of births and deaths, and said that the bill had been submitted to the Halifax Quarter Sessions.

ON THURSDAY the House went into Committee on Bills.

After the Committee had risen, Mr. Weeks asked for a return of the royalties paid by the Nova Scotian Collieries from 1860 to 1876, together with certain other information connected with the Collieries.

Mr. Troop called the attention of the Government to certain trespasses committed upon Crown Lands in the County of Annapolis.

Hon. Atty. Gen. made a lengthy explanation.

Mr. Holmes asked if the Government were prepared to make any explanation as to the ministerial changes which had taken place in the recess.

Hon. Prov. Sec. said we would give an answer on Friday.

ON FRIDAY, Mr. Weeks introduced an act to incorporate the New Glasgow and Whitehaven Railway. The charter parties were a number of very wealthy and well known gentlemen of New York of good experience in railway matters.

The route from New York to Liverpool (according to Mr. Greene's report) to about 6 1/2 days, effecting a saving on the fastest time ever yet made. He pointed out the advantages of Whitehaven as an ocean port. The charter parties did not ask a dollar of subsidy—only a right of way and a grant of Crown Lands.

Hon. Prov. Sec. rose to move his resolution for Maritime Union. The question was by no means a new one; by the Union the three countries would only revert to their former condition. He gave the figures that have already been often given—three separate governments for a population of 795,854. The costs of the governments was \$147,000. By Union the "army of legislators" at present requisite for the three Provinces

to those countries with which Great Britain had an extradition treaty.

On Thursday there was much excitement in the discussion of the tariff. The debate continued all night. The first division took place about 2 o'clock and continued till half past 4 on Friday morning.

Sir John A. McDonald's amendment was as follows:

"Resolved, That this House regrets the financial policy submitted by the Government increases the burthen of taxation on the people, without any compensating advantage to Canadian industries; and further, the House is of opinion that the deficiency in the revenue should be met by a diminution of expenditure, aided by such a re-adjustment of the tariff as will benefit and foster the agricultural, mining, and manufacturing interests of the Dominion."

To which Mr. Woods moved the following amendment to the proposed amendment:

"That in as much as it has been deemed necessary to raise additional revenue, it is the opinion of this House that the interests of the country would be better served by imposing additional duties upon such goods and wares as may be produced in Canada, thereby affording increased protection while securing the additional revenue required."

The division was 109 in favor of Mr. Wood's amendment and 78 against it. The absence of three or four members is said by the government organs and relatively strength of parties; and a telegram to the Chronicle divides the vote up as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province and Votes. Ontario 55, Quebec 31, New Brunswick 9, Nova Scotia 12, P. E. Island 3, Manitoba 1, British Columbia 1. Total 112. Ministerial Opposition 27, 30, 5, 5, 2, 2, 4. Total 75.

This is evidently incomplete and inaccurate somewhere.

On Wednesday, as the Governor-General was stepping from his sleigh, he fell and hurt himself considerably. It was said he had broken one rib, but this is not confirmed. He is doing well and rapidly recovering.

The telegram informs us that on Tuesday night the adjourned annual meeting of the Montreal Protestant Alliance was held, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected, and it was resolved to prosecute operations more vigorously during the ensuing year.

The effect of efforts of the Redemptionist Fathers at Montreal, has been a large amount of restitution by defaulting clerks and other employees.

A change has been effected in the Ontario Cabinet, owing to the creation of the new office of Minister of Education. Mr. Hardy, of Brant, takes the new portfolio.

Mr. John Mackenzie, brother of the Premier died on Saturday last.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Great mystery hangs over the death of J. G. Kingan, of New York, who absconded recently—who was found on the Intercolonial railroad, near Weldford, in New Brunswick on Tuesday last. The body was seen on the track by the engineer, but not in time to prevent the train from running over it.

It was at first supposed that the man had either fallen from the train which had previously passed over, or that he had deliberately got on the track. But subsequent enquiry led to the supposition that he was first murdered and subsequently placed on the rails for the purpose of covering up the crime. An inquest was held over the body. It appears that he came in the steamer from New York to Halifax, having entered his name as Brown, and on arrival here took the Intercolonial train for Quebec. A large sum of money was found upon him. It seems that he went out of the car whilst they were taking in water at Weldford, and the deed must have been all done within the space of ten minutes. His throat was cut from ear to ear and there were cuts on each arm and it seems difficult to determine whether it was a case of suicide or murder. The inquest was adjourned to Monday.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Local Legislature met on Wednesday last. Henry Beer, Esq., was elected speaker. The Lieut. Governor's speech refers to the Land-Purchase Act and the proceedings that have taken place under it, expressing special pleasure that the Dominion Supreme Court had confirmed an award under the Act which had been set aside by the Island Supreme Court. An education Bill is promised, as also a more equitable Land Tax Bill and a Bill improving the Road Act.

UNITED STATES.—The Senate adjourned on Saturday sine die.

The New York Times Washington despatches state that President Hayes would withdraw the troops from the Southern States this week.

The Times editorially referring thereto hopes that better counsels will prevail; but if the President persists, he and the Times will part company.

The proposition was favorably entertained to settle political disputes by new elections in South Carolina and Louisiana.

Nicholls, the Democratic claimant of