

She sleeps,—though violets wake,  
And lilies yield their breath  
To the ripe spring, whose touch is life,  
Whose presence is not death.

She sleeps—no more of pain,  
No waiting for the hour  
That shuts out earth, and opens life  
In gorgeous Eden's bower.

C. A. LELAND.

Melvorn Square, May 5th, 1877.

EARNEST H. CROSBY,

died at Clements West, Annapolis Co.,  
May 23rd, Earnest H., eldest and only  
son of Josiah P. and Maria A. Crosby,  
in the 23rd year of his age. Deceased  
was a young man of exemplary character  
and much esteemed by all who knew  
him. He made a public profession of  
religion when quite young, and was  
baptized into the fellowship of the Free  
Christian Baptist Church at Beaver  
River, from which place he removed  
here with his parents about five years  
ago, and has ever since maintained a  
consistent and upright walk; he was  
much attached to the cause of temperance  
and was a zealous member of Raymond  
Division, by whose members he  
was borne to his last resting place, and  
received the solemn farewell. He had  
chosen as his life work, the avocation  
of Teacher, and while at the Normal  
School, at Truro, preparing for that very  
useful calling, took a heavy cold, which  
brought on disease of the lungs; this,  
together with another ailment with  
which he had been afflicted from child-  
hood, in a few short months, termina-  
ted his existence in this world. He  
died in hope of a glorious immortality  
in that world where no disease  
or death invade, but where the leaves  
of the Tree of Life give perfect health  
to all the inhabitants thereof. The  
funeral occasion was improved by a  
sermon from Rev. J. M. Parker from  
Ecclus. ix. 10. To the afflicted parents  
and sisters of the departed who have thus  
been bereft of their only remaining son  
and brother, having buried their youngest  
little more than a year ago, a dear little  
boy, we tender our deepest sym-  
pathy and affection, and trust that  
these sad bereavements may be blessed  
of God by bringing them all into his  
heavenly kingdom, where they may be  
a united family to praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.

MRS. JOSEPH WHELOCK.

We are grieved to announce among  
our list of deaths this week the name of  
Mrs. Jos. Whelock, of Bridgetown, the  
mother of our esteemed missionary,  
Mrs. W. F. Armstrong. For the past  
year her health has been failing, but  
hopes were entertained that the return  
of Spring would restore her. Such,  
however, was not the Lord's will con-  
cerning her, and though natural grief  
must have its way, all her friends re-  
joice in the assurance that she has en-  
tered into the rest prepared for her by  
her Master. In a note lately received  
she says, "I am still an invalid, and  
seldom get out; trust there will be  
resting 'Bye-and-Bye.' May we all  
meet in that peaceful Haven." We  
deeply sympathize with the bereaved  
relatives and friends.

For the Christian Messenger.  
Notes from the Third Baptist  
Church.

On Thursday, it being NATAL DAY, it is  
proposed to celebrate the day, when  
the Britons came over, by laying the  
Corner Stone of our New Church.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. The Sabbath  
School assembles at the hall, thence  
they will walk to the lot on Brunswick St.,  
and open the proceedings by singing.  
After a brief address or two, a lady will  
lay the corner stone, and the "Bees" will  
all commence to build, the secretary will  
enroll the names, and the list will be  
published in the next issue of "Buds and  
Blossoms."

Our friends are invited to cheer and  
help us that day by their presence.

Should there be a difficulty in attend-  
ance, remember if you like, a brick can  
be laid for you by proxy.

BAPTISMAL.—Rev. B. Smithers held an  
open air baptismal service at Preston on  
Sunday afternoon. There was a large  
number present, participants in the  
service, and spectators. There were  
seventeen candidates for immersion.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Ordination of Mr. Wm. Henry Young.

We copy the following item from the  
*Washington Republican* of June 6th:

The public "setting apart" or ordina-  
tion of Mr. Wm. Henry Young, son of Dr.  
Young, chief of the Bureau of Statistics,  
took place last evening at the first Baptist  
church. The pulpit was handsomely  
decorated with vases of flowers, bou-  
quets and palms. The services were con-  
ducted by ministers in accordance with  
the direction of the council, who, after  
examination of the candidate in the  
morning, unanimously agreed as to his  
fitness for the ordination. The sermon  
was preached by Rev. Dr. Brantley, of  
Baltimore, and the ordination prayer and  
presentation of the Bible by the pastor  
of the church, Rev. Dr. Cuthbert.

The charge to the candidate was made  
by Rev. Dr. S. P. Hill. The right hand  
of fellowship was given by Rev. J. T. Judd,  
of Harrisburg, Pa., who was a college-  
mate of Mr. Young. The other exer-  
cises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Mason,  
of the Calvary Baptist church; Rev. Mr.  
Meador, of the Fifth Baptist church;  
Rev. Dr. Huntington, professor of Greek  
at Columbian University; Rev. Mr. In-  
gersoll, of the Second Baptist church,  
and Rev. Mr. Beale, pastor of the George-  
town Baptist church. The music by the  
choir was most excellent, and the ser-  
vices were of unusual solemnity.

The Lord is still carrying on his work  
at DeBert River. Six were baptized  
yesterday. The converts are doing  
well, and we hope will prove a source of  
strength to the church. I wish to ex-  
press my gratitude to those brethren  
who so kindly came to our assistance.  
In this respect we have been highly  
favored.

Yours truly,  
M. P. FREEMAN.

The Rev. W. M. Edwards baptized  
eight persons in the Miramichi river on  
June 3rd.

Rev. J. C. Moore reports as follows:  
Yesterday June 3rd, it was my privilege  
to lead a father and daughter down into  
the baptismal waters in the presence of  
a large congregation. This makes thirty  
that I have baptized since last fall.  
There has been no very special revival,  
but a gradual ingathering. To God be  
the praise and glory. I expect, God will-  
ing, to baptize two more next Sabbath,  
and perhaps others. Will my friends  
pray that God will sustain and continue  
to bless me and the people of my charge,  
and save poor sinners?

Yours, &c.,  
J. C. MOORE.

Hillsborough June 4, 1877.

W. P. Anderson, Licentiate, from N. S.,  
has been engaged to preach to the  
church at North Esk, Miramichi, and  
also to the church at Little South West,  
in the same district.

PITT STREET BAPTIST MISSION.—We  
are pleased to notice the completion of  
repairs on the Chapel of this Mission.  
Nearly \$200 have been expended, ren-  
dering the room convenient and invit-  
ing. Last Sabbath evening the house  
was reopened by interesting religious  
services. Rev. J. D. Pope preached an  
able and instructive sermon, from 1st  
Timothy vi. 19, "That they may lay  
hold on eternal life." There was a large  
audience in attendance and much inter-  
est manifested. Most acceptable service  
was rendered by the Leinster Street  
Choir, under the leadership of John  
March, Esq., J. Edgar March presiding  
at the organ. May abundant success  
attend this effort to extend the cause of  
Christ in St. John.

The Baptists of Birmingham, England,  
have had sites for three new chapels  
presented to them. The sites are admir-  
ably adapted for the erection of chapels,  
and are situated in suburbs of Birming-  
ham in which no Baptist cause at present  
exists. The trustees also contemplate  
the erection of a central chapel, to take  
the place of the present structure in  
Cannon-street, and anticipate that by  
these means they may be able to erect  
five or six chapels, of the value of some  
£50,000 or £60,000, and which will prove  
to be a great strength to the denomina-  
tion in Birmingham.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Recent changes  
in the Cabinet are gazetted to-day.

At a meeting of the Lincoln Conserva-  
tive Association, held on Thursday, it  
was deemed advisable to enter no protest  
against the return of Capt. Norris.

The statement of imports of the Domi-  
nion for the last four months shows  
an increase of \$1,663,926 over the cor-  
responding period last year.

There is considerable excitement here  
over the troubles at Oka, caused by the  
arrest of a number of Indians by the  
Provincial police. The Indians are  
armed and bloodshed is expected.

About four o'clock this morning Rev.  
Mr. Logan, residing priest at Oka, dis-  
covered fire in the stables, which had  
gained considerable headway.

He said about 30 armed Indians were  
parading around the church, who pre-

vented any assistance that might have  
been rendered by him and others. The  
church, the priest's residence and  
stables are in ruins. The steeple, which  
contained three bells, fell with a tre-  
mendous crash.

Movable fixtures, valuables and furni-  
ture were saved, except the church  
organ. The granary contained about one  
thousand bushels of grain. Stables,  
coach houses and carriages were a total  
loss.

The library contained about 1,000 vol-  
umes, part in the Indian language, all  
of which were consumed. The nunnery  
escaped. The church was about one hun-  
dred years old. No insurance. Fire  
supposed to be the work of an incendiary.  
The *Star* says the Oka Indians have  
been arrested and maltreated for having  
in the first place taken wood for indus-  
trial purposes, and in the second, for  
having enclosed land of which they claim  
the absolute ownership. Without any  
semblance of law and upon the warrant  
of an irresponsible country magistrate,  
armed men were brought 200 miles to  
spread terror and desolation among the  
community of simple, homeless people,  
whose only crime is that of seeking to  
make an honest living upon their own  
land.

No further trouble is reported at Oka.  
The Indians are now quiet.

A large number of citizens assembled  
in Montreal on the 6th inst., to witness  
the laying of the corner-stone of the  
Provincial Deaf Mutes' Institute. The  
edifice to be erected is situated on the  
Cote St. Luc Road. It is the gift of  
Mr. Thomas McKay, a wealthy and es-  
teemed citizen of Montreal, who has al-  
ways manifested a deep interest in the un-  
fortunate mutes. A beautiful silver  
trowel was presented to Mr. McKay  
wherewith to lay the stone, and the  
completion of this ceremony was greet-  
ed with enthusiastic applause. The  
building, planned to accommodate 100  
pupils, will be furnished with every ap-  
pliance for carrying out its noble pur-  
pose. Addresses were made by sever-  
al gentlemen, referring in appropriate  
terms to this example of Christian  
benevolence as well worthy of imita-  
tion.—*Chronicle.*

Lord Dufferin leaves to-morrow for a  
cruise in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Mr. Laurier, M. P., will deliver a lec-  
ture on Liberalism at Quebec shortly.  
It is expected that his audience will be  
the largest ever assembled there.

This evening, June 18, at Montreal,  
over 200 Allan ship laborers struck on  
account of the reduction of wages.  
Another gang was put on, but they were  
interfered with. The water police were  
called out to enable them to put a  
quantity of perishable articles on board  
the Sardinian. A row is feared, as  
many friends of the strikers are anxious  
to interfere.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The train for Bangor,  
June 15th, was stopped between Vance-  
boro' and Macadam, by the rails spread-  
ing and blocked the road so that the  
down train could not reach St. John to-  
night. A locomotive was sent from St.  
John to render assistance.

A fire broke out between two houses  
owned by Samuel Wier at Straight  
Shore, Portland, on Friday, and they  
were destroyed; six others were dam-  
aged. Twenty families were turned out  
into the street.

A lad, six years old, named Ryan, was  
run over by a double team, heavily  
loaded, and his recovery is considered  
doubtful.

The Moncton *Times* says that the  
school-house in New Horton School  
district, Harvey, was burned down on  
Saturday evening last. The fire is sup-  
posed to have been the work of an inci-  
endiary.

UNITED STATES.—Fletcher Harper, the  
last survivor of the four who built up  
the immense business of the firm of  
Harper Brothers in New York, died re-  
cently at an advanced age. James and  
John were the first to learn the printers'  
trade and to commence business. Af-  
terwards, Joseph Wesley, and still later,  
Fletcher, entering the House as ap-  
prentices, became in due time connect-  
ed with the firm. Fletcher did the  
talking for the firm, and to his energy  
and foresight much of its large success  
was due. The business is now carried  
on by sons of those who established it,  
and is one of the most extensive and  
successful publishing houses in the  
world.—*Recorder.*

The twenty-second annual Interna-  
tional Convention of the Young Men's  
Christian Association opened at Louis-  
ville, Ky., on the 6th inst. J. S. Mac-  
lean, Esq., was a delegate from Halifax;  
and distinguished Y. M. C. A. members  
from all parts of the United States and  
Canada were present. Officers were  
elected for next year as follows:

President, John V. Farwell, of Chic-  
ago; Vice-Presidents, T. J. Wilkie, To-  
ronto, Ont.; J. C. C. Black, Augusta,  
Ga.; Wm. P. Armstrong, Selma, Ala.;  
W. K. Jennings, Pittsburg, Pa.; Rev.  
W. Lipse, Omaha, Neb.; Geo. Young,  
Montreal; H. M. McDonald, of Prince-  
ton College, N. J.; E. S. Field, Indian-  
apolis, Ind.; J. H. Chelver, Cincinnati,  
Ohio.

Secretary—T. C. Horton, Indianapolis.  
Assistant Secretaries—E. C. Chapin,  
Davenport, Iowa; J. L. Palmer, Little  
Rock, Ark.; W. A. Davis, Montgomery,  
Ala.; W. E. Lewis, Waco, Mass.

A violent tornado passed over Con-  
necticut Valley on the 14th inst. The  
highway bridge over the Connecticut river

was blown away and completely des-  
troyed. There were 16 people on it at  
the time, and two were killed and a  
number hurt. The bridge was 12½ feet  
long, resting on light stone piers and  
cost \$25,000. Another bridge was also  
blown away. Trees were snapped off  
and uprooted, buildings blown down  
and great damage done to the crops.

General Grant is receiving quite an  
ovation during his visit to England.  
Receptions, dinners, and fetes follow in  
quick succession. Evidently, he is quite  
the rage among the British aristocracy  
at present, and it must be gratifying to  
his countrymen to know that he is so  
well and courteously welcomed.

ENGLAND.—The Russians began the  
bombardment of Rostchuk on June  
12th, and continued the entire day.  
The Turks returned the fire with inter-  
est, but the damage done on either side  
is not known.

It is reported in London that Schou-  
valoff repeats his assurances that the  
Russian Government has no intention  
to interfere with British interests in the  
East. But it is beginning to be gener-  
ally understood that Russia is endeavor-  
ing to subsidize the press, and that she  
is evidently preparing the public mind  
for her forthcoming occupation of Con-  
stantinople.

In the House of Commons, June 14,  
Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of  
the Exchequer, in reply to a ques-  
tion of Mr. Gourley, stated that Russia's  
reply to England's intimation forbidding  
the exercise of belligerent rights in the  
Suez Canal, was to the effect that Russia  
would neither blockade, interrupt, nor  
menace the navigation of the Canal in  
any manner. He added that the replies  
from the Porte and Khedive to the  
British communications on the subject  
had not yet been received.

The Foreign Office has decided that  
any British officer in the service of a  
power which enters into hostilities  
against another with which England is  
at peace, must resign either his foreign  
appointment or his commission in the  
British service.

A despatch to the Russian Telegraphic  
Agency states that Russia is disposed to  
respect route to India, and consequently  
neutrality of the Suez Canal and Egypt  
depends on military eventualities.

A royal proclamation, declaring the  
neutrality of Portugal in the Russo Tur-  
kish war, is issued. Germany will not  
issue a special proclamation of neutrality.

The Surveyor General of Ordnance  
visited Woolwich arsenal on June 13th,  
and spent several hours in the inspec-  
tion of the stores provided through the  
extra exertions of the last few months.  
At the depot in the Dockyard there is  
placed in readiness for active service  
complete field equipments of tents, wag-  
ons, ambulances, medical stores, &c.,  
for 22 regiments, with an immense re-  
serve of stores only requiring a short pe-  
riod to be brought forward for use.

A despatch from Berlin to the *Post*  
says that the Russians have organized  
fifteen field hospitals, containing to-  
gether 20,000 beds, to be distributed  
over Roumania and adjoining districts.  
This provision for the sick and wounded  
is thought to be sufficient for all emer-  
gencies.

The *Times*'s despatch from Constanti-  
nople says the Porte is expected to re-  
ply to the English notification regarding  
the Suez Canal, that it considers the Can-  
al Turkish property. At the same time  
she recognizes the great importance of  
the Canal to the whole world, and will  
try to prevent it becoming the scene of  
hostilities by occupying each end with  
troops, so as to prevent the entrance of  
any Russian ships.

A special despatch from Paris says  
that Saturday's sitting of the Chamber  
of Deputies was one of the most violent  
ever witnessed; it extended over five  
hours and a half. During that long time  
there was one prolonged roar of vocifer-  
ations. At one time, when Gambetta  
said that "power was in suspicious  
hands," the Minister of Public Works  
sprang with a threatening air towards  
the tribunal, and members of the Right  
and Left dashed forward. Ushers had  
to separate the hostile armies. It really  
seemed as if there would be a hand-to-  
hand fight. All instinctively waited for  
reports of revolvers.

A despatch from Berlin says the re-  
lations between Germany and France  
are considered exceedingly critical. The  
general opinion is that the condition of  
the whole continent was never so criti-  
cal since Sedan. To the already dan-  
gerous Eastern complications the French  
crisis is now added, and it is feared  
Europe at any moment may be plunged  
into a gigantic war. Eyes are turned to  
Paris in anxious expectation of events  
that may force Germany and Italy to  
act at once.

TURKEY.—The Turks are rapidly re-  
treating before the Russians in Armenia,  
and are evidently determined not to risk  
a general engagement if possible.

The Turkish army of the Danube is  
reported in a bad way for want of or-  
ganization.

The session of the Turkish Parliamen-  
t will be closed on the 22nd instant. The  
Russians are retiring from the direction  
of Erzeroum in order to prosecute the  
siege of Kars. It is stated that Dervish  
Pasha will supersede Mukhtar Pasha.

Servia continues warlike preparations.  
A rupture between the Porte and  
Greece is considered inevitable.

A vessel which was about to discharge  
a cargo of 150 barrels of gunpowder at

Crete, has been captured by Turkish war  
vessels.

Moustapha Tewfic Pasha has been ap-  
pointed commandant of Kars.

Two captains of Russian torpedo boats  
recently sunk at the Sulina mouth of  
the Danube, one an Englishman and the  
other an American, are expected in Con-  
stantinople to-day as prisoners of war.

A despatch from Erzeroum states  
there was a great battle all along the  
Turkish line between Kars and Erzeroum.  
The imminent fate of the Turkish arms  
in Asia Minor hangs upon the events of  
the next ten days.

The Turkish newspapers, referring to  
the peace rumors lately current, are  
strongly adverse to peace and dismiss  
the subject as unworthy of discussion.

The Sultan is staying at the Ministry  
of War, awaiting news from Kars, where  
a great battle is progressing.

A Constantinople despatch says there  
is excitement there in consequence of  
a decree of the Sultan ordering all sub-  
jects to be ready for immediate military  
service. The Sultan's Cabinet consider  
the situation very critical and at an ex-  
traordinary council on Wednesday de-  
cided to press war taxes and enforce the  
call for men and material.

ITALY.—The Canadian pilgrims had an  
audience with the Pope June 15th, and  
asked his benediction for their country-  
men and the people of Liverpool and New  
York who gave them a friendly recep-  
tion. The pilgrims presented the Pope  
with a magnificent mitre, studded with  
gems, a silver vase and \$20,000. The  
Pope expressed joy at the escape of the  
pilgrims from the great perils of their  
voyage and at the many signs of devo-  
tion from a country where the faith,  
after surmounting so many dangers, still  
remained so strong and vigorous. He  
concluded by giving his blessing to the  
pilgrims.

At the municipal elections in Rome the  
Liberal and Radical coalition triumphed,  
not a single clerical candidate being  
elected, the latter being defeated by  
over a thousand majority. The whole  
influence of the clergy was exerted on  
the masses of the population. This is  
the most crushing blow the clerical  
party received in Rome for many years.

RUSSIA.—A St. Petersburg despatch  
says a new international loan of \$160,000,000  
will be brought out soon, simultaneously  
in the capital and Provinces, and be  
taken up at once.

The Circassians in the Russian service,  
numbering six cavalry regiments, having  
refused to operate against their Mahomed-  
an brethren, have been sent from  
the main column towards Bayazeid.

It is reported that Prince Gortschakoff  
in his reply to England disavowing his  
wish on the part of Russia to take pos-  
session of Constantinople, declares the  
city ought to belong to none of the  
European powers.

An imperial ukase dated Ploiesti, 7th  
inst., is promulgated empowering the  
finance minister to issue a foreign five  
per cent. loan of \$75,000,000, in bonds  
of \$100 each, payable and redeemable  
by annual drawings at the rate of one  
per cent. of nominal capital, for which  
a special fund will be provided.

PRUSSIA.—The *Times*'s despatch from  
Berlin says that a gentleman calling  
himself Baron Kraut, a Hessian noble-  
man, was arrested a few days ago at  
Ploiesti by Russians, and after a short  
trial was shot.

The correspondent of the *Times*'s at  
Berlin sends the following:—"Orders  
have been issued by the Russian Govern-  
ment to accelerate as much as possible  
a levy of 218,000 men. Despite this,  
the opinion continues to prevail here  
that Russia wishes to settle with Turkey  
on the basis of her nominal integrity in  
Europe, and that some such settlement  
will be advocated by powerful persons  
at Constantinople, if the Russians suc-  
ceed in crossing the Danube and assum-  
ing an energetic movement in Bulgaria.  
A Bucharest despatch says the delay  
of Russian troops in crossing the Danube  
is having a bad effect on the army."

Local News.

THE DEAD ALIVE.—It will be remem-  
bered that some time ago, two men be-  
longing to a Herring Cove fishing scho-  
ner, left their vessel in a dory to look  
after their trawls. After they left the  
vessels thick fog came up and some hours  
having passed without their returning,  
guns were fired to let them know the  
whereabouts of the schooner. When  
the fog cleared off no sign of boat or  
men could be seen, and after cruising  
about for a whole day the schooner re-  
turned to port. It was believed that  
the boat had been run down by a pass-  
ing steamer, as the whistle of one had  
been heard during the fog. The two  
men were given up as dead. On Satur-  
day, however, the mother of one of them  
received a letter from him, stating that  
they had lost their vessel in the fog, and  
had been picked up by a brigantine  
bound to the West Indies, where they  
had arrived both safe and well.—*Chron.*

A GREAT HUNTER.—Mr. Robert Marsh,  
of Five Islands, has killed during his  
life sixty-two bears, besides a large  
number of Moose, Cariboo, and other  
wild animals. This gallant old Nimrod  
is now entering on his 88th year and is  
confined to his bed. His stories of es-  
capes and hardships are decidedly in-  
teresting.—*Truro Sun.*