

abroad. The writer has been acquainted with him over 30 years, and always found him a liberal supporter of the gospel. Our brother made a public profession of faith in 1860 and was baptized by the writer, when he united with the First Baptist Church of St. Mary's, and remained so until he left us, we trust to go to the church above. He was a great sufferer, yet he bore it all with great patience and submission to the will of God, repeatedly expressing strong confidence in the atonement of Christ rejoicing that for him to die would be gain. Our brother will be much missed here, he was a good neighbor, a kind husband, a loving father and a good supporter of the church, but we are happy to believe that our loss is his eternal gain. May the good Lord bless the bereavement to the family and all surviving friends. A funeral sermon was preached by the writer to a very solemn and attractive congregation from Rev. xiv. 13.—*Com. by Rev. H. Eagles.*

St. Mary's, April 3rd, 1877.

LOUISA STEVENS.

Died suddenly of heart disease, at Brookfield, April 2nd, 1877, Louisa, wife of J. W. Stevens, Esq., aged 70 years and 9 months. Her sudden death has cast a gloom over the community by whom she was much deservedly respected. She has left a bereaved husband, eight children, and nineteen grand-children to mourn the loss of an affectionate wife and loving mother. Two of her sons and one daughter were taken before her in the prime of life, and all were lovers of that precious Saviour in whom they trusted. Sister Stevens was truly a mother in Israel, brought up by Presbyterian parents. She did not profess religion until ten years after her marriage, when she was constrained by the love of her glorious Redeemer to follow in his footsteps, and was baptized in Upper Stewiacke by Rev. Abraham Stronach, and joined the Baptist Church in Lower Stewiacke, of which she remained a consistent member until her death. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

—Communicated.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.
Ordination at Kentville.

A Council for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Cephas Burpee Welton to the gospel ministry, and to the Pastorate of the Kentville Baptist Church, was called by that church to a sitting, April 3. Council met at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., was appointed President. Rev. S. J. Neiley, Clerk. Meeting opened with prayer by Bro. I. Wallace. The following churches were represented:—

- Kentville,—Deacons Borden, Masters, Halsey; Bros. Sweet, C. A. Masters, and J. Daniels.
- Canning,—Rev. S. J. Neiley, and Bro. Harris North.
- Camard,—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Deas. Wm. Thomas, H. K. Eaton, W. H. Lyons, A. Welton, Bros. William Eaton; C. W. Roscoe, J. W. Margeson, and J. Lyons.
- Billtown,—Dea. W. C. Bill, Bros. L. B. Lamont, W. S. Sweet, Isaac Foot, and C. B. Lamont.
- Cambridge,—Deas. Forsythe, A. Pineo, and Jas. Craig.
- Berwick,—Rev. I. Wallace.
- Wolfville,—Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D. Gaspereaux,—H. N. Parry, (Lic.), Dea. Robt. Wescott, E. P. Coldwell.
- Hantsport,—Rev. J. C. Bleakney.
- Falmouth,—Dea. A. Shaw.

By invitation of the Council, Rev. W. J. Stewart, Rev. S. Welton, and Dea. S. Welton, (brother and father of the candidate), and Bro. H. Porter. From Acadia College,—G. B. Healey, W. P. Shafner, A. J. Denton, A. W. Armstrong, J. E. Armstrong, D. G. Widdon, G. E. Croscup, W. O. Wright, Edw. J. Morse, H. A. Spencer, (Lic.), R. H. Bishop, (Lic.), B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.), T. Bishop, (Lic.), J. G. A. Belyea, (Lic.), E. H. Sweet, (Lic.), A. Roscoe, (Lic.), A. Whitman, (Lic.), and I. C. Archibald, (Lic.)

Having listened to the Candidates statement of his christian experience and call to the ministry of the gospel, and views of christian doctrine, it was

Resolved, That we accept the statements of our brother as in accord with the teachings of God's Word, and proceed to the work of his ordination.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., Rev. A. W. Sawyer opened the meeting, and after singing, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer, preached the ordination sermon to a large and attentive audience from 2 Cor. x. 15, 16.

The ordaining prayer and laying on of hands was conducted by Rev. J. C. Bleakney. Hand of welcome by Rev. S. J. Neiley. Charge to the candidate by Rev. S. B. Kempton. Charge to the church by Rev. I. Wallace. Benediction by the Candidate.

Bro. Welton is a graduate of Brown University, and has spent about two years besides at Crozier Theological Seminary. He enters upon his work with pleasing prospects.

S. J. NEILEY, Clerk.

Canning, April 4th, 1877.

A Visit to DeBert River.

Dear Brother,—

The friends of Zion will be glad to hear that the Lord is working on the hearts of his people in connection with the Baptist church in DeBert River, and that sinners are being brought from the ranks of Satan to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. It was my happy privilege to pay them a visit on the 24th of March and spend ten days with them.

Truly the Lord is refreshing his people by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit under the faithful preaching of their pastor, the Rev. M. P. Freeman.

For the past eight weeks they have been holding prayer-meetings and other religious exercises.

On Saturday the 24th, the church met in conference. There were present in addition to their pastor, the Rev. D. W. Crandall, from Pugwash, and their former pastor the Rev. Samuel Thompson, now at Little River. Although Mr. T. is getting feeble, yet he is still full of zeal and earnestness for the Master and for the salvation of lost sinners. He is held in high esteem by his former congregation, and I was informed, by all classes throughout the county. The members of the church, both men and women, took a lively interest in the exercises, speaking much of the goodness of God to them in answer to prayer.

Two came forward and offered themselves to the church for baptism—one the daughter of Deacon Carter and a Mr. Fraser. On Sabbath morning, the 25th, at ten o'clock they were baptized in the brook by the bridge. There was a very large gathering of people from far and near to witness the baptism administered as in primitive times, and as taught by our Saviour while here on earth for all that will follow him. The services were conducted by Brother Crandall, and then the pastor led the candidates down into the water and baptized them. It was a most solemn and delightful scene on that fine morning of the Lord's day. Many anxious ones were looking on. The people afterwards repaired to the meeting-house to hold devotional exercises till preaching time. Father Thompson, who is so called by his people, preached a very impressive sermon to a large congregation from the words, "Jesus of Nazareth," Mark x. 47. The other two ministers taking part in the exercises.

Brother Freeman is laboring hard and faithfully among the people of his charge, and going from house to house in his ministerial duty during the day time. On Sabbath day, April 1st, Bro. F. baptized others a few miles further up—I think on the mountain—and he was expected to baptize again at DeBert river, April 8th. Let us pray that the Lord shall send the rod of his strength out of Zion that he may rule in the midst of his enemies, then shall "the people be made willing in the day of his power."

ALEXR. ROBINSON.

Halifax, N. S. 20th April 77

TUSKET, April 1st, 1877.—The Lord is reviving his work here. To-day I baptized 5 willing converts. More are coming soon, for others have been received for baptism. Yours truly, A. COGSWELL.

BRIDGETOWN.—The revival continues here. On Lord's Day the 25th of March the Rev. J. Clark, baptized twenty-three persons on profession of faith. It is expected that others will follow ere long.

MELVERN SQUARE.—I baptized sixteen yesterday; some of them were grey-headed men. God is still blessing His cause among us. We have had baptisms every month since September. Eighty-one have been baptized and others are looking towards Zion. Yours, &c., WM. E. HALL.

April 9, 1877.

Austin Locke, Esq., writes from Lockeport on the 5th inst:—"Our pastor, Rev. E. Whitman, is now confined to his home by an attack of fever, but I am happy to say is not considered dangerously ill. Special services held with our church resulted encouragingly, nine being added by baptism and eight by letter thus far. Three more have been received for baptism, and a number of our young people seem to be "almost persuaded." "May God save them ere they perish."

WILMOT CHURCH.—A quiet work of grace is still going on at Paradise. I baptized five believers here yesterday morning. The Lord is now gloriously and most mercifully displaying His power to save at Clarence. Rev. P. F. Murray assisted me in baptizing twenty-three there yesterday afternoon. There are indications of a still larger ingathering. J. A. DURKEE. Paradise, April 9, 1877.

GOOSE RIVER, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—The Lord has revived his work in this place. Backsliders have been reclaimed and sinners converted. It has been my privilege to baptize nine happy converts. The good work is going forward. Yours truly, E. B. COREY.

April 9th, 1877.

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

On TUESDAY of last week some angry crimination and recrimination took place in the House of Assembly between Dr. Farrell and Mr. Woodworth, each charging the other with dishonorable conduct and improper use of public moneys, until it was found necessary to clear the galleries.

Subsequently bills for amending the University Act and Public Instruction were discussed in Committee and passed. The Nictaux Railway Bill asking for an extension of time for a year or nine months, brought forth some expressions of dissatisfaction from members of eastern counties, that there had not been provision made for a greater length of road to correspond with that in the west.

On WEDNESDAY the said bill passed. Railways and their cost and construction occupied the greater part of the day. The Committee for Investigating the construction of the Western Counties Railway occupied more attention than the discussions in the House.

The County Courts Bill and the hardship it entailed on the people was considered at some length.

On THURSDAY—the bill for extending the time given the Western Counties Railway was read.

Mr. Woodworth charged the company with having built the road out of the country's money without spending a dollar of their own.

Mr. Longley did not think the extension of time could do any harm one way or another.

Mr. Holmes said he would have no objection to granting an extension of time if the bonds were secure. The accounts of the company were evidently in a deplorable condition, and it was certain that much of their embarrassment was owing to the negligence of the Government in paying out the subsidy.

Hon. Prov. Secy. believed the company must have expended a large sum of their own.

Mr. McKay quoted largely from the Provincial Engineer's report, to show that Mr. Hill's belief was unfounded.

The bill passed. In the afternoon, Hon. Prov. Secy. resumed the debate on the address to the Throne, relative to the Great Seal.

Mr. Holmes said, the moment the Government chose to adopt the new seal we could of ourselves set at rest all doubts respecting the validity of acts done under the old seal. He moved that an address be presented to the Governor asking him to adopt the new seal, to have writs issued under it for the election of a new House to remedy the mischief caused by the use of the old seal.

There was no certainty that the prayer of the address would be granted. A new Assembly would be more expeditious, and a much more certain means of effecting the result desired. The truth was the Government cared not to dissolve and face the country. The House adjourned.

On FRIDAY the debate on the Great Seal Address was continued, and the

vote taken. Mr. Holmes' amendment was lost by 19 to 12.

Messrs. Putnam, and Troop being absent from the Opposition, and Messrs. Fraser, Farrell, and Dickie from the Government. The address was then carried by the same vote.

The House met on SATURDAY, but little was done.

On MONDAY Mr. Woodworth called attention to wrong statements in the Chronicle, respecting the evidence taken by the Navigation Securities Committee.

The Western Counties Railway bill, authorizing the issue of Provincial Debentures, was again brought up and on division passed 17 to 11. Several members had paired off.

It is now said that the Legislature will certainly rise to-morrow.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Pacific Railway was under discussion on Wednesday last, and much information obtained on the location and survey of the road from Mr. Sandford Fleming. He said surveys could not be completed more rapidly than they have been. They commenced six years ago. A portion of the road had been under contract for three years. There were now three hundred miles under contract.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr. Schultz moved that the Government introduce a prohibitory liquor law.

Mr. Ross moved an amendment, affirming the principle, but declaring the present not the proper time to urge it.

During the sitting of the committee on the coal trade, S. N. Robinson, of Cape Breton, said he had chartered a steamer to carry coal from Sydney to Toronto. He placed coal f. o. b. at \$1.50 per ton; freight to Toronto was \$2.50 per ton. The steamer would carry return freight of Ontario produce.

The ice on the St. Lawrence near Montreal made a slight move on Friday.

The working men of Ottawa have been causing some trouble by going in large crowds to the City and Dominion authorities, and demanding employment.

The Mayor advised patience and spring would soon open and give them remunerative labor. Delegates waited on the Premier. To these Mr. MacKenzie pointed out the gross impropriety of the mob invading the Parliament House, and demanding that he should attend them without a moment's warning. The delegates admitted the impropriety of their action, but urged the necessity of their condition. He then promised to meet them the following morning.

In view of the hard times the Corporation of Montreal have resolved to reduce the pay of the police one dollar a week.

Great preparations are going on in that city for the Catholic pilgrimage to Rome at the latter end of the month.

Robins and grey-birds have arrived, a sure sign for an early spring.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—At St. John on Thursday last Rev. Mr. Hepworth lectured to a good audience on "Pet Superstitions."

James, William and Thomas Morrow, of St. John, and their sister, Mrs. Raines, of Lancaster, all poor people, have been left a fortune of \$140,000 by their sister in Boston.

UNITED STATES.—President Hayes, in a letter directing the withdrawal of troops from South Carolina State Capital, says: "In my opinion there does not now exist in that State such domestic violence as was contemplated by the constitution as ground upon which military power of the national government may be invoked for defence of the State. There are, it is true, grave and serious disputes as to the rights of certain claimants to the executive offices, but these are to be settled and determined, not by the executive of the United States, but by such orderly and peaceable methods as may be provided by the constitution and laws of the State."

The troops will be withdrawn in April. A New Orleans telegram on Thursday said Packard addressed a caucus last night, declaring he should insist on his claims to the Governorship to the bitter end.

It is reported that Spotted Tail, and Crazy Horse, and 900 warriors are en route to the agency to accept terms of peace. Sitting Bull still holds out, but has few warriors.

The national debt decreased over fourteen million dollars during March.

The announcement that the troops would be withdrawn from the State House, Charleston, was received throughout South Carolina with every demonstration of joy.

The store of John Jewett & Sons, Front street, New York, extensive white lead dealers, was the scene of a fearful tragedy. Orville D. Jewett, nephew of the senior partner, after angry words about dissolving his connection with the firm, threw a hand grenade upon the floor which killed both himself and his uncle, George W. Jewett, and wounded Joseph Dean, also a member of the firm.

The examination of Orville D. Jewett's body shows several bullet holes, indicating that he had shot himself after exploding the grenade.

A Charleston despatch says the effect of Hampton's triumph is already felt in business, especially the rice interest of the seaboard, which was in imminent danger of annihilation.

A fire in Lynn, on Friday last, destroyed Sweeter's Block, occupied principally by shoe manufacturers. Loss \$100,000. Four hundred men and women are thrown out of employment.

ENGLAND.—The British Parliament reassembled on Thursday last.

The Queen's Theatre, Edinburgh, was burned on Wednesday last.

The Telegraph's Pera special says a grand council of Ministers was appointed for Wednesday last to consider the protocol. Peace desired, but war preparations continue. National feeling strongly averse to acceptance by the Porte of any dishonorable conditions.

The following declaration was made by Lord Derby before the signature of the protocol:—"Inasmuch as it is solely in the interests of European peace that Her Majesty's Government has consented to sign the protocol proposed by Russia, it is understood beforehand that in the event of the object proposed not being attained, namely—Reciprocal disarmament upon the part of Russia and Turkey, and peace between them, the protocol in question shall be regarded null and void."

Stockholders of the Direct Cable Company, at a meeting in London, adopted a report virtually amalgamating with the Anglo American Cable Company.

The London Times correspondent with the Turkish army at Rostchuk, reports activity in war preparations unabated, and there is little hope for peace.

Lord Derby on the 2nd April, instructed the chargé d'Affaires at Constantinople, to point out to Sanvet Pasha that the protocol contains nothing to which the Porte could reasonably object.

The shipwrights of Glasgow are on a strike for higher wages.

There was a thunderstorm on Tuesday afternoon.

Thorney, Craft & Co.'s Wolverhampton Iron Works, are about to close, because the enforcement of the eight hour system resulted in continuous loss. Twelve hundred workmen thrown out of employment.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Unless Turkey yields to all, or nearly all, Russia ever demanded, there will be war before many days."

GERMANY.—Prince Bismark has requested and received a year's furlough; it is considered equivalent to his total retirement from business. Herr Camphausen succeeds him as Chancellor of the Empire.

The public feeling in Berlin, Paris, and other capitals has not increased in hopefulness by the signing of the protocol.

Berlin correspondents reassert that Bismark insists upon absolute retirement, and intimates Von Moltke as his successor.

It is semi-officially announced that Bismark simply asked for long leave of absence, in consequence of being overworked.

It is reported that Bismark will shortly visit England.

TURKEY.—Another Council of the Turkish Cabinet was held on Friday. No decision was taken respecting disarmament. Military preparations continue without interruption. Negotiations with Montenegro are at a standstill.

Montenegrin delegates at an interview with the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs on Friday, informed him they were instructed to maintain previous demands absolutely, and if refused to leave Constantinople.

The protocol has reached Constantinople, but not been formally notified to the Porte, representatives of the Powers requiring fresh instructions, in view of the Porte's present unsatisfactory temper.

Loss of confidence is now felt at Vienna in the success of the peace negotiations.

The Standard's telegram, dated Constantinople, Tuesday, says: "Great uneasiness is felt here to day. Appearances are less pacific than yesterday. It is almost certain that the Porte will enter a protest against the protocol as soon as it is officially communicated."

A Constantinople despatch says the Porte rejects the principal clauses of the protocol; refuses to admit Russian declaration of disarmament; declines sending envoy to St. Petersburg, and insists upon being left alone in dealing with Montenegro.

RUSSIA.—The Times' correspondent says Russia has advised Montenegro to renounce her demand for Nisic, in consequence of which Turkey will send a special Ambassador to St. Petersburg, to try and remove other difficulties.

The Standard's St. Petersburg despatch says a peaceful solution of the present difficulties is not expected, despite the protocol. The Turks are now charged with cruelties in Bosnia greater even than those perpetrated in Bulgaria.

NORWAY.—A Norwegian school-house was recently burned, and sixteen children perished.

ITALY.—It is said the foreign representatives at the Vatican have promised to open communication with Italy relative to the independence and liberty of the Pope.

The Pope has submitted the following question to some of the Cardinals. "Would it not be well to interrogate the Powers whether the next conclave can safely be held in Rome?"