

CAPT. D. F. CURRY.
In addition to the notice of the death of Capt. Curry in our last, Rev. James Mead sends us the following:

"He died, writes his daughter, on the morning of the 28th, after five days of indescribable suffering, which he endured with great patience, never murmuring, only praying, that as it pleased God to increase his suffering, so He might also give him strength and patience accordingly. Bro. Curry has been actively engaged in preaching Christ during the last three or four years, and has, I believe, been the means of doing good. He held meetings regularly at Ship Harbor and elsewhere, and never permitted an opportunity to pass without speaking for Jesus. He was conscious to the last says the note before me, and would not say "Good-bye to any, merely saying, Good night, meet me in the morning." Thus, at the age of sixty he has gone to his reward. I think he was baptized in Cornwallis some years ago."

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger. Ordination.

In compliance with a request from the Baptist Church at St. Mary's Bay an Ecclesiastical Council convened in their House of Worship on Thursday June 7th, at 10 A. M., to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. G. H. Goudey, (Licentiate) to the work of the Gospel ministry. The Council was organized by appointing Rev. J. H. Saunders, Moderator, and J. D. Skinner Secretary. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Chas. Randall. Pastors and delegates from sister churches were reported as follows:—

- Weymouth.—Revs. J. W. Bancroft, Chas. Randall; Deas. John Kinney, William Lent, and Bro. Jacob Wyman.
- Digby.—Rev. J. H. Saunders; Dea. J. S. Hawksworth; Bros. J. F. Saunders, and G. M. White.
- Hillsburg, Ist.—Deas. William Dunn, Edward Clarke; Bros. William Nicholl and Israel Dunn.
- Hillgrove.—Dea. James Marshall; Bros. John Nicholl and Stephen Marshall.
- Digby Neck Isl.—Rev. J. C. Morse; Dea. Wells Cornwall, and Bro. Wallace Denton.
- Westport.—Rev. L. B. Gates.
- St. Mary's Bay.—Deas. Charles McNeil, Senr., Joseph McNeil, N. R. Westcott; Bros. Alexander McDonald, and Hiram Van Blaricum.

By invitation of the Council.—Rev. J. D. Skinner and Bro. J. G. Nowlan. The Council then listened to the candidate's relation of his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of Christian Doctrine. When it was moved and passed unanimously. That whereas, This Council having heard with great satisfaction the clear and concise statements of the Candidate. Therefore Resolved, That we proceed with the ordination of our Brother to-day at 3 P. M. In the afternoon the order of service was as follows:— Sermon, from 1st Timothy IV. 16, by Rev. J. C. Morse. Ordaining Prayer, by Rev. Charles Randall. Hand of Fellowship, by Rev. L. B. Gates. Charge to the Candidate, by Rev. J. W. Bancroft. Charge to the Church, by Rev. J. H. Saunders. Closing Prayer by the Secretary. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. H. Goudey. J. D. SKINNER, Sec'y. St. Mary's Bay, June, 7th, 1877.

UPPER ECONOMY.—The services in connection with the re-opening of the Baptist meeting house at Upper Economy, commenced on Sabbath morning last, when the Rev. S. March preached at 10 past 10 o'clock, from Gen. iv. 26. Revs. M. P. Freeman and A. E. Ingram, Pastor, taking part in the exercises. In the afternoon at 3. Rev. M. P. Freeman preached from Isa. xxii. 22. The congregations were good, and we trust a fresh impetus has been given to the cause of Christ in this locality. The house has been thoroughly repaired, improved and beautified, much credit is due to those who have interested themselves in this matter, and we trust that their efforts will be rewarded by enlarged spiritual growth and prosperity. Pastor Ingram is much encouraged in his field of labor. At the close of the afternoon service, one sister was baptized by him, in the presence of an interested assembly. S. M.

BARTON, DIGBY Co., June 9th, 1877.— Since opening the meeting-house at North Range, of which fact notice has already been given, we have baptized fifteen persons. After opening, meetings were held, and have continued irregularly until the present. God has favoured us, consequently we are living. Bro. W. L. Parker remained with us a few days, doing good work; he baptized nine. Bro. J. D. Skinner, from Newton Theological Seminary, visited us; he baptized six. So the Redeemer's kingdom advances. "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done."

Yours truly, G. H. GOUDEY.

ONSLow.—Rev. S. March, writes:—"I baptized one young man at North River, the third Sabbath in May."

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Changes have been made in some of the ministerial offices at Ottawa. On Friday last Hon. Mr. Blake was sworn in as President of the Privy Council, Hon. Mr. Laflamme as Minister of Justice, and Hon. Mr. Cauchon as Minister of Inland Revenue. On Friday last certificates were conferred on a large number of young persons who had won the title of Associate of Arts at McGill University examinations.

The Orange Grand Lodge of British North America opened its annual meeting at Ottawa on Tuesday last. Several thousand members of the order assembled from surrounding counties to welcome the delegates. A procession with music and banners escorted them through the city. Addresses were made, speeches delivered, and everything passed off quietly.

McGregor Brothers, Bankers, of Windsor, have closed doors and suspended payment. Liabilities between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

J. S. Evans has entered an action against the city of Montreal for \$50,000 damages, arising out of the corporation street alterations.

John O'Donoghue, of Toronto, addressed a large meeting of Irish Catholics at Ottawa on Friday night, urging them to form a Catholic League to compel both parties to give them more representation in the Dominion Parliament. Mayor Waller opposed the movement, and the meeting broke up without taking action.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Mr. Anglin, M. P., for Gloucester has resigned and a new writ is issued for an election in that county. The nomination will take place on Monday the 25th Inst.

St. John was last week enduring the curse of boat races. There are few things that have the effect of producing more of idleness, profanity and drunkenness. One theft of upwards of \$500 was detected at the Torryburn House and the thief cleverly eluded pursuit.

UNITED STATES.—The city of Mount Carmel, Illinois, was visited with a terrible storm on Monday last week by which sixteen men lost their lives, and half a million dollars worth of property was destroyed. A large number were wounded, several of whom will undoubtedly die. At least twenty-five are still missing. Among the buildings destroyed are Presbyterian and Methodist churches, two school houses, Court House, and several stores and residences.

A despatch on Tuesday said that twenty-two dead bodies had then been found.

A large fire at Galveston, Texas, on Saturday, destroyed 26 buildings and property amounting to 1,525,000 dollars; insurance, 1,299,000 dollars. Other losses, it is thought, exceed 50,000 dollars.

On Friday last a waterspout a few miles from Clinton, Iowa, caused great damage for miles around.

At the beginning of the past week there were large forest fires in the lower peninsula of Michigan extending from Larnas to Harrisonville, forty miles along the shores of Lake Huron, and an indefinite distance inland. Destruction immense.

A Pittsburg despatch says two new oil wells, yielding together nearly two thousand barrels per day, have been struck in the Bullion district.

At Scranton, Pennsylvania, during the past week, portions of roofs of mines have fallen, and thirty lives have been lost and several miners hurt by those accidents.

A tornado near Laston, Pa., killed three persons and did much damage.

A despatch from Washington on Friday last says the mails for Halifax and Prince Edward Island, during the

summer and until further notice, will be sent from Portland by rail. The mail by sea is discontinued in consequence of changed dates of sailing.

ENGLAND.—It is reported that there is serious division of opinion in the British Cabinet, that Lord Salisbury is strongly opposed to undertaking any warlike action, notwithstanding that mobilization in various army corps is still progressing. It is quite evident that England is not so ready for offensive operations as her war party professes. The Queen's continued absence is still giving rise to great dissatisfaction among all classes. The Princess of Wales has recovered from her recent illness.

The suspension bridge over the Avon river fell on Wednesday last during the Agricultural Show. One hundred persons were thrown into the river. Sixty persons were drowned. 20 dead bodies, have been recovered, and several are still missing. It is said that 200 people were on the bridge when it fell.

About 12 persons were killed and 5 injured, some fatally, by the fall of Widcombe bridge.

Count Schvaloff brings to London a letter from Prince Gortschakoff in reply to that Schvaloff took to St. Petersburg. In his letter Lord Derby drew the attention of Russia to various points where English interests would be affected if Russian action extended so far. They are the Suez Canal and Egypt, Constantinople, the Dardanelles and Persian Gulf. The letter takes up these points and explains that Russia does not mean to interfere with any one of them. Russia thinks so important a marine passage as the Dardanelles must always be regulated by international agreement, and not by one power alone. She disclaims any intention of acquiring Constantinople, though at the same time she could not consent to its possession by any other Christian power.

The clipper Canterbury has sailed a race from New Zealand to London 65 days, the fastest time on record.

FRANCE.—In Paris three Republican clubs have been closed by the authorities because of an unauthorized political meeting.

The manager of the *Egalite*, published at Marseilles, has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment and a fine of three thousand francs.

A circular has been issued ordering the prosecution of persons circulating for signature addresses or petitions to certain members of the Senate or Chamber of Deputies.

In reply to a demand of the Legitimists that the ministry be re-modelled according to the views of the Royalists, President MacMahon says he has no intention of asking a prolongation of his power; he would retain his office until 1880, but would not hold it beyond that term.

GREECE.—At Athens the National Banks have advanced a million dollars to the Government for war material.

TURKEY.—Several Turkish ironclads have left the Corea for Alexandria to escort the Egyptian contingent to Constantinople.

The Greek Patriarch at Constantinople has issued a pastoral recommending the orthodox to remain faithful to the Sultan.

The Turkish newspapers have been ordered by the War Minister to cease printing news of the war.

A Rutchuk despatch says a portion of the Turkish fleet is blocked in the Upper Danube, and another portion is in even a worse condition near the mouth of the River below Ibrail.

A telegram on Saturday last said the army of investment at Kars, which numbers almost 200,000 men, has thrown a column forward down the valley of Aras, which menaces Erzeroum in front, and severs all communication between the two cities. The extreme left has forced the mountain pass at Toprak Kaleh, and is now about to form a junction with the centre.

The investment of Erzeroum will begin at once if the place cannot be taken by storm. This can be determined only after the character of the defences have been investigated. An Alexandropol despatch says all communication between Kars and Erzeroum has been severed for some days. The Russians captured at Olti immense stores of corn and cartridges.

A special from Constantinople says several Turkish officers were shot for the loss of Ardahan.

The *Times* correspondent telegraphs the account of recent operations under date of Friday.—The Turks moved in two columns, one going to the relief of Goransko, and main force under Suleima Pasha to Kristaz. The latter column attacked the entrenchments of General Vukovics with great gallantry but were repulsed, being twice driven back on the reserves. Third attack was also repulsed, the Turks taking up a position opposite Kristaz, where they still remained when the last courier left.

It appears the Turkish loss in dead in this engagement is about 3,000. Six hundred dead were counted in the front entrenchments of one Montenegrin battalion. General Socica reported to Prince Nikita that he had succeeded in cutting in two the Turkish column attempting to relieve Goransko, capturing a provision train of 700 horses.

Special from Pera reports that Hobart Pasha captured three Greek grain ships endeavoring to run the blockade at Kertch.

The financial committee of deputies at Constantinople will recommend that 5,000,000 Turkish pounds demanded by the ministers be raised by force. The loan will be secured by taxes levied on the salaries of public functionaries and by doubling the present land tax.

Latest despatches from Ezeroum state that the Russians continue their advance. A battle appears imminent. There are 320 newspaper correspondents in Roumania.

It is reported that a corps of Montenegrins, isolated from the main body, was surprised by the Turks and completely exterminated.

RUSSIA.—Among the Circassian prisoners passing through Jassy to Siberia fourteen Poles who had deserted the Russian army were discovered and shot.

The Czar arrived at headquarters, at Ploieesti, at midnight on Thursday. The Emperor decided on inviting all foreign powers to send diplomatic representatives to the Russian headquarters, so they can keep themselves thoroughly posted on the progress of events.

The Russian finances are in a bad condition, and there is much dissatisfaction among the soldiers.

The Grand Duke Nicholas recently said to a foreign consul—"Neither Prince Bismarck nor Lord Derby will prevent us from entering Constantinople as the Germans entered Paris, only to leave it again."

The Serbians have sent an address to the Russian nation, calling the Czar a liberator. A Serbian paper exhorts the Principality to decide the fate of the Serbian race by declaring war against the Porte.

The Russians are marching in strong force on Erzeroum, and its capture is certain. One of three columns consists of 200,000 men.

The Russian official *Messenger* publishes a decree ordering a new levy of 218,000 men. So great a levy is unprecedented.

Hobart Pasha is reported in command of the Turkish squadron, bound to Odessa for its bombardment.

The Russians not only entered to occupy Bulgaria, but have made arrangements for remaining at least three years in Villayek of Adrianople.

Russian merchants in Baltic ports are reported clearing their wharves, and warehouses, by exporting all goods as fast as possible under apprehension of a general prohibition of exportation.

An Odessa correspondent writes that there is no longer any fear at that place of the Turkish fleet. The Russian Government now refuses to acknowledge the blockade and proposes to resume the running of steamers between Odessa and Kherson, and Odessa and Nicolaiff.

A rumor was current to-day at Bucharest that Turkey had offered to pay five milliards of war indemnity and allow the Russians to retain the places they have captured in Asia.

It is stated that houses of 150 Jewish families were pillaged by a mob at Dobnain, in Roumania, on Sunday. Eleven were killed, 24 wounded, and 9000 ducats stolen.

The news is confirmed that the Circassians in Thessaly pillaged the monastery of Ragonea and killed the monks.

ITALY.—On Thursday last, the Pope received several deputations of pilgrims, including one from New York. He praised the faith displayed by the pilgrims in this sceptical age. The receipts at the Vatican from the Pope's jubilee was six and a half millions lire in gold, exclusive of valuable presents.

AFRICA.—The terms of peace between Abyssinia and Egypt are as follows: The old frontiers to be restored; free trade intercourse and mutual consular relations to be established.

Egyptian bonds advanced 5 per cent. on rumors that England occupied Egypt.

A telegram from Port Said reports a reduction of water to 20 feet at the Mediterranean entrance of the Suez Canal, thus obstructing the passage of vessels of greater draught.

The Suez Canal, at the close of last year, cost the Egyptian Government, in addition to the amount of shares sold to the English Government, over £71,000,000.

EGYPT.—The Egyptian contingent of troops for Turkey sailed on Monday last from Alexandria escorted by four Turkish men-of-war.

THE CENTENNIAL MEDAL FOR PARKS' COTTON YARN.—The medal for Cotton Yarn, awarded by the British Judges to Messrs. Wm. Parks & Son, at the Centennial Exhibition, is one of which the recipients have good reason to feel proud, as the goods which they sent there, and for which the medal was awarded, were not specially prepared for the purpose of exhibiting them. Messrs. Parks were induced at the last moment to do so in order to help the display made by New Brunswick. Consequently the goods they sent were taken from the stock which they were supplying daily to their customers, and it is very satisfactory to them to find that their goods were considered to be the best of their kind sent from Canada.

The Russian Court invited Dr. Ayer and his family to the Archduke's Wedding in the Royal Palace. This distinction was awarded him not only because he was an American, but also because his name as a physician had become favorably known in Russia on its passage round the world.—*Pueblo (Col.) People.*

Local News.

The 21st, our Natal Day, is to be celebrated by a grand Military Concert in the Rink, combining two military bands, making seventy-five first class musicians.

The receipts in the city Clerk's office in May from fines, fees, dog taxes, &c., was \$629.75.

The Senate of the University of Halifax held a session yesterday in the Legislative Council Chamber.

B. H. Eaton, Esq., has presented the Museum with a bottle of crude petroleum from Lake Asslie, C. B. Mr. H. gave a fine Address on the 4th Inst., at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., on the resources and prospects of the county of Inverness, C. B., which is published in the *Eastern Chron.*

THE DARTMOUTH COUNCIL are about to convert the Mechanics Institute into a Town Hall. A tax is put upon dogs \$1.00 upon males, and \$2.00 on females. \$50 was voted to be expended in prizes for the schools.

Dr. W. J. Almon has resigned the situation of visiting physician of the Hospital and Poors' Asylum, after filling it for 26 years. His son Dr. T. R. Almon succeeds him.

A man named Bradley, formerly a soldier in the 47th regiment, undergoing a sentence of imprisonment for life, was released on Saturday after 10 years incarceration and good conduct.

Half a dozen prisoners at Rockhead for being drunk, have been pardoned and sent to one of the neighboring country towns, where they have got work at whitewashing. If again found in the city they will get twelve months' imprisonment as vagrants.

When the Halifax freight train was leaving Truro on Friday morning the dead body of a man was found lying on the track, about half a mile from the station. It was found that the body was that of Gilbert Henry, who lived in Stewiacke, about 19 miles from Brookfield station. It is supposed that he fell asleep on the track and was run over by the night express train from St. John the night before. It seems he started to walk from Brookfield station to Truro on the track.

THE SPRING HILL AND PARRSBORO RAILWAY is being pushed steadily forward to completion. A new engine and first class car, also postal and baggage car, passed over the railway last week. About ten miles are ballasted, and the road will be ready for business about the 1st of July. It is estimated that five million feet of deals and scantling will be carried over the line this year, for shipment at Parrsboro.—*Amherst Gazette.*

A sad accident occurred at Lower Stewiacke on Wednesday last, Mosher Denmore, aged thirty years, was drowned while bathing in the river. The body was subsequently recovered.

At Windsor on Thursday last a young man named Thomas Cowen, carpenter by trade, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He was dead when discovered. He was known to be in a melancholy state of mind for some days.

Yarmouth celebrated its natal day on Saturday last in grand style by cannon firing, bell ringing, boat racing, a grand procession, with a band of music, etc.; also a testing of the fire engines and at night an illumination and fireworks.

TO THE PUBLIC.

READ WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY IN REGARD TO THE GREAT SHOSHONEES REMEDY & PILLS.—Levi Jones, Markham, says I had a very severe attack of Bronchitis. I was so bad that I could hardly get my breath. I sought for a quick remedy, and seeing the "Shoshonees Remedy" so highly recommended, I procured a bottle, and am happy to say, that by the time it was taken, I was entirely well and have remained so although, I was much exposed through the winter in travelling.

Rev. F. B. Stratton, Demorestville, writes—"I have found your remedies particularly beneficial for liver complaint dyspepsia and bronchial affections, and would advise all similarly affected to give them a trial.

John Finlayson, Athol, says—"When travelling one of my feet sore and broke out. I could not cure it and had to return home. It became better and afterwards much worse. I finally purchased a bottle of the "Remedy" and a box of "Pills," and before they were half gone I commenced to improve, and before they were finished my foot was completely cured. It is now 17 months since, but I have had no further attack. Price of the remedy in pint bottles \$1; Pills 25 cents a box.

Feb. 28. 1m. 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. Feb. 7. 13 ins.