

parted this life Nov 27th, aged 28 years. She united with the Baptist church in Dartmouth about five years ago, under the ministry of the late Rev. A. S. Hunt. Since then her Christian walk and conversation were consistent, quiet and beautiful. Naturally of a cheerful and buoyant disposition, to know her was to love her. When it became certain to her and those around her that consumption had marked her for its victim her light seemed to burn brighter. To a friend in her last illness she said, "I know I shall never get better, but I am going home to heaven. I love my Saviour, I have loved him for years. O! what a friend he is on a dying bed." At another time she said, "And yet if it is the Lord's will, I should like to live a little longer for the sake of my child." But the Lord called her to come up higher, and she has entered into rest. Although the waters were deep when she crossed the river, still, we feel assured, the precious Saviour was waiting to welcome her home. We shall miss her sorely; never more on earth shall we see her pleasant smile, or hear her singing and playing the songs of Zion that she delighted to sing. Never more on earth shall we hear the cheerful voice breathing words of comfort and Christian hope.

The Rev. J. W. Manning visited her and attended her funeral.

"Let us be patient; those severe afflictions do not from the ground arise, But oft times celestial benedictions assume this dark disguise."

JOB SEAMAN, ESQ.

Our deceased brother was born at Minudie, Cumberland Co., in the year 1813. His active life has been spent in mercantile pursuits, together with the transaction of public business. He occupied the position of Justice of the Peace for several years, was a prominent member of the Board of School Commissioners, and was very efficient as a Trustee of public property.

Mr. Seaman was received into the church in 1851. He was baptized by Rev. G. W. Parker, on 17th February, and was the first of sixty-four who were baptized and joined the Maccan Church in that year. In the year 1857 he was chosen to the office of deacon. He evinced considerable interest in the welfare of the denomination, and spent much of his time in the affairs of the church with which he was connected. The last few years of his life have been clouded by the progress of the complaint which took him from our midst, and which, to some extent hindered his usefulness.

H. B.

MR. DANIEL SANFORD,

of Pereaux, Cornwallis, was born 20th January, 1799, and departed this life 27th Jan., 1878, having just entered his 80th year. Our brother was converted in early manhood, and baptized by the venerated Father Edward Manning more than 50 years ago. He united with the First Cornwallis Baptist Church, of which he continued a consistent and devoted member until the organization of the Fifth Cornwallis Church at Pereaux, when he was dismissed to unite with that body. Here he continued to adorn his profession by a godly walk and conversation, winning the affection and esteem of his fellow-Christians, and earnestly seeking to promote the kingdom of Christ. He was rarely absent from the house of prayer, when the doors were opened for any of the stated services. The preaching of the gospel, prayer and conference meetings, found him usually at his post and he was both a "hearer" and a "doer" of the Word. His house was the home of the servants of Christ, and he was a shelterer to many. He was present at the house of God for the last time on the 13th of January, and observed to a friend on departing, "I have come for the last time." True indeed! He was confined to his house but a few days, gradually sinking under the infirmities of a worn out system. He was calm and peaceful in view of his approaching dissolution, and frequently expressed his unshaken confidence in the God and Rock of His salvation. Among his last audible utterances he meekly prayed, "Father, glorify thy name"—and on Sabbath morning about 11½ o'clock, he gently fell asleep in Jesus; passed over the river, and entered the "rest that remaineth for the people of God." His funeral was largely attended and a ser-

mon preached by the writer from Psalm cxvi. 15. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." May God comfort and bless the bereaved children and relatives of the departed, and give each of them an abiding hope in Jesus to be their solace in life, and their support in death. One of the last acts of our departed brother was to forward to the local agent his advance subscription for the *Christian Messenger*, to which he had been an unwavering friend almost from the commencement.—*Com. by Rev. S. March.*

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

OHIO, YARMOUTH Co.—The good work of grace amongst us is progressing. Our meetings are interesting, and the attendance large. The presence of the Spirit has been felt for some time past, and still is felt in our meeting. Sunday the 12th, Rev. A. Cohoon baptized seven more willing converts, making in all since the work began forty-six added to the Church by baptism. There are anxious ones yet seeking the way of life.

J. W. WEEKS.

January 28th, 1878.

HANTSPOET, N. S.—Rev. J. C. Bleakney writes, Feb. 2nd, 1878.—"God is still blessing us. Our special services are still continued with good, and, I trust, with increasing interest. My brother, Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney, of Nictaux, is assisting me this week. Nine came forward for prayers last evening, two are received for baptism, and to-day, being our monthly conference, I expect a number more will come forward and obey the precept and example of their divine Lord and Master, by being buried with Him in Christian baptism to-morrow!"

HOW A CHURCH CAME OVER.—A correspondent of the *National Baptist* tells how out of a Methodist Society at Ogdensburg, Sussex Co., N. J., grew a Baptist church. It seems they became interested in the question of the ordinances while studying the Scriptures some little time since. Their first difficulty arose while investigating the qualifications for membership in the church of Christ. When they obtained light to see that none but those professing conversion should be members, and that there was no Scriptural authority for infant baptism, they proceeded in the investigation of the act of baptism; and when their duty became clear they sent to Brooklyn for a Methodist Minister, who himself had been baptized, and a number of them were immersed by him. But they saw that they could not stop there. They sent to the nearest Baptist minister for information and advice. The result was, that eighteen of the members who had been baptized on profession of faith, including their preacher, organized themselves into a regular Baptist church and on Dec. 12th a council met at Ogdensburg to consider the propriety of recognizing them, and heartily voted to do so.—*Watchman.*

PRESBYTERIAN.—The largest number added last year on confession of faith in any one Synod of the Presbyterian Church was 3,522 in that of Philadelphia. The Synod of Philadelphia leads all others in the number of churches, having 295, and of communicants, having 51,781. The Synod of New York makes by far the largest contribution to Foreign Missions, giving \$98,875.

There are in New York ten coloured Methodist churches, three coloured Baptist churches, one coloured Presbyterian, and one coloured Congregational church.

The New Baptist Church at St. Martins was opened last Sabbath, the services on the occasion having been deeply interesting, instructive and satisfactory. The following ministers took part in the services of the day,—the Pastor, Rev. I. E. Bill, W. P. Everett, G. M. W. Carey, George Armstrong and Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Pastor of the Methodist Church, St. Martins.

INGENIOUS PREACHING.—A theological student, who ventured out from Ohio college recently to preach in a little village near Cleveland, preached a sermon on the mystical importance of the number 3; three kinds of life—mineral, vegetable, and animal; Noah had three sons; faith, repentance, and baptism, three things necessary to salvation, &c. After the service an aged deacon approached him, and said, "Really, your discourse was one of the most ingenious I ever listened to. I was sorry that you did not carry your illustration in regard to that wonderful number just a little further. For instance, there are three aisles running through this house; there are three lamps in the chandelier hanging yonder; three books lie upon the pulpit; there are three ink-spots on this table; and, better than all, I notice three coloured men in the gallery."

SUNNYSIDE.—The Baptist Churches and congregations at Goose River and Amherst Shore, made me a donation on the 17th ult., at the house of Jas. Levy, Esq., amounting to \$65.00. The purse was presented by the Senior Deacon H. B. Hunter, in a speech full of sympathy and kind wishes for our future prosperity, which greatly cheered us. For this and many other similar favours I shall never cease to feel thankful.

E. B. C.

A new Baptist church is to be built in Brockville next summer. It will face on Court House Square, and will be 77 by 56. On one corner the main tower will rise to the height of one hundred and twenty feet, and on the other there will be a beautiful turret sixty feet high. The main entrance will be in the tower, and there will be a second on Pine-Street. There will be four gables, and in each gable a beautiful stained glass window, 13 by 22, which will be the principal source of light to the audience room. The basement will be almost wholly above ground, and well fitted up in the best manner for Sabbath School purposes. The main room in the basement will seat 300 people, beside Bible and infant class rooms, with ladies' parlour, &c. The audience amphitheatre will seat 500 without galleries. Behind the pulpit on the south side of the building will be a recess, 21 by 10, for organ and baptistry. Operations will be begun early in the spring.—*Canadian Baptist.*

Rev. I. E. Bill baptized ten believers at St. Martins, on Sabbath, the 27th. Others are expected soon.—*Visitor.*

The following are a few items of interest from the *Canadian Baptist*:

Pastor T. A. Brady baptized three at Carboro on Sunday the 13th inst.

PARKHILL.—Bro Dickson writing to us says:—Pastor S. who stands by, suggests my mentioning an item for the paper. He has been holding special meetings in McGillivray—12 have been baptized and 14 were received into fellowship on Sabbath, 6th inst. He expects to administer the ordinance of baptism again this week.

MALABIDE AND BAYHAM UNION CHURCH.—I had the privilege of baptizing five rejoicing believers here on the last Sabbath of the old year. I expect to trouble the water again shortly. G. M.

PALMYRA.—The church in this place has been without a pastor for nearly two years. The church gave an invitation to the Rev. C. J. Dewitt. He came and held a series of meetings with us extending over five or six weeks, and his efforts in that time have resulted in the conversion of twenty-two persons, 14 of whom have been baptized and 4 more have been received for baptism.

BRANTFORD.—At a recent meeting of the First Baptist Church, Brantford, the following brethren, having good evidence of a divine call, and adaptation to the work, were licensed, by the church to preach the gospel, viz:—Deacons Geo. Chittenden, John Barber, and John Harris. Also, Jesse Gibson, who is studying with a view to the work of the ministry.

On the evening of the 14th inst., one of the monthly Missionary Socials was held in the First Baptist church, Brantford, under the auspices of the W. M. A. S. The proceeds were to aid in the support of Miss Amelia Keller, our young Telogoo sister, residing with Brother Timpany. At an early hour the ladies dispersed, rejoicing over an evening pleasantly and profitably spent, and nearly \$20 collection.

FORESTVILLE.—The Lord sent us Pastor Harrington on the 1st of October last, and added 16 to our numbers by letter, restoration and baptism.

WELAND.—On Sabbath evening, 13th inst., our pastor, Rev. S. C. Keetch, gave the Right Hand of Fellowship to 13 persons, who were recently baptized, after which we all sat down at the Lord's table, and commemorated our Saviour's dying love.

ZION CHURCH, ST. THOMAS.—Pastor Lennie baptized two converts on Sunday evening, and to a full house preached on the subject of baptism.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Owing to continued ill health, Mr. Blake has resigned his seat in the Cabinet. There is said to be no cause of difference on the policy of the Government.

The contractors and stone-cutters on the departmental buildings have come to terms. The men are to receive 25 cents per hour.

The decision of the Supreme Court settles the question as to the jurisdiction of the Local or Dominion Government in passing a Prohibitory Liquor Law. It is the Dominion Parliament only that has that power.

On Thursday night the Quebec Government Railway resolutions were supported by a vote of forty-one to twenty-three, every member being in his place and voting.

According to the Quebec Provincial Treasurer's Budget the estimates deficit for the ensuing year is \$175,000.

Laundry's flax mills, at Napierville, were burned on Friday morning.

The Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway re-opened on Wednesday. Quebec city has decided to abolish the common Council and be governed by a commission.

The wife of a French Canadian laborer in the village of St. Berctet, has given birth to a pair of children united like Siamese Twins.

At Toronto the master bakers have fixed the price of bread at ten cents per four pound loaf.

The New York *World's* Montreal special reports the suspension of J. & J. Woodley, the most extensive boot and shoe manufacturers in the Province.

Liabilities \$300,000; assets 50 per cent.

An attempt was made one night last week to blow up the Institute Canadian building which was averted by the timely discovery of the explosive package in the main hall. This is the Institute Guibord was excommunicated for belonging to.

Several cases of body-snatching have lately been discovered in Montreal.

Two freight trains on the Grand Trunk telescoped near Breslau on Wednesday morning. A fireman, named Hodgkins, was killed, and the driver injured. All the cars were wrecked. The track was cleared and traffic resumed at noon.

An Act abolishing liquor saloons and limiting the number of hotels according to the locality and population, has passed a second reading in the Manitoba Legislature.

The *Canadian Gazette* reports the imports for December about \$5,900,000; exports \$3,500,000.

The Nova Scotia Great Seal case was before the Supreme Court at Ottawa, on Monday last.

The ice bridge was opened to traffic opposite Montreal on Saturday.

The Corporation of Quebec have given three months notice of dismissal to the members of the fire brigade and police force. This is in view of the prospective changes in the civic constitution.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The St. John *Globe* publishes a list of the shipping built and registered in New Brunswick last year, compared with 1876:

	1876.		1877.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
St. John.....	865	280,073	776	279,636
Charlottown.....	151	13,322	155	15,230
St. Andrew's.....	179	18,374	177	18,659
Dorchester.....	12	10,310	18	13,169
Sackville.....	5	2,443	6	2,864
Total.....	1,192	324,523	1,132	329,565

During the year, 29 vessels of 15,721 tons were lost. There are now building or contracted for in New Brunswick 37 vessels of 33,600 tons.

An investigation and examination has been going on at Moncton during the past week into the matter concerning the disappearance of Timothy McCarthy on the 12th of last October. He was said to have been last seen in the Waverly House at Shediac. Since then it has been supposed that some foul play took place. This has been confirmed by the statements of a Miss Annie Parker, a servant at the Waverly House. She says he was murdered in the bar-room of the Waverly House, Shediac, on the night the 12th of October last by Harry Osborne, at the direction or suggestion of his mother, Mrs. Osborne, who had previously given Mr. McCarthy a powder in brandy which stupefied him, after which she took money out of his right hand pants pocket and gave it to Harry. The mother and son parted the money and offered a part to witness, but she declined to take it. That to hide the theft Mrs. Osborne and her son Harry compassed the death of Timothy McCarthy, the young man saying, "Mother, if you think he will come to, let us finish him." It is further alleged that Mrs. Osborne handed to Harry a hatchet from off a punchon in the room and said, "Strike him only once and kill him right off." One blow did not suffice, and on Mrs. Osborne saying "he is not dead yet," Harry struck him another blow in the same place as before, when death ensued. It is supposed by some that her story is all a fabrication. The examination was not completed at last accounts.

UNITED STATES.—The Representative's House Committee on Banking and Currency have agreed to recommend the passage of a bill discontinuing the coinage of 20 cent pieces.

At a meeting of the American Geographical Society, New York, Earl Dufferin was elected honorary member, and made a pleasant speech in response.

The steamship *Metroplis*, from Philadelphia for Para, Brazil, stranded at 7 p. m. on the 31st on Currituck beach, three miles south of light house, and became a total loss. There were 248 persons on board. The only way of saving life was by running her ashore, as the vessel was in a sinking condition.

A telegram next morning said the state of affairs is terrible. Dead bodies are lying along the beach for two miles. They are all being laid in proper places back from the beach, and the living are being cared for. About one-third of those found are dead. The two saloon women are dead with their husbands. Eight out of fourteen firemen are known to be dead. The men saved are destitute of clothing.

F. M. Holmes' furniture, factory at Charlestown, was burned on the 31st, together with 13 other buildings. Twenty families are homeless and from four to five hundred men are thrown out of employment. Loss about a quarter of a million dollars.

The storm of Friday last caused great

loss of property at Coney Island, N. Y. and was attended with a shocking accident by which eight lives were lost. Two small houses on the edge of the Beach, occupied by the hotel watchmen and their wives and children, were swept away about two o'clock, not a vestige of them remaining. The bodies were carried out to sea.

The United States Senate have voted by 43 to 22 to make silver a legal tender. If the House of Representatives and the President shall endorse this bill it will have the force of law. This receives more favor from Western men than from Eastern who prefer gold.

ENGLAND.—There is great excitement in London and England generally over the proposal that parliament shall vote six millions of pounds sterling for contingencies. Large meetings are being held in opposition thereto. A meeting held in London on Thursday last was taken possession of by an immense crowd which cheered for the Government, sang patriotic songs and endorsed the Government's policy. Several public rooms in the Hotel were gutted. The police were powerless.

This is being made a party question the liberals opposing the grant asked for by the government.

The *Financier* says the members of the Stock Exchange, on Friday, amid groans and yells, burned the *Times* and *News* and some other publications of pro-Russian tendency. The members then signed an address declaring confidence in the Government. A similar demonstration took place at Lloyds. Several out-door meetings held in the country, to protest against the supplementary credit, were taken possession of by the adherents of the Government and turned into anti-Russian demonstrations.

In the House of Lords, on Tuesday, Lord Derby, in opposing Lord Stratheben's resolution declaring that opposition to any occupation of Constantinople would not be a breach of neutrality, strongly intimated his personal conviction that the temporary Russian occupation of Constantinople would furnish no ground for British interference.

Earl Derby explained that he had tendered his resignation because the Government decided on a step with which he could not agree, but in 36 hours, circumstances having changed, and the Government reconsidering its decision, he withdrew his resignation.

If the Government is defeated, Parliament will be immediately dissolved, but defeat is almost impossible. They are confident of a majority of over 50.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, Mr. Forster, in moving his amendment, said he would not have brought forward the amendment were he not convinced of its absolute necessity. The vote demanded by the Government was unprecedented. If it was the duty of the House to vote money when wanted it was the duty of the Government to say what it was wanted for. The only information the House had was that the Government intended to flourish a vote in the face of the forthcoming congress on the Eastern question. The interpretation put upon the motion was that the Government thought the peace conditions were unsatisfactory.

Mr. Cross spoke in reply and denied that the vote of credit was in order to apply it to warlike purposes. He also declined to admit that the vote was intended as a general vote of confidence. All the Government asked was that the money should be granted which might be necessary, and that it would be given in the full confidence that it would only be used if absolutely necessary. The Government had never swerved from the policy of Lord Derby's despatch of May 6th. He characterized the speeches made against the Government outside of the House as lying speeches.

Sir Wilfred Lawson approved the vote and contended that the proper course of the Government was to go to the country and get the opinion of its constituents.

Mr. Bright lamented that Sir Stafford Northcote had spoken as though the freedom of the Christian Provinces of Turkey was opposed to the interests of England. Mr. Bright hoped that six million of pounds would not be used to restrict that freedom. If the Government adhered to the old policy of cherishing enmity against Russia they would bequeath a legacy of war to posterity, whereas they might bequeath a legacy of growing and lasting friendship with one of the greatest Empires.

The Woolwich store ship *Wye* embarked 2,500,000 rifle cartridges and a number of shells of 38 ton guns for Malta on Saturday.

It is stated that Austria has declined to commit herself in a joint action with England unless she is previously assured that the British Ministry is safe against the assaults of the Opposition, which might leave Austria isolated at a later stage, and that the ministry intend sending a note to furnish the requisite guarantee. If the ministry obtain a large majority a very important European combination will appear.

A number of whitehead torpedoes and apparatus for discharging stationary torpedoes have been shipped for the Mediterranean fleet, and 4000 barrels of cannon powder have been brought from the reservoir magazine at Southampton to the Thames, ready for shipment.

There is a great panic in the cotton trade of Blackburn from the fear of prolongation and extension of the war,