

Excellent music was rendered by the choir in course of the service.

As Bro. Black had not united with the church at Berwick, and was not aware that there was any special need that he should do so before being ordained, the following preamble and resolution was presented and passed unanimously:

Whereas, Bro. Black has inadvertently omitted to apply to the Amherst Church, of which he is a member; and this Council is anxious to respect the important rule of order that requires that a brother should be a member of the church over which he is ordained, and in order thereto, be first dismissed from the church with which he was connected:

But Whereas, also, it would be a great inconvenience at this stage of the proceedings, for this Council to adjourn until a dismission from the Amherst Church can be obtained:

Whereas, further, this Council are aware that Bro. Black came to this church to preach, and possibly to become its pastor, with the knowledge and approbation of the pastor and some of the principal members of the Amherst Church:

And Whereas, Under these circumstances the Amherst Church will not, they trust, regard the continued action of this Council on this occasion as indicating any disregard of order, or want of respect for the rights and just claims of the Amherst Church, but will, on suitable application hereafter, not hesitate to grant the needful dismission of our Bro. Black:

Therefore, Under all these circumstances and without intending this present action as an example or precedent, but only as a result of the peculiar conditions of the case,

Resolved, That this Council will proceed with the matter in hand on the present occasion, trusting that the needed dismission will be hereafter obtained by Bro. Black, and his union effected with this church.

S. B. K., Sec'y.

CHESTER.—We had the privilege of visiting the baptismal waters last Lord's day, the first in the year. I hope we shall have many similar seasons during the year. There is quite an interesting state of things in connection with our Sabbath School. The S. S. prayer meeting on the first Sunday in the month has been very much blessed. Several of the Scholars have professed conversion. May the Lord carry on his own work, is our prayer.

Yours very truly, I. J. SKINNER.

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DIGBY COUNTY.—Rev. Joseph H. Saunders writes:—I had the privilege of baptizing two very promising young disciples at Smith's Cove yesterday. The Lord is blessing the labors of our young Bro. Roscoe who has been laboring there for a few weeks.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—The vexed question of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, which is forbidden by law in Great Britain, but permitted in most if not all of the Colonies, has called forth a strong letter from the venerable African missionary, Dr. Moffat, addressed to the Secretary of the Marriage Law Reform Association. He says that, having translated the Bible into an African language, he has thoroughly studied every verse, and cannot conceive it possible for Biblical scholars to regard such marriages as forbidden by the Scriptures. He adds that he can hardly persuade himself to believe that his dear Scotch countrymen who are proverbially distinguished for their acquaintance with Scripture, are opposed to such marriages, and is convinced that they will be compelled to take a leaf out of the Colonial records and acquiesce in the abrogation of so unjust and tyrannical a law.

BAPTISM OF A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER.—The Rev. Mr. Stevens, Presbyterian, of Berwick upon Tweed, was baptized at Highburyhill Chapel on Monday evening last week by the Rev. Dr. Culross. Having been asked by Dr. Culross to say a few words, Mr. Stevens said he should have preferred not stating anything on that occasion. The truth which had been impressed upon his mind that night was union with Jesus—through faith we died with him, we were buried with him, and were raised with him, and thus made partakers of unspeakable benefits. The ordinance of baptism reminded him that Jesus Christ was condemned to death that we might go free. He had preached something quite different to believers' baptism; but having studied the Word of God, he felt that the views he formerly held were without any warrant, and he had sought the ordinance of baptism at the hands of Dr. Culross, believing that as administered by him it was in accordance with the will of God.—London Freeman.

For the Christian Messenger. Home Mission Collections.

Wood's Harbor and Barrington. collection, \$8.15; Shelburne, \$3.01; Friend, \$1.15; Sand Point, \$3.24; Osborne, \$1.60; Jordan River, 25c; Sable River, \$4.30; Lewis Head, \$2.60; 2nd Ragged Islands, \$1.06; Liverpool, \$4.50; Milton, \$7.57. Port Medway, collection, \$1.88; Chas. Atkins, 60c; Wm. Daily, 75c; Mrs. Daily, 16c; Jno. Daily, 25c; Capt. Hatt, \$1.00. Middlefield, collection, \$1.65; Elk. Morton, \$1.00; S. Waterman, 50c; Charlotte Hunt, 50c; Simeon Hunt, \$1.00. Greenfield, collection, \$1.33; G. Freeman, 50c. Brookfield, \$1.78; Miss E. Murray, \$2.00; J. Freeman, \$1.00. Caledonia, \$2.10. Kempt, \$1.41; David Delong, \$1.00; J. M. Kempton, 50c; Henry Luxton, 25c; S. Delong, 25c; Mrs. Delong, 25c; J. C. Kempton, 50c; Annie Delong, 25c; Stanley Kempton, 50c; Miss Oakes, 25c; Lewis Richie, 25c; Jos. Rawding, 50c; Chas. Rawding, 25c; Miss A. Rawding, 25c; Mrs. J. Rawding, 25c. Chelsea, 51c. Bridgewater, collection, \$7.71; Elbert Gates, 50c; Friend, \$4.00; S. P. Benjamin, \$5.00; Mrs. E. S. Benjamin, \$1.00; W. Reeves, 75c; Mrs. Reeves, 50c; J. Parker, \$1.00; Minnie Elliott, 25c; Capt. R. Corning, \$1.00; Mrs. Corning, \$1.00; Alice Corning, \$1.00; Dea. Grinton, \$1.00; J. W. Fraill, \$2.00; R. West, \$2.00; Dea. Slocumb, 50c; W. J. Nelson, \$2.00; A. E. Rhodes, 25c; Mrs. —, 25c; W. J. Gates, \$4.00; Isaac Durland, \$4.00; Adelia Mosher, \$1.00; John Mosher, \$1.00; Mrs. Isner, 25c; Mrs. Venott, 25c. Pleasantville, \$3.54; Mrs. Falt, 25c. Summerside, \$1.55. New Canada, collection, \$1.11; Knox S. House, collection, 37c; Foster Settlement, collection, \$2.49; Miss Roach, 75c; E. Kaulback, \$1.00; S. K., 5c; S. Wentzel, 50c; N. Wentzel, 50c; Joshua Wentzel, 50c; J. H. Crossland, 50c. New Germany, collection, \$12.64; D. Lantz, \$1.00; Mrs. Lantz, 50c; D. Spidle, \$1.00; B. Rhodes, \$1.00; Wm. Bars, \$1.00; A. E. Durland, \$1.00; Mrs. R. Durland, 50c; Miss M. P. Durland, \$1.00; Jos. Crandall, \$1.00; Caleb Langille, \$1.00; H. W., \$1.00; Prescott Webber, \$1.00; H. Lantz, 50c; A. Bezanson, 50c; Mrs. D. Spidle, 50c; Mrs. H. Lantz, 25c; Burns, 25c; Mrs. E. Webber, 25c; Nellie Bars, 15c; little Mary Turner, 5c. Springfield, collection, \$6.16. Collections for preaching by Annapolis County Pastors, \$17.10. Faulkland Ridge, collection, \$1.25. New Ross, collection, \$1.49; Jos. Lantz, \$1.00; Mrs. Jas. Lantz, 50c; Wm. Corkum, 50c; Mrs. A. Meister, 50c; Mrs. Durland, 25c. Dalhousie, \$3.63. New Albany, \$1.07. Collections for preaching by Annapolis Co. pastors, \$19.00; Mrs. A. Oaks, \$1.00. Lawrencetown, \$4.00. Granville Ferry, \$3.70. Lower Granville, \$1.15. Stony Beech, \$2.90; S. Farnsworth, 50c; Mrs. S. Farnsworth, 25c. Carsdale, \$2.72. Round Hill, \$3.10. Bear River, collection, \$12.50; H. H. Chute, \$2.00; Mrs. Chute, \$1.00; Miss E. Chute, 50c; W. W. Clark, \$4.00; R. Clark, \$1.00; G. F. Miller, \$1.00; Maggie Miller, \$1.00; Nelson Miller, \$1.00; S. Harris, \$1.00; P. M. Johnson, \$1.00; Miss L. Johnson, 25c; D. Harris, 50c; Mary Winchester, 10c; Silas Berry, 20c; Thos. Berry, 10c; Eliza Berry, 10c; R. Rice, 50c; Mrs. E. Clark, 50c; A. Ross, 25c; Lydia Ross, 25c; A. C. Dunn, 40c; Mrs. A. C. Dunn, 20c; Mrs. W. Copeland, 25c; Frank Miller, 25c; W. T. Nichol, 50c; Mrs. W. T. Nichol, 25c; P. W. Marshall, \$1.00. Clements vale, collection, \$1.25; Waldeck Line, \$1.70. Smith's Cove, collection, \$3.88; C. Sulis, \$1.00; Mrs. C. Sulis, \$1.00; Little Geraldine, 25c; Friend, 50c; Thos. Potter, 50c; Mrs. T. Potter, 25c; Mrs. T. S. Potter, 25c; Anna Winchester, 50c; Edgar L. Winchester, 25c; G. S. Sulis, 40c; Mrs. G. S. Sulis, 20c; Alice, 20; Avery, 10; Bessie, 10c; Jno. Sulis, \$1.00; C. Pinkney, \$1.00; Mrs. Pinkney, 50c; Mary Pinkney, 50c; Nellie Winchester, 12c; Friend, 50c; John L. Sulis, 25c; Friend, 50c; Mrs. M. German, 40c; Julia German, 20c; Charles, 20c; Frank, 10c; Harry, 10; Mrs. H. Hardwick, 25c. Cape Canso.—Mrs. S. Cohoon, \$1.00; Mrs. S. A. Doane, \$1.00; T. C. Cook, \$1.00; E. J. Cook, \$1.00; Mrs. B. Lumsden, 50c; Mrs. S. Swain, 25c; Mrs. M. Swain, 25c; E. Whitman, 25c; A. H. Matthews, 50c; Mrs. Myers, 25c; Jos. Horton, 25c; Wm. Smith, 25c; Miss Eva Cohoon, 25c; Edwin Cohoon, 25c.

Lower Economy.—Mrs. Hutton, \$1.00. New Canada, received by letter, \$2.00. Milton, Yarmouth, paid, \$5.19.

A few of the subscriptions mentioned above are not yet paid. The parties will see the desirability of paying them in as soon as possible. Any amounts may be forwarded to my address, Central Chebogue, Yarmouth, or to the Treasurer.

I have resigned the Agency work for a few months, and am supplying the church at Bear River for the present. J. H. ROBBINS.

In Memoriam.

DEACON SIMON HATT,

master mariner, was born at Chester, Lunenburg Co., June 4, 1831, and died at Port Medway, Queen's Co., October 20, 1877. In comparatively early life, Bro. Hatt, became the subject of religious impressions. In 1859 he made a public profession of religion and was baptized at New Ross by Rev. Mr. Reid. Subsequently, removing to Mill Village, Queen's Co., he united with the brethren there. About two years before his death he came to Port Medway and united with the Baptist Church here in 1876. His wife, a son and daughter, received the right hand of fellowship at the same service. At the close of the same year he, with two other brethren, were appointed to the Deacon's office. Two out of the three, namely, Deacon Dimock Gaskill and the subject of this notice have fallen asleep. About the 1st of October, Bro. H. was prostrated by fever; but was not supposed to be dangerously ill until a very few days before his death. When it became apparent that his end was near, he manifested no alarm, believing himself safe in the Everlasting Arms. With perfect composure he gave directions concerning his estate and the care of his family, conversing freely with his friends until a few moments before his death, "When he was not, for God took him." In the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. O. Gates, of Liverpool, kindly conducted the funeral services, preaching a very instructive discourse from Rom. v. 10. Business was entirely suspended while these ceremonies were taking place, a large number of people following the remains to their resting place. Bro. H. was in deed and truth a good man, a worthy church officer, and a sincere, liberal-hearted Christian, one who was always ready to give his time, talents and means to the support of the Gospel. May he rest in peace. "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth."—Com. by Rev. by A. H. Lavers.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Governor Macdonald opened the Ontario Legislature at Toronto on Tuesday the 18th. The speech from the throne refers to the abundant harvest, lumber trade, crown lands, deaf, dumb, and insane asylums, railway extension, immigration, educational progress, vital statistics, temperance, public health, revision of Statutes, prison reform, Quebec financial difficulty, and inter-provincial boundaries.

The Manitoba Legislature opened on Thursday last. The speech from the throne acknowledged the universal sympathy felt respecting the death of Mme. Cauchon. It says the abundant harvest of the past year caused to be felt more keenly than ever the want of Railroad communication, whereby farmers can have cheap transportation to the Eastern markets. It says the ordinary expenses have been confined to a sum within the resources of the past financial year.

George A. Cochrane & Co., of Montreal butter and cheese merchants, have failed with liabilities estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

As Major Ward, A.D.C., his uncle, Mr. Ward, Captain Hamilton, and Capt. Blackwood were out tobogganing, they were hurled against a tree. The elder Mr. Ward had his right leg fractured, and other bruises. The others were comparatively unharmed.

A true bill was found against all the Oka Indians at Scholasticque.

The President's address at the annual meeting of the Montreal Board of Trade, shows an enormous increase of failures, in 1877 over 1876.

O. D. Barwick, head master of Dorchester Street Public School, dropped dead on Thursday while teaching his class.

Two men were drowned at Montreal on Saturday in trying the ice below the city.

Provisions are being carried across the river in canoes.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—On Friday morning last a fire broke out in J. E. Hamm's livery stable. In Carleton there was a great reflection, causing much alarm on

the St. John side of the harbor. There was a very high wind but fortunately rain fell, preventing the spread of the fire. The house adjoining the stable was badly damaged. Mr. Hamm lost everything in connection with his stable, including six valuable horses.

UNITED STATES.—The announcement of the official decision of the court to hang Pat Hessler, king of the Molly Maguires, has raised intense excitement among the lawless element of the Shamekin region.

The Mollies are organizing and arming themselves for desperate work. About 600 members of the gang have rendezvoused in the mountain, and trouble is feared. Capt. Alderson, chief of the coal and iron police, has increased his force, and the local authorities have prepared for the worst. Those who are acquainted with the situation are apprehensive of a general and fearful outbreak.

The fire in colliery No. 7, Yatesville, Pa., a few miles from Wilkesbarre, is still burning. Several men were nearly suffocated by steam, and the main efforts are now directed to prevent its spreading to other mines.

Colonel Ward H. Lamon, attorney for the Morant Guano Company, has addressed a letter to the Secretary of State giving particulars of the removal, from the Morant Keys, of parties engaged in removing guano, by the commander of a British man-of-war, who compelled the hauling down of the American flag. The company claim the protection of our government and earnestly ask that the British Government be required in all respects to immediately restore the status quo on the Keys and also to indemnify the Company for the wrong and damage in the premises.

ENGLAND.—The usual official circulars have been issued requesting the presence of the supporters of the Government at the opening of parliament. Matters of moment are to be brought under consideration.

Corporal Chambers, the only remaining military Fenian prisoner, was released on Monday.

The stagnation in the money market, says the Times, exceeds anything known for a long time. There seems no longer any justification for the banks maintaining the present rate of discount, 4 per cent.

The Post publishes the following in official form: "We believe the English Government with a view of ascertaining Russia's terms, has suggested to the Porte the desirability of complying with Russia's request for direct communication between the commanders of the forces."

We will probably have to wait until the opening of Parliament before full explanation can be given.

The "Times" says the rise of prices was in consequence of rumors that an armistice had been concluded.

There is a continued rise in securities in consequence of fresh peace rumors from the East.

From the note of Earl Derby to Mr. Layard, informing him of the Russian reply concerning the armistice for it to be concluded, and Raouf Pasha, Minister of War accordingly telegraphed on Thursday last to the Russian Grand Duke, proposing an armistice, and announcing that the commander of Adrianople army had power to treat on behalf of Turkey. Up to the present time no reply has been received from the Russian headquarters.

D. R. MacGregor & Co., merchants and steamship owners at Leith, have failed. The liabilities are a million to a million and a half; assets are not over \$50,000. MacGregor, who is a member of Parliament for Leith district, has resigned.

The Blackburn mill owners have abandoned the attempt to reduce the wages of operatives.

A man committed suicide on Thursday last by leaping from the Whispering gallery in St. Paul's Cathedral.

A special says a crisis in the East is near at hand. The situation has become greatly complicated within the past few hours. Italy and Germany have suddenly brought England face to face with the new issue—more startling to her people than any event since the beginning of the war. The unquestioned dominance of Russia in the field has forced England to order her fleet from Malta to its old anchorage in Besika Bay, with the presumed intention of entering the Dardanelles at an early day.

Germany and Italy suddenly declare they have interests in the East as well as Britain. Perhaps Spain, having a tolerable navy, may have something to say. At any rate the action of the German and Italian Governments is unequivocal. Bismarck's policy is made clearer. He is determined that England shall not perform acts really warlike unless she arrays herself before Europe as Russia's open enemy. She shall not go to Gallipoli except as an active ally of Turkey.

The people of Constantinople are irritated against England, whom it is declared is morally responsible for Turkey's misfortunes.

Baroness Burdett Coutts, as representative of the contributors of the Turkish relief fund, has the following telegram from Mr. Layard, British Ambassador at Constantinople:—

"Distress is increasing terribly and fugitives arriving by thousands. Nine trains are expected to-day (Saturday)

from Adrianople, bringing ten thousand fugitives, both women and children, who will make the journey in open trucks during the heavy snow-fall. A large number of other fugitives will arrive shortly. Funds are urgently required.

The Standard's Constantinople correspondent states that Prince Russ, German, and Count Corti, Italian, ambassadors, have informed the Porte that if it permits the British fleet to Constantinople, Germany and Italy will also demand permission for their fleets to pass through the Dardanelles.

FRANCE.—The Senate and Chamber of French Deputies reassembled on the 8th. Gambetta delivered a speech at Versailles, in which he said, it is now advisable for the Republicans to make a halt until 1880, to fortify the positions already conquered and support the present Ministry until after the senatorial elections.

GERMANY.—The Tagsblatt states that thirteen persons have been arrested charged with complicity in the Bishop affair, and other arrests are expected.

It is supposed that Bishop attempted to secure plans of the existing fortifications of Metz, but failed.

AFRICA.—A despatch from Alexandria says the Marquis of Antinora, supposed to have been dead, is at the town of Zeila, East Africa, preparing to return to Europe.

ITALY.—King Victor Emmanuel died at Rome on Wednesday last.

In the afternoon the sacraments were administered. The King then summoned all those who were in the habit of approaching him. He addressed to every one present a few words, and a few moments after died.

The news of his death soon spread through the city and caused great emotion among the people. All shops were closed, and Prince Humbert was proclaimed King of Italy. He has confirmed the ministers in their posts.

The proclamation of a new king was very favourably received.

The body of Victor Emmanuel has been embalmed lying in a room on the ground floor of the Quirinal on a simple low curtainless iron bedstead on which he died.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times writes:—Although Pius IX. repeatedly declared that he should live long enough to see the King repent on his deathbed. The men, it is known, could not help liking each other.

King Humbert has ordered the Italian Court to go in mourning for six months.

Signor Mancini intends to introduce a bill in Parliament appointing the Pantheon as the future burial place of the Savoy family.

It is reported that Victor Emmanuel said on his death bed, "I have always felt an affection and deference towards the person of the Pope; if I have personally displeased him I am sorry, but in all my acts I have always had the consciousness of having fulfilled my duties as a citizen and Prince, and of never having omitted anything contrary to religion."

Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, arrived at Rome on Friday. The medal decreed to him by the late King was privately presented.

The Pope on Friday received Cardinal Manning and Bishop Clifford in his library. His Holiness expressed great surprise that King Victor Emmanuel, who was so much younger than himself and of such a vigorous constitution, should die before him.

A despatch says that twenty battalions of infantry, with a corresponding force of cavalry and artillery, are ordered to Rome to take part in the burial ceremony and give the dead king the customary military honors. Parliament has voted 10,000,000 francs to defray expenses of erecting a handsome mausoleum on the Pantheon, to commemorate the life and brilliant service of the deceased. Best artistic skill in Italy will be secured for the work.

Two thousand seven hundred deputations have already requested permission to attend Victor Emmanuel's funeral.

SPAIN.—Prime Minister Canovas Del-Castillo on Friday read a royal message to congress, announcing the approaching marriage of King Alfonso. The marriage will be postponed a few days from the date originally fixed, in consequence of the death of Victor Emanuel. The marriage is fixed for the 2nd of February.

GREECE.—Revolutionary bands are assembling at Thessaly. The position of the Grecian ministry of Cretil and the accession of the war party under the leadership of M. Cournvunduros to office, is expected.

Demetrius Bulgaris, a well known Greek politician, has just died of apoplexy. At the time of his death he was President of the Greek Revolutionary Committee.

A secret meeting was held on Thursday at Hallepa, among the Cretan leaders. Two Cretan envoys left for Athens. Captain Coracas, in command of 1,500 patriots, left Hallepa for Almero. The Governor telegraphed to Constantinople for 5,000 troops and for a man-of-war. There is great excitement throughout the Island and people have retreated into the forts. Cretans are arriving from all parts of Greece and the insurgents will number probably twenty thousand.

TURKEY.—A despatch from Constantinople says the Ministerial crisis which was expected to ensue in consequence