

For the Christian Messenger. Tabernacle Notes.

I am rejoicing in the love expressed by my church towards me a few weeks ago. It was resolved "that our pastor be granted 6 months leave of absence, to visit England and for rest, provided we can raise \$200 extra to aid him."

It is intended to continue the publication of Buds and Blossoms during my absence, and it will contain a monthly letter, from me to the church and readers.

Letters to be addressed to Mrs. Avery, 18 Moren Street, who will be glad to send a specimen copy for 5 cents to any address.

In Memoriam.

MRS. PHEBE PARKER, widow of the late Rev. James Parker, of precious memory, died at New Minas on the 15th of Feb., 1878, aged 63 years.

Providence laid His hand on her life companion, she took her place by his side, and by the most faithful and constant care attended to his every want, and seemed to have no thought for herself.

MRS. GEORGE B. SULIS. At Smith's Cove, Digby Co., March 16th, Mrs. Catharine Isabel, wife of Capt. Geo. B. Sulis, and daughter of Dea. John S. Sulis, aged 32 years.

ANNABELL ODELL. On the 17th of March, death visited another family in Smith's Cove. Annabell, daughter of Mr. Jesse Odell, died in the 16th year of her age.

MRS. J. W. MCGREGOR. Again, on the 22nd of March, death claims another in this place. A young wife and mother is taken. Sina, the beloved wife of Mr. J. Wells McGregor, aged 28 years and 6 months, fell by that insidious disease, consumption.

His grace shall to the end Stronger and brighter shine. Hers was a very suffering, yet happy, death-bed. She was greatly and deservedly beloved.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

OHIO.—Dear Editor,—Great results have followed the revival meetings held at Cheggogin. Triumphs of mercy have been wrought in that community by the power of regenerating grace, by which means many have been constrained to yield to the claims of King Jesus.

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baptized one young man there about the last of December. Quite a number more have expressed a joyful hope in the atoning blood.

MABOT, C. B.—Dear Editor,—The Master is still smiling upon us. I baptized eight last week, more are expected.

REVIVAL IN THE DIGBY CHURCH.—The Lord is displaying his saving mercy in the Broad Cove Section of the Digby Church. On the 24th of March, 24 were baptized.

Prayer by the Moderator. The candidate related his Christian experience and call to the ministry, and replied to questions by the Moderator on Christian doctrine and church polity to the great satisfaction of the Council.

Yours very truly, J. H. SAUNDERS. Digby, April 5th, 1878.

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The people do not forget to give tangible expression of their sympathy. On the 14th ult., a very large company, some of whom were from Truro, gathered at the house used by us as a parsonage, and after spending a very pleasant evening, the chairman, Bro. C. Douglas presented us with a touching address.

by invoking the blessing of God upon us all.

Our prayer is that the richest of temporal and especially of spiritual blessings may be theirs to enjoy.

But while souls are being born to God, and we are enjoying comforts at the hands of our friends, death is still doing its work.

On the 19th of February last, Margaret, beloved wife of Mr. Alexander Nelson was called home at the age of 60 years.

Yours truly, H. B. SHAFFNER. April 5th, 1878.

Ordination at Cavendish, P. E. I.

A Council assembled in the Baptist Meeting House, at Cavendish, on Thursday, the 28th March, to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. J. B. Woodland to the work of the ministry.

The following brethren reported themselves as delegates:

- Cavendish.—Dea. Arthur Simpson, George MacNeill, Walter Simpson, D. Smith, Richd. Clarke. Charlottetown.—Rev. D. G. Macdonald, Bro. Currie.

Owing to the bad state of the roads and long distance to travel, other brethren invited were unable to be present.

The Council organized by appointing Rev. D. G. Macdonald, Moderator, and the undersigned, Secretary.

The candidate related his Christian experience and call to the ministry, and replied to questions by the Moderator on Christian doctrine and church polity to the great satisfaction of the Council.

The public services were carried out in the following order at 3 o'clock, P. M.

- Reading the Scriptures and Prayer.—Rev. A. Chipman. Sermon by Rev. D. G. Macdonald. Text: Psalm cxxvi. 6, "He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Ordaining prayer, by Rev. D. G. Macdonald.

Charge to the Candidate.—Rev. A. Chipman. Charge to the Church.—Rev. C. C. Burgess.

Benediction by Rev. J. B. Woodland. ARTHUR SIMPSON, Secy. (Christian Visitor please copy.)

BRIDGEWATER.—Rev. L. W. Weeks writes March 3rd, "Have baptized sixteen here to date, expect more shortly."

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

ON TUESDAY the House sat for some time in the morning session with closed doors.

The Cape Breton Coal and Railway bill was brought forward by the Attorney General. Several members objected to it being entertained on account of the want of time to consider it.

In the afternoon the expenditure on the King's County Investigation was denounced by Mr. Woodworth.

The bill on Eastern Railroad Extension was read a second time. The House in Committee passed several.

ON WEDNESDAY a further discussion arose in reference to the payment of the laborers on the Eastern Extension. The report promised that the government would use its influence to secure the payment of the laborers' wages.

The afternoon session was filled up by Reports of Committees on various matters and reported a number of bills, one of which was an amendment of the license law which was passed.

The Prov. Secretary moved a resolution to the effect that as no expenditure of railway subsidy had been made in Cape Breton, the debts of the counties of that Island should be reduced by the interest on the amount of subsidy payable towards railway construction (\$280,

000), provided for by Act of the Legislature, in proportion to the respective indebtedness of the four counties, which was subsequently put and carried.

Mr. Thompson moved a resolution with reference to the Whitehead Railway, and the desirability of encouraging it, proposing that the House ask the Dominion Parliament to encourage the scheme.

Attorney-General moved that it be deferred for the present, which passed. The House met again in the evening when Mr. Holmes introduced a series of resolutions involving want of confidence in the Government.

ON THURSDAY there was a morning session.

Mr. Black moved a resolution for aid to the Pugwash and Spring Hill Railway, asking the House to recommend that work to the favorable consideration of the Dominion Government.

The Provincial Secretary introduced a resolution respecting the difficulty between the W. & A. Railway and the W. C. Railway, recommending the Local Government to open up communication with the Dominion Government with a view to securing an amicable arrangement between the two companies.

Prov. Secretary laid on the table the supplementary estimates amounting to \$6,500, which were adopted.

The House met in the afternoon for the purpose of bringing the session to a close.

The committee on the King's County Investigating Committee held a sitting and continued till 3 o'clock when His Honor, the Lieut. Governor appeared in the Council Chamber and after assenting to all the bills passed, prorogued the parliament by the following

CLOSING SPEECH.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

1st. It affords me much pleasure to release you from further attendance on your Legislative duties.

2nd. I have to thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the public service for the present year.

3rd. Among the important Acts passed by you that for amalgamating the offices of Provincial Secretary and Provincial Treasurer, will, I am confident, promote economy in the public service, while, from the experience of other Provinces where a similar system prevails, I am equally confident that the efficiency of the service will not be impaired.

4. The Act which places the Public Charities under the control of one Central Board will, I feel assured, tend to promote a uniformity of system, and economy in the working of these institutions.

5. The Amendments you have made to the County Courts Act in relation to the practice and procedure of these tribunals, will, I have every confidence, promote their efficiency, and be for the interest of suitors and the public generally.

6. The measure for assimilating the law relating to Elections in the matter of Electoral Districts, will, I feel assured, tend to simplicity and improve the law in that respect.

7. In parting with you, allow me to hope that happiness and prosperity may attend you individually, and that the interest and welfare of the Province may continue to advance.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Horses are being purchased in large numbers for England. Car-loads of 18 or 20 in each are being sent over the Grand Trunk for shipment.

Considerable excitement exists among cattle dealers in purchasing prime stock for immediate shipment to England. Large cargoes have arrived safely, not a single animal having been lost on the voyage, and good paying prices were invariably realized.

It is expected that the Governor-General will take his departure shortly. An auctioneer has received instructions to hold himself ready to conduct a sale at auction of his effects at Rideau Hall, including horses, carriages, &c., early in May.

Parliament has been occupied with the question of Protection. Remarkable differences of opinion exist as to who will suffer and which of the provinces will benefit by a protective tariff.