

the young converts have taken a most active part.

I ought to be thankful to the physical strength given in this time of special need. In the ten weeks commencing August 25, I have held upwards of eighty meetings, thirteen of which have been held within the last eight days. This does not include baptismal seasons which are more wearing than ordinary meetings, and still I feel as fresh and as vigorous for work as at the commencement of our special services.

My first baptism took place in the month of March 1829. The candidates, ten in number, were anxiously waiting my ordination. It was a cold blustering day and the thick ice in the Nictaux River had to be cut for the occasion, but the candidates were unwilling to wait longer, and so for the first time we administered the sacred rite. Stormy and freezing as it was, it was a day of mighty power to the souls of many. Since that time I have baptized many hundreds of people upon a Nictaux, Wilnot, New Albany, Dalhousie, Brookfield, Liverpool, Granville, Cornwallis, Granville Street Church, Halifax. In Fredericton, Keswick, [Maugerville, St. John, Srisbury, Moncton, St. Martins and in the old city of York, England.

These baptisms have occurred in a great variety of places. Such as streamlets, brooks, rivers, lakes, bays, harbors, millponds, the water of the Atlantic and baptisteries in churches. Sometimes amid the budding beauties of spring, the brightness and glory of summer, the blights and the chills of autumn and the frosts and snows of winter. And "having obtained help of God I continue to this day" November 1879; and by His grace permitted to baptize the same number of believers as at my first baptism in March 1829. After all these years of shade and of sunshine, of dangers seen and unseen, of conflict and of victory, the gospel is sweeter, souls seem more precious, Christ more lovely, the ways of God more delightful and heaven more attractive than ever.

Courage, courage young men in the ministry, cherish a passion for souls, a love for the cross, confidence in the oath and promise of your covenant God, a spirit of self denial and of holy living, and press on to the heavenly prize.

Sunday evening, Just returned from the house of God. We had a bright shining day for the baptism. Bro. Washburn kindly aided the pastor, and at the close by the pastor's request baptized his own daughter.

After the sermon from the passage "Let your light so shine before the world that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father which is in heaven," nineteen persons received the hand of fellowship. Many of them stalwart young men prepared to render good service for Zion's King.

After the reception came the Lord's Supper. A brother, who took a survey thinks there were two hundred and fifty present.

During the ten weeks of special services upwards of eighty have been added to the church. Sixty-six by baptism and the remainder by letter and restoration. "It is the Lord's doings, and marvelous in our eyes."

Meetings to continue every evening of this week. We long for a greater measure of the Spirit's power to draw reluctant hearts. Brethren pray for us. I. E. BILL. St. Martins, Nov. 10th, 1879.

For the Christian Messenger.

DEAR EDITOR,—Please allow me to acknowledge the following donations for the Beaver River Church:

Lower Aylesford—Rev. E. O. Read, \$1. Melvern Square—Ward Baker, \$1, Robert Morse, 50c, L. S. Stephenson, 25c, Prof. C. E. Gates, \$5, S. Spurr, \$1, Walter Gates, 50c, Mrs. Leason Baker, \$1.

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Granville—Rev F Beattie, \$1, John Mills, \$2.

Hillsburgh—Rev J A McLean, \$1, W. G. Clark, \$1, W W Clark, \$1, W W Wade, 50c, William Miller, \$2, A Friend, \$1, H H Chute, \$5, Donation, \$1.09.

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G. B. TITUS.

Beaver River, Nov. 14th, 1879.

For the Christian Messenger. Our St. John Letter.

To-day a heavy snow-storm is raging, and warns us that winter reigns, and that we may expect a repetition of such weather in the months to come. The revolution of the seasons brings about changes at once grand, beautiful and beneficial. The Father of mankind has ordered all things for their enjoyment, discipline and profit; and if rightly used, good can be obtained even from adverse events. The great Fire of June 20th, 1877, inflicted terrible losses on this community, the great outlay for buildings, and the continued depression in business have greatly intensified those losses, and made recovery a most difficult, perhaps, impossible thing for the majority of the sufferers. People, however, hope the darkest and worst is passed, and are expectant of good times in the Spring.

The social and financial condition of a people has often a marked effect on their religious state, either favorable or unfavorable as a whole. The churches in this city have passed, and some are yet passing, through a severe ordeal—of faith, finance and patience. And though for some the out-look is not encouraging, the victory might prove all the greater, were confidence in God, and faith in each other, and earnest co-operation among the members equal to the occasion. God's promises and testimony, however, change not with the times, but are ever firm and immutable.

The Germain St. Baptist Church is still favored with the faithful ministrations of the Rev. G. M. W. Carey, whose popularity and usefulness have not grown less. His people contribute liberally to lift church burdens, and to meet liabilities incurred in building the stately edifice in which the congregation worships.

Brussels St. Baptist Church enjoys the faithful and earnest ministry of its Pastor, Rev. A. J. Wilcox. His health is not robust, but his spirit is vigorous, and his labours are highly appreciated by his people.

Since the return of Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Pastor elect, to complete his course of Study at the Newton Theological Seminary, Leinster Street Church has been without regular consecutive pastoral labor and oversight. The church has since been supplied mainly by the following preachers:—Revs. A. J. Durkee, R. D. Porter, Mr. Narraway, George Armstrong, and D. W. Crandall.

This church has a fine central location and will in time with wise management and constant pastoral care become by the blessing of God a powerful body.

Rev. James Spencer preaches fervently and steadily in the Marsh Road Church to a growing congregation; and there are indications of spiritual growth and awakening among the people who attend the services.

The Rev. W. P. Everett preaches ably in Zion's Church, to which his congregation removed several months ago; and he has also recently taken charge of the Portland Bridge Mission,—one of the most promising missions in or near the city.

Portland Church is yet without a Pastor, and has for more than a year been dependent on supplies. This is of course in some cases necessary, but ordinarily a church cannot be kept in a healthful growing condition without faithful and constant pastoral work and oversight. It is to be devoutly desired that this large church will ere long secure the labours of an efficient and successful pastor.

The Rev. E. Hickson still ministers ably and wisely to the Carleton Baptist Church. To-day is the Seventh Anniversary of his settlement with this people. Bro. H. is a sound good preacher and pastor, and possesses a discreet and well-balanced judgment, and is highly appreciated.

The churches of all denominations in this city who have suffered by the fire

have become more or less involved in debt by the great outlay they were induced to make in order to erect buildings of superior design, accommodation and finish. Perhaps in this they were not wise; but they have now to struggle through as best they can. It is to be hoped their burdens will become less every year.

One result of expensive churches, is that the poorer and even the middle classes are driven to seek cheaper church accommodation and less gorgeous surroundings; and thus worship God and hear the gospel in buildings and under circumstances more accordant with their pecuniary means and ability of display.

I am sorry to report that Calvin Church (Presbyterian) was recently sold at auction for less than ten thousand dollars. The pastor, Rev. Dr. MacIse, is distressed at the sale of this church. A suit in chancery will probably be entered against the Trustees for recovery of the building. Law among churches and ministers is terrible, but doubtless it is sometimes necessary in order to remedy great wrong, or compel respect for rights that would otherwise be despised or trampled on with impunity. Calvin Church escaped the fire, but has not escaped the hammer. It is devoutly to be hoped that no other of the city churches will come to a similar dishonor.

N. G.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 20th, 1879.

For the Christian Messenger. One more word of Criticism.

"A Home Mission Man" begs to say to "A member of the Committee on Missions," and to Bro. Foshay, that the principle they have agreed in laying down, is simply affirming that the language of a Report is of no importance whatever, whereas, as it appears to me, the only thing of importance in it is the language. If that be discussed it must be a "strife about words," but whether "unprofitable," or otherwise, is hardly the point respecting which the Committee are expected just now to give evidence. As to who has deviated least from "the point at issue," and whether my words have been in any way improper, I am very willing to leave the public and my brethren generally to decide. That they have not been frivolous, needless, or altogether useless, I am already convinced. But I am compelled again to remind Bro. Foshay, that I have yet "said nothing whatever about the intention of the Report," whether it was good, bad or indifferent, I find it difficult enough to express myself on what I have some knowledge of. But I certainly hope that his views as to what sort of "ideas" are or are not "damaging to Foreign Missions," will not become general even on P. E. Island. Only let such utterances become so as the Report or even its defence contains, then indeed will "our Foreign Missions begin to suffer the want of funds as our Home Missions" have not yet done. I sincerely trust that none of our people will wait for that state of things before they "feel" the deepest "interest" in the world's conversion. Few of our ministers would care to recommend them to.

I am, with no apologies,

Very truly,

T. H. PORTER.

Wolfville, Nov. 19, 1879.

In Memoriam.

THE LATE REV. JOHN CHASE.

He was a native of Cornwallis, where he was born in 1804, and where he enjoyed the ministrations of the Rev. Edw. Manning, which were blessed to his conversion during the great revival that swept over the province in 1828-9, and brought many hundreds to God.

On the day of baptism, Father Manning was heard to say, "I think that I have baptized two ministers to day." He had scanned the countenances of the young men as they came before him, and ventured to predict their future history. His predictions were verified. One was brother Chase, who has now finished his course; the other was brother I. E. Bill, who is still laboring for the Lord at St. Martin's, N. B. Long may he be spared!

After spending some years in acceptable service as a Licentiate, Mr. Chase was ordained to the Christian Ministry at Billtown, July 1, 1835. In 1839 he became Pastor of the Church at Bridge-

town, formerly known as the Church of Annapolis and Upper Granville, where he spent eleven years of usefulness, administering the laws of the spiritual kingdom with steadfast integrity, and training souls for the Lord's dwelling-place on high. Nearly two hundred members joined the church during his pastorate.

It was soon ascertained that our brother was remarkably gifted for the management of churches and denominational affairs, and arrangements were made for his employment as financial Agent, in which office he spent several years, and travelled extensively in the service of the denomination. The extinction of a debt which had been gradually accumulated in the course of its operations of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, and now threatened its very existence. The Education Society, being regarded as essential to the well-being of the cause. The financial Agent took it in hand, traversed the provinces, appealed to the people, and in three months the object was accomplished.

Brother Chase was a thorough Baptist. He held with a firm grasp all the truths accounted among us as orthodox, and he held them in "righteousness," for he was a strict disciplinarian, believing that Christ's laws were given in order to be obeyed.

We want a full supply and continued succession of such men—men of truth—men of righteousness. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he may thrust forth labourers!" J. M. C.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Governor General has presented two medals, gold and silver, to the University of McGill College. The gold medal will be offered for proficiency in modern languages; open to students of all faculties. The silver medal will be awarded to the student taking first place in the senior year in applied science.

In the Quebec elections the ministers have all been returned by majorities ranging from 150 to 400. This will be a settlement of the Letellier affair.

UNITED STATES.—On Tuesday last the steam tug Seymour, of Ogdensburg, left Cape Vincent with in tow three dredges, two derricks and seven scows. A gale set in. The fleet broke away and was lost with all hands; excepting six, who were rescued by the tug. Thirty one persons, including three women and one girl, were drowned. The fleet is a total loss.

An explosion occurred in tunnel Number 3, on the narrow gauge railway from San Jose to Santa Cruz, on Tuesday morning. Seventy-one Chinamen were at work on the tunnel at the time.

About twenty more Chinamen rushed immediately with torches to aid their comrades, and their torches caused a second explosion more violent than the first, shaking the mountain to its centre. Some thirty Chinamen were killed and others injured.

ENGLAND.—The Colonial Office, replying to a memorial against the exclusion of missionaries from Zululand, has promised to inform Sir Garnet Wolseley that it is desirable that any interference with missionary operations must be avoided.

Michael Davitt and James Boyce Killen have been arrested in Dublin, charged with having used language in public speeches calculated to incite a breach of the peace; and James Daly, editor of the Connaught Telegraph, has been arrested in Castlebar for a similar cause.

The Central News Agency says that seventeen warrants have been issued for the arrest of other persons charged with seditious conduct, including several clergymen.

Indignation meetings will of course be held over these arrests.

It is reported that Farnell will abandon his proposed visit to America.

Troops left Cork on Saturday for Battevant it is supposed in consequence of urgent private information received by the Government.

At Singapore the British steamer Bramar Castle took fire while completing her cargo for New York. Several hundred tons of teas, silks, spices and tin taken aboard at Japanese and Chinese ports, were destroyed, and seven hundred tons were saved. The whole cargo was valued at three-quarters of a million of dollars, the loss falls on the New York underwriters.

FRANCE.—Adante Garde, the Bonapartist organ, was fined 1,000 francs for reprinting from *Marseillaise* M. Rochefort's letter to the electors, urging them to support Humbert.

Lepere, Minister of the Interior, has issued a circular to the Prefects calling their attention to the omission of priests to pray for the safety of the Republic. He wishes to be informed whether the omission was prompted by the Bishops.

ITALY.—A fire occurred on Tuesday in a house belonging to Prince Charles

Bonaparte at Rome. Three persons were killed at the fire.

GERMANY.—The North German Lloyds Steamship Company have decided to refuse transportation on their vessels to the class of heavy French silks which are so weighted with chemicals and oils as to cause danger of spontaneous combustion.

TURKEY.—The Sultan has appointed Baker Pasha his representative to superintend the introduction of reforms through Asia Minor.

SPAIN.—The mother of the Ex-Emperess Eugene, of France, is seriously ill. The Ex-Emperess has started for Madrid.

The marriage of the King with the Arch-Duchess Maria Christine, will be solemnized on the 29th of the present month. Court festivities will be on a splendid scale, including receptions, processions, gala performances at public places of amusements.

RUSSIA.—About a dozen of the most eminent Russian cotton manufacturers have gone to Egypt to buy enormous quantities of raw material and to hire all the largest plantations on the Nile.

News

On Friday last, the barometer was down to 28.06 in Halifax, said to be lower than ever known here. Five or six inches of snow fell afterwards succeeded by a severe storm.

The North Baptist Church Fancy Sale and Tea Meeting on Tuesday of last week was quite a success in its social and financial character. The ladies did quite a business at the tables. The purchasers of tickets got full value for their money, and the articles sold were worth all that they cost. Clearing about \$150. Success to industry.

The Agriculture Societies are required by the Act of Parliament to hold their annual meetings on Tuesday December 2nd.

Use Auraline for earache.

The Election for Halifax County was proceeding in a very orderly manner yesterday, but as we go to press before the close of the poll we cannot announce the result.

The Municipal Elections came off last week all through the province and placed men of standing in a position to serve their fellow citizens as Councilors for managing the various domestic matters which will now be in their charge. It will depend largely on the gentlemen elected, as to whether the change shall be a benefit or otherwise. The local wants will certainly have a better chance of being properly cared for than formerly. It will be for the electors to co-operate cheerfully in the various works they may have to initiate for the good of the district.

The diggings near Berwick are said to be rich in the precious metal and great expectations are awakened by some of the specimens shown.

The Truro Guardian says that Mr. Theodore Forbes, of Clifton, Colchester, within a fortnight lost his wife and five children by diphtheria. Four of the children were buried in one day.

Auraline is a great healer.

Henry Morris and John Winters, of Advocate Harbor, went to Scott's Bay in a boat for Miss Morris, on Friday, the 14th inst. On Sunday morning the boat was found and the body of one man, the other has not been found.—Chron.

The case of Miller vs Annand was withdrawn from the Supreme Court on the defendant's counsel stating that they were satisfied the charge against the plaintiff was not true.

Have you ague in the face and is it badly swollen? Have you severe pains in the chest, back or side? Have you cramps of pains in the limbs, or rheumatism in any form? If so get Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. It will give instant relief and finally cure you.

If any person would see the difference between real worth and real worthlessness let him buy a small pack of Sheridan's horse and cattle powders and feed it out to his hens. The increase of eggs will surprise you.

Use Auraline for deafness.

We have received from A. M. Purdy, of Palmyra, N. Y., a very instructive 16 page pamphlet, telling how to grow small fruits successfully, describing sorts &c. &c. He sends it free to all applicants, as also a specimen copy of his monthly paper of fruits and flowers.

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MESSRS. T. GRAHAM & SON,—

DEAR SIRS,—It gives me great pleasure to inform you of my perfect cure of CATARRH, from which I have suffered in its most severe form for 12 years without being able to find a remedy for it, and I had long thought that nothing could cure me, but thanks to Providence and the use of your valuable preparation, CATARRHINE, I have been completely cured of that distressing and, I might say disgusting complaint, and I only used one box. I can confidently recommend it to any suffering from that complaint. Price 25 cents a box.

Yours truly, C. F. F. SCHORFF.