

The great commission still stands, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

For the Christian Messenger. From Rev. George Armstrong.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 10, 1879. Dear Brother,

It is with profound gratitude to God that I report through the columns of the Christian Messenger to my brethren in Nova Scotia that after a severe attack of rheumatism, which prostrated me for eight weeks, I am now able to resume correspondence with my friends and answer enquiries that have remained unanswered.

I had designed a visit to Halifax, Windsor, Wolfville, Bridgetown, Annapolis, Bear River, Digby and then return to St. John per steamer, but my illness compelled me to give it up.

When sufficiently strong I purpose to visit Bridgetown and other portions of Annapolis County for a week or ten days.

Spring has smiled upon us here, and people are hopeful that the hard times will remit their severity, and improvement once more cheer and enliven every branch of business.

Revival influences have been experienced in some of the churches in this Province;—Brussels Street, Germain, Carleton and Portland churches have been thus favored to some extent. The Hopewell church, of which Rev. A. Chipman became pastor only a few months ago, has been blessed with a large increase—over sixty converts have been baptized.

Then Hillsboro', also, of which Rev. C. B. Welton is pastor, has experienced similar blessings and is, in a prosperous condition. And the Harvey Church, of which Rev. T. A. Blackadar has been the worthy pastor for many years, has been much revived and been strengthened by additions.

Then the church at Moncton, under the pastoral care of Rev. T. Todd, is blessed with rich spiritual influences and many converts have been baptized. Also many churches up the St. John River have been favored with quickening influences and have gathered in converts.

It is to be earnestly hoped that all the churches will seek similar blessings earnestly and without delay. Rev. I. Wallace is expected to enter soon on Home Mission Agency in this Province. This work is much needed, and there can be no doubt, though the times are hard, that if all the ministers and brethren heartily co-operate, a large measure of success will attend this effort to promote Home Missions in this Province.

I have contemplated with sorrow the serious breach made in the ministerial ranks of our churches in Nova Scotia; first, by the removal of the pleasant and good, earnest and faithful W. G. Parker, and then soon followed by the departure of the impulsive, the worthy and ecstatic G. D. Cox. These beloved ministers have left the toils and conflicts of earth, and now mingle in the scenes and associations of that higher life that awaits conquerors through Christ.

But we ought to profit by the example and labors of these brethren and seek to emulate their zeal, unction and service in the Lord's cause. Soon the summons will come to all watchmen on the walls of Zion as well as their flocks, to pass over the narrow and near boundary that separates the present life from the eternal. How useful for one and all to be prepared!

Yours truly, GEORGE ARMSTRONG.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, HALIFAX.—The services in the North Baptist Church last Sabbath were of a very interesting nature. In the morning Rev. A. E. Ingram, of Isaac's Harbor, preached very acceptably to an interested congregation.

In the evening the Rev. John Clark, of Dartmouth, conducted the service and preached an earnest, practical sermon, very suitable to the occasion. It was well received.

The pastor had the happy privilege of baptizing eight believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and welcoming them to the church. This is the third baptismal season recently enjoyed by this church. More are expected to follow. Special services are to be continued during the week. Brethren, pray for us.

FREEMPT.—Dear Messenger,—Since October last the church here has had no pastor and but little preaching. A faithful few, however, sustained the regular prayer and conference meetings.

Two weeks ago we began special services and God has blessed our efforts. This I believe to be the reward of faithful and persistent work when they had no pastor.

Many who had rendered no assistance for quite a time have taken on the yoke again. Others have for the first time given themselves to Christ and to His church.

Yesterday we had a happy time. I preached in the morning and evening, and in the afternoon, after the baptism of five young converts, we had a social meeting, at the close of which eight received the right hand of fellowship and eighty sat down to the table of the Lord. More anon.

Yours, &c., L. M. WEEKS. Freempton, April 14, 1879.

GASPEREAUX, HORTON.—Dear Editor, —The Captain of our salvation still gains conquests among us. I had the pleasure of baptizing three more interesting young people last Lord's day. For the last five Sabbaths we have rejoiced in accessions by baptism to our number. During the winter I have baptized forty-four into the fellowship of the 2nd Horton Church and received three by letter.

Yours truly, ISA. WALLACE. April 14.

NEWS FROM KEMPT, HANTS.—On Lord's day, April 6th, eight believers were baptized at Cambridge and received into the church.

Bro. Daniel McLeod, formerly of St. Ann's, C. B., took up his residence at Cambridge last summer, and since his coming among us has manifested great desire for the salvation of souls. Nor have his labors been in vain. He has witnessed the power of the gospel in his own family and among his neighbors, having also won for himself a large place in the affections of those for whose good he has so faithfully labored.

Three of the baptized are heads of families. All seem ready for Christian labor. May the Lord grant us a continued increase, and to his great name be all the glory. G. A. WETHERS.

LAKE GEORGE.—Dear Bro. Selden,—The Lord has blessed us here. I baptized four the first Sabbath of this month. To-day has been a refreshing season in the courts of the Lord. We have a Sabbath School concert in which old and young take part. Our concerts are conducted by our Superintendent, Bro. Ira Porter, who has taken a deep interest in the Sabbath School for many years.

The subjects are chosen from the Bible, taken up by a number, who recite passages of Scripture bearing on the different parts. Each part followed by singing appropriate pieces. Then recitations of sacred poetry, followed by warm-hearted remarks from the brethren. We have a harmonious working people in the cause of the Master. There are but very few of the young people who have not professed faith in Christ. The young people's prayer-meeting is very interesting. We have cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father for raising up such a host of the youth to honor His name. May the Lord be their shield and portion forever.

A. COGSWELL.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—A despatch from Victoria, British Columbia, says that on Monday of last week, fire was discovered in No. 10 Level, Wellington Coal Mine. It was supposed to have been extinguished on the following day, but on Thursday morning, when 25 or 30 miners entered the Level to resume work, an explosion occurred, killing eleven men, and injuring others severely.

Caroline Organ, eleven years old died on Saturday at Montreal from the effects of a dose of perchloride of mercury, given in mistake for subchloride, by a druggist's apprentice.

The ice bridge above Quebec city has given way and navigation with Montreal will likely commence at once.

It is said that the Quebec Corporation is in a state of bankruptcy, and but for the Union Bank discounting their note of \$160,000 on Friday last their bonds maturing in London on 1st May would have gone to protest.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Legislature was prorogued on Wednesday last at 12.30 o'clock by Lieutenant Governor Chandler.

Mon. J. H. Crawford, M. P. P., for Kings is appointed to the new office of Solicitor General.

UNITED STATES.—On Thursday last a tornado struck the town of Collinsville, Mo., eleven miles from St. Louis, which levelled ten buildings and damaged about seventy-five others.

A tornado swept over Pocahontas, Tenn., on Monday night, causing great destruction in the village. Several houses and churches were blown down.

A fire at Eureka, Nebraska, on Friday night burned half the town, including the harvest business houses, hotels, &c., &c. Three hundred families are destitute. 200 people are without shelter. The loss is estimated at a million dollars.

SOUTH AMERICA.—Chili has formally declared war against Peru. The entire coast is blockaded and the fleet useless.

ENGLAND.—Thousands of men, women and children at the North Durham collieries are destitute.

Many have determined to permanently quit the Durham collieries. Immigration agents in the New Castles district are sending men to the United States and the British colonies.

On Friday John Bright pronounced the Government imbecile at home, and wicked abroad.

FRANCE.—The publishers of *Revolutions Francaise* are sentenced in default to pay a fine of 6000 francs and to 8 months' imprisonment for a scurrilous article against Catholicism.

BELGIUM.—By the explosion of fire damp at Argraph coal pit, near Mons, Belgium, the woodwork of the shaft caught fire and fell in. There were 240 men in the mine. 89 were rescued. But little hope for the others.

GERMANY.—Seven hundred members of the Bourse and other persons met on the 15th at Bremen to discuss the tariff question. The meeting by an overwhelming majority, accepted the free trade views advocated by the Bremen Chamber of Commerce.

ITALY.—Queen Victoria, while expressing the pleasure she would derive from a visit of King Humbert and Queen Margaritha intimated her desire to save them from inconvenience by going to meet them at the castle of Monsa near Milan.

Queen Victoria's visit to Italy will terminate on the 23rd inst. She will arrive at Paris 24th, Cherbourg 25th, England 26th.

Garibaldi has published a letter in favor of universal suffrage and called a meeting of Republicans for the 21st to agitate the question.

A great Catholic demonstration and display of sacred relics took place in Rome on Sunday last, in honor of the Virgin Mary, as a protest against the alleged sacrilegious teachings of a Protestant minister.

AUSTRIA.—A storm at Szegedin on Sunday destroyed and sunk rafts and lighters laden with materials and provisions. The Theiss and Maros are again rising.

The rivers Maros and Korus have again broken the dams in several places. The village of Zerend is destroyed, and the town of Arad endangered.

RUSSIA.—The Emperor's assailant gives the name of Solovieff. He fired at the Emperor within two paces. He is a schoolmaster of Torgetz. He was severely injured by the populace, who would have killed him but for the intervention of the police. He says he was appointed by lot to shoot the Czar.

It is said that the head of the secret police are about to resign, having discovered three-fourths of the force are in league with the Nihilists.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Telegrams from Cape Town April 1st state that the Colonial Secretary of Natal telegraphed the Colonial Secretary of Cape Colony that Cetewayo sent messengers to Lord Chelmsford with overtures for peace. It is thought that this is merely a ruse to obtain information of the movements of British troops.

The Ekowe relief column started on the 8th of March, composed of 6,000 men, two Gatling guns, two cannon, several rocket tubes, 113 waggons and 56

pack mules. All well with the column on March 30th. Col. Pearson that day signalled from Ekowe that he could see the head column entrenching on the Amatudo river. He signalled on the 27th March that 150 of his garrison were ill, 50 wounded and only 500 of his men would be able to assist the relieving column, for which 35,000 Zulus are lying in wait.

Col. Wood attacked the Umbelinis stronghold on the 28th of March, and captured a quantity of cattle. Subsequently 20,000 Zulus retook the cattle and on the 29th attacked Col. Wood's camp. The Zulus were repulsed after four hours' fighting. The British lost heavy, 7 officers and 70 men being killed.

INDIA.—The continued drought causes much anxiety. Hardly any rain has fallen in Bengal since Christmas.

News.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Halifax Co.—To be Justice the Peace—John A. Sinclair, Esq., of Halifax.

Digby Co.—To be Coroner—William A. Ellison, Weymouth.

To be Commissioners for taking affidavits &c., Charles Campbell, Weymouth; Calvin Raymond, Digby.

To be Commissioners of Schools, Rev. R. Wasson, Digby; John Welsh, Hillsburgh; Elisha Payson, Digby.

Inverness Co.—To be a Deputy Issuer of Marriage Licenses—Charles Fraser, Lake Ainslie.

To be Commissioners of Schools for South Inverness—Rev. Donald Cameron Creighish; Donald McDonald, Mabou; Donald Gillis, Barrister Port Hood.

For Northern District—Hugh Gillis, S W Margaree.

Queens Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools—Rev. W. C. Brown, Liverpool, vice Rev. Job Shenton, removed from the Province, and Rev. Enos Barker, Milton.

Victoria Co.—To be commissioners of Schools—Rev. David Drummond, Bouldarnie; Rev. Simon Gibbons, Ingonish; Rev. Alex. McRae, Middle River; John L. Bethune, M D., Baddeck.

Lunenburg Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools for the District of Chester—Rev. Andrew Merkel, Chester; George E. DeWitt, M. D., Chester; Daniel Corkum, East Chester; Joseph Besancon, Marriat's Cove.

To be a Commissioner of Schools for the District of Lunenburg—Rev. Charles Eaton Grosier Lunenburg.

To be a Commissioner for taking affidavits, &c., Charles Lerdal, Chester.

To be Registrar of Probate—William A. Gaetz, vice Joseph W. Lockart.

Hants Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools for the District of West Hants, Rev. Thomas J. Daly, vice Rev. John Carmody removed from the District; the Rev. John McMurray, Windsor.

For East Hants District—Henry Hope Blois, vice Samuel Bleis removed from the Province.

Cape Breton Co.—To be a Commissioner for taking affidavits, &c., Blowers Archibald, Sydney.

Kings Co.—To be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits &c., John P. Chipman and Wentworth E. Roscoe, Kentville, and John W. Wallace, of Wolfville.

To be Judge of Probate—Stephen H. Moore, vice Edmund J. Cogswell.

Colchester Co.—To be Commissioners for taking Affidavits, &c., Alexander C. Patterson and Norman J. Layton, both of Truro.

To be Commissioners of Schools for the District of Truro—James N. Crowe, Truro; David McG. Johnstone, Upper Stewiacke.

To be a Commissioner of Sewers in Round Marsh—Wm. Miller, Jr. DeBert Village.

Shelburne Co.—To be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits &c., Bartlett G. Scovill, of Cape Island, Thomas W. Wilson and John K. Knowles, of Barrington.

For the District of Barrington—To be Commissioners of Schools—Rev. Robert McArthur, Port LaTour; Bartlett F. Scovill, Cape Island.

Cumberland Co.—To be Judge of Probate—John D. Kenearly, vice W. A. D. Morse, appointed County Judge.

To be Registrar of Probate—Wm. M. Fullerton, vice James Z. Bliss.

To be Registrar of Deeds—James E. Purdy vice Angus McLeod.

To be a Justice of the Peace—Bernard S. Peers Docherty Creek.

Annapolis Co.—To be a Commissioner of Schools for the Eastern District—Rev. W. H. Warren, Bridgetown.

To be a Commissioner of Schools for the Western District—Rev. William M. Gouffrey, Clementsport; A. B. Cunningham, Annapolis; Samuel McCormick, Granville Ferry.

To be Justices of the Peace—Samuel N. Jackson, Clarence East; Albert Marshall, Clarence; Christian Grimm, Springfield.

On Wednesday morning last a servant girl named Slattenburg living at J. P. Healy's in Cunard Street by some means whilst washing an infant, with her back to the grate, found her clothes had taken fire, and ran from the room out of doors to the middle of the street, and there became so badly burned that she died on the same evening. It was remarkable that the infant's clothes did not take fire although the little one's face was singed and the eye-brows and hair burned.

A grey eagle, of an enormous size, was seen last week, by a farmer at Mount Uniacke.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sworn Statement OF A BOSTON POLICE OFFICER.

H. R. STEVENS:—

DEAR SIR.—From exposure I took sick about nine years ago with Rheumatic Fever, from which I suffered about four months. When I recovered from the fever I found myself suffering with pain in my side and constipation, which brought on the piles. I consulted a physician, and paid him over \$200 for attending me, and all the while I was gradually growing worse. Then one physician after another was employed, until seven of the best physicians of Boston had taken my case in hand.

On consultation between several of the leading physicians, they concluded my complaint was asthma and general debility. I had great difficulty in breathing and an inhaler was required to afford me breath. Through the treatment of one physician I took from 75 to 100 boxes of calomel pills, and faithfully tried all the medicine that each physician prescribed. From my long sickness, and the vast amount of medicine used to overcome the great pain, my kidneys became badly affected, and I suffered excruciating pain in the small of my back, with great difficulty in passing my urine.

One physician said I was diseased all through my system, and he regretted that he could give me no hope for health. My suffering from indigestion was so great that it was impossible to keep any solid food on my stomach, and the whole nature of my food was brot from oatmeal.

I also took a prescription from a celebrated English physician, who said my trouble was Bronchitis and Dyspepsia. I took 18 bottles of medicine especially prepared for Dyspepsia, and I have used a great deal of medicine from apothecaries' prescriptions. I have taken Sarsaparilla until you could count the bottles by the dozen, and indeed I have given nearly all the popular advertised medicine a fair trial. I had a dreadful cough, and did not average over two hours' sleep a night for 8 years.

A brother policeman urged me to try VEGETINE, but for a long time I refused, having got completely discouraged from taking so much medicine without any benefit; however after urgent persuasion, I concluded to try it, and before I had used one bottle I could eat and hold on my stomach a beefsteak, a thing I had not been able to do before for years; indeed, I obtained more substantial benefit from the first bottle of VEGETINE than from all other medicines which I had taken. I kept on improving, and kept on using the VEGETINE, until I was perfectly cured and able to do duty all day, eat and digest my food, sleep well at night, and am now 40 pounds heavier than I ever was before in my life, and am, as I think, a living contradiction of the prophecies of the most learned medical talent of New England, for with all of their combined wisdom, they could not accomplish so much as that simple vegetable medicine called VEGETINE to which I am indebted for health, life and happiness.

EUGENE E. SULLIVAN, 367 Athens St., Police Station 4. SUFFOLK, S.S., BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 22, 1875.

Then personally appeared the above named Eugene E. Sullivan, and made oath that the foregoing statement is true before me.

HOSEA B. BOWEN, Justice of the Peace.

VEGETINE. Further Proof. FACTS WILL TELL.

Goffstown, N. H., Aug. 1, 1875.

H. R. STEVENS, Esq.:— DEAR SIR.—Allow me to say a word in favor of VEGETINE. During the past year I have suffered from a complication of diseases. I lay in bed from the 3rd of November until the middle of the following June, and on an average did not sit up two hours a week; I had eight of the best physicians in the state, but got no help, and constantly grew worse. They agreed that I had heart disease, phthisis, pyaemia, and kidney complaint, and could never be any better. I was reduced in weight 50 pounds, which is much, for I am naturally thin.

In June, finding I was falling under the treatment of the physicians, I commenced the use of VEGETINE through the earnest persuasion of friends, and I am happy to state, with good results. I have gained ten pounds in weight, and can sit up all day, walk a mile, and ride six miles.

I am greatly encouraged, and shall continue using the VEGETINE if I get it. I a poor man, but the truth of this statement I refer to any man in Goffstown or vicinity.

Yours very thankfully, A. J. BURBECK.

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