

we adhere to Christ's requirements, first, in not neglecting discipline, and then in our method of carrying it out, we may be certain that He will stand by us and ratify our acts the same as if done by Himself, verse 18th. It is therefore not the performance but the neglect that is to be feared. And the cause that will ultimately suffer from right doing is not worth upholding. Many persons wait till cases arise requiring action before they determine on the course to pursue. This is not wise. Passion and prejudice are likely then to blind and lead astray. The time for this is when it can be done deliberately and thoroughly, and a judgment formed solely upon the merits of the case. Is not that time with you now? May the Lord grant the spirit of wisdom and a sound mind and grace to obey "from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth and one convert him, let him know that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

New Meeting House in Chester.

Mr. Editor,—

The audience room of the new Baptist Meeting House in Chester was formally opened for Divine service on Wednesday the 6th inst. Rev. S. W. DeBlois a former pastor of the Church here had been named as the preacher of the opening sermon. But much to our regret we learned that a short time previously he left home on a tour for his health. A number of other Brethren were invited to participate in the services, but the only ones who came to our aid were the Revs. John Williams of Mahone Bay, and M. W. Brown of New Germany, and we were right glad of their presence with us.

Excellent sermons were delivered by Bro. Williams in the morning from Cor. ii. 9, 10, and by Bro. Brown in the afternoon from Acts ix. 6. Bro. H. E. S. Maider, Lic., was also present and took part in the exercises. Several anthems appropriate to the occasion were well rendered by the choir, and the services throughout were highly enjoyable, and I trust profitable.

We have had a hard struggle to get our house of worship completed, and there is still a heavy debt upon it, but we are trusting in Him whose are "the gold and silver and the cattle upon a thousand hills." He has led us thus far and if we do what we can and trust in the Lord we believe he will carry us safely through.

Let me ask the brethren and sisters through you, Mr. Editor, all over the Province to pray for us that the way may be opened up whereby we may obtain the necessary means to meet the existing and pressing liabilities that are upon us.

Yours truly, I. J. SKINNER.

HAMMOND'S PLAINS, 2ND.—Rev. Wallace Lucas administered the ordinance of believers' baptism on Sunday the 3rd inst. In the afternoon the hand of fellowship was given and the Lord's Supper afterwards administered. It was a very pleasant occasion. Saints rejoiced and sinners were made glad. In the evening Rev. Benson Smithers preached which was followed by an address from Rev. Edward Dixon.

CHURCH RECOGNITION AT CLYDE RIVER, P. E. I.—In accordance with an invitation from the brethren of Clyde River to the neighboring churches, asking that delegates might be appointed they met in Council with them on Tuesday, July 29, at 2.30 p. m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing them into a separate church, and, if thought best, proceed with the organization and ordination of deacons. Delegates from the churches reported themselves as follows:

- Long Creek—Deacon P. MacPhee, Bro. D. Lamont.
 - Charlottetown—Rev. H. Foshay and Rev. D. G. MacDonald.
 - North River—Rev. C. C. Burgess, Brethren Frederic Warren, John MacPhee.
 - Tryon—Rev. Trueman Bishop, Brethren J. B. Leard, W. Callbeck.
 - Bedouque—Rev. E. N. Archibald.
 - Summerside—Rev. E. F. Foshay.
- The council was organized by electing

Rev. D. G. MacDonald, Moderator, and the undersigned, clerk. After singing, and prayer by Rev. H. Foshay, the brethren presented in writing their reasons for making the request, which were thoroughly discussed by members of the council; after which it was decided by a unanimous vote to proceed to the organization and recognition of the church, and ordination of deacons.

The following programme was arranged for the evening, when the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock, p. m.

- Reading of Scripture and prayer.
 - Prayer of ordination—Rev. C. C. Burgess.
 - Charge to Deacons—Rev. E. N. Archibald.
 - Reading of Covenant—Rev. D. G. MacDonald.
 - Reading Articles of Faith—Rev. H. Foshay.
 - Right Hand of Fellowship and Charge to Church—Rev. E. F. Foshay.
- The above was carried out in the presence of a large and attentive audience, after which some time was occupied in exhortation by the various ministering brethren present.

Sinners are still being awakened and thus the work goes on. Three were baptized last Sabbath. May the Holy Spirit continue to convince and convert sinners, and grant sustaining grace to all His children is our prayer.

TRUEMAN BISHOP, Clerk.

BILLTOWN.—Dear Brother,—You will be glad to learn that we are enjoying a good degree of prosperity here. The church seems to be vigorous, united and aggressive. We have three Sabbath Schools,—one at Billtown; one at Woodville and one at Brooklyn St. They are largely attended and the officers are hopeful, earnest and efficient. The services on the Lord's day and our prayer and conference meetings are very well attended and are exceedingly promising, and encouraging to all our hearts who are endeavoring to labor in our Master's service here.

At our regular monthly Conference on Saturday, two came forward and asked for church fellowship, a young man and also a young woman. It was my privilege to baptize them yesterday morning. At the close of the sermon on Sabbath morning they together with three others received the hand of Christian fellowship, and sat down with us at the Lord's table. God has done great things for us here, 115 have been added during my pastorate of less than two years. We will thank God and take courage.

Yours truly, SYDNEY WELTON.

August 4th, 1879.

THE HALIFAX NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH is enjoying good signs of prosperity. Two believers were baptized by the Pastor Rev. J. W. Manning, on Sunday the 3rd inst., and they with one other person by letter were received into fellowship on Sunday evening last. There are some indications of revival in the social meetings of the church.

THE GOSPEL TENT.—In spite of his severe illness Dr. S. H. Tyng, jr., does not mean to let the work of his church languish. Not only does the regular work of the "parish" go on without interruption, but the "Gospel Tent" which Dr. Tyng has been accustomed to open in the summer has been set up at Broadway and Forty-Third street. It is ninety feet in diameter, and will seat 1,200 persons. Every evening in the week except Saturday there are services in it, and these services are wholly undenominational in their character. The best preachers in New York and Brooklyn are pledged to help carry on the work, which in past seasons has been very successful.

The quantity of the work now being done by the two Committees of Revisers is shown by this fact. The American Committee revised the Epistle of the Hebrews independently, the English provisional revision having failed to come to hand; in all 913 changes were selected most of them comparatively unimportant. When the English Committee compared this revision with their own, 476 of the 913 changes proved to be identical with those that they had independently made. Such unanimity as this, in this instance, indicates that the revised version as a whole will represent the verdict of the best scholarship of both countries.

A return as to the religious persuasions of the non-commissioned officers and men of the British army shows that of a total of 94,842 men, 62,260 belong to the Church of England, 20,872 are Roman Catholics, 7,125 Presbyterians, and 3,985 are Protestants of other de-

nominations. Of the Church of England men 21,314 were in receipt of good conduct pay, and 9,790 held third-class school certificates; 5,623 Roman Catholics received good conduct pay, and 2,418 held third-class school certificates; of the Presbyterians, 2,224 were in receipt of good conduct pay, and 1,141 had third-class school certificates. Of the other denominations 1,205 received good conduct pay, and 610 held third-class school certificates.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Bank failures have been the great subject of consideration during the past week. The Consolidated Bank of Montreal the week before was followed by the Exchange Bank of Montreal on Thursday, and Ville Marie on Friday. There has been some talk of criminal proceedings against the Directors of the Consolidated Bank. The Directors of the Exchange, themselves hold about one-third of the capital stock. Some parties in Nova Scotia will be seriously affected by these Bank failures. They have been in difficulty for some time. Some of the Exchange Bank Stock has been since sold at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Ninety cents is paid for the notes. It is thought the shareholders will realize from 55 to 60 cents on the dollar of stock.

There was a run on the City and District Saving Bank on Saturday morning. It is supposed that the bank of Montreal will hold up this institution. The feeling is very bad. People are panicky and refuse bills of small banks.

A run is now taking place on the Hochelaga Bank and City District Savings Bank.

The furniture and effects of the Young Men's Christian Association here have been seized for arrears of rent and taxes. It has not been flourishing of late.

Two of the Minnett family at St. Martin, died from the effect of using Paris green. It appears they shook it through a course bag on plants, and died from the effects of inhaling the poisonous dust.

On Tuesday night burglars broke into the wholesale dry goods establishment of Messrs P. M. Galarneau & Co., taking away two thousand dollars worth of silks. An entrance was effected by the roof, ropes being used to go from one building to another. A large proportion of goods were found by detectives in the upper flat of a building in the same block.

The rumor is revived that the Princess Louise will return to England about the end of October, and return to Canada in the Spring.

On Tuesday evening the Quebec Legislature was a scene of some excitement in consequence of a vote adverse to the supporters of the Government. But on the following evening a direct vote of confidence was passed by 31 to 27 votes.

A meeting of the French Canadian section of the ship laborers, to settle their differences on the wages question, took place at Jacques Cartier Market on Thursday night. About 4,000 people, it is estimated, were present. Resolutions were carried to form themselves into a society, and the rate of wages was fixed at \$2 to \$2.50 per day. A stevedore named Coleman, who was present, was set upon and roughly handled, and was in a fair way of being beaten, but he managed to get into Hudson's store and thence escaped.

The following are appointed under the weights and measures Act in the Maritime Provinces:—

- New Brunswick, St. John district—J. B. Wilmot, Inspector; E. Cowan, Assistant Inspector. Fredericton district—E. C. Freeze, Inspector. King's district—W. B. Scoville, Inspector.
- Nova Scotia, Halifax district—R. M. King, Inspector; P. Tompkins, Assistant Inspector.
- Sydney district—L. E. Tremain, Inspector.
- Prince Edward Island—James Redden, Inspector.

A writ for a New election in Bonaventure, necessitated by the appointment of Dr. Robitaille as Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, has been issued. Nomination on the 26th August; polling 2nd September.

Referring to the Bank failures of last week a despatch from Montreal to the *Chronicle* says: "The feeling in financial circles is much better. The run on the C. and D. Savings Bank is about stopped. The deposits paid out yesterday were \$418,000, of which \$250,000 was at the head office. At 3 p. m. the counters of the bank were free of the crowd, and those who had withdrawn were enquiring if they could get accrued interest if they returned deposits. The bank has saved in interest by the run no less than \$8,360. With assets of \$1,956,314, and liabilities of only \$906,775, deducting capital, according to last monthly statement, the bank ought to be in condition, unless the report be misleading.

A tree blew over on a picnic party at Hanover, Ont., on Friday, August 8th, killing a young lady named Adams. A number of others escaped with scratches.

Heavy fires in the woods were burning near Battersea, Ont., and Tamworth, Quebec, on Saturday last.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Buctouche and neighbourhood was visited on Wednesday afternoon with one of the most terrific storms ever known in New Brunswick. The current appears to have

been about 400 yards wide. Upwards of 100 houses are destroyed, including the new Superior School, Powell's tannery and warehouses, &c. Most of the shipping was grounded. The bridge at the town was completely wrecked, and telegraph wires broken &c. Very few houses have escaped injury, besides that done to the spire and roof of the Roman Catholic Church. The house, outbuildings, storehouse and barns of the Rev. Mr. Michaud are a mass of ruins. Miss Julia Michaud, niece of the priest, was severely injured. The convent is somewhat wrecked but is still standing. Several cords of bark awaiting shipment, with several rafts of deals, were driven to sea. Irving's warehouse was utterly destroyed. The large school building, with furniture and library, is a total loss, estimated at \$2,000. Timbers of a ton weight were raised and carried several hundred feet with the violence of the tempest. The old moulding shop and other buildings at the shipyard were swept away, and fences levelled in all directions. The ruins of the farmhouses and barns defy description; in many cases they are strewn for miles along the highways and fields. Crops and forest lands are completely destroyed. New deaths are continually reported; in one instance a mother was crushed to death, while her child in her arms was uninjured. Several children in the Colored Settlement are missing. They had been picking berries, and are supposed to be killed. Visitors are arriving from all parts, and subscriptions to starving country folk are freely made by the people of the town. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The names of the dead in this vicinity are Mrs. Duplecy, Mrs. Girouard, and two children, and a number wounded.

From St. Mary's to Buctouche fearful damage was done; about 80 houses were blown down, trees were pulled out and carried long distances in the air, fences were smashed into atoms, cattle were rolled on the ground like leaves, grain was cut down and other crops likewise were destroyed. The Buctouche bridge was carried 50 feet in the air and destroyed. People travelling on the road were thrown into the woods; horses were killed and carriages smashed. The cyclone was half a mile wide and destroyed everything in its path for 10 miles.

A public meeting was called at the request of the Marquis of Lorne in St. John on Friday afternoon to devise means of rendering the sufferers some aid.

THE MARQUIS OF LORNE AND THE PRINCESS LOUISE ARRIVED AT MONCTON

On Wednesday morning, about 8 o'clock. Rain had been falling since 6 o'clock. Notwithstanding this there was a large concourse to receive the vice-regal party at the station. After partaking of breakfast in the official car, a local address was presented from the Acadian French and read by Mr. Girouard, M. P. A beautiful bouquet was accepted by the Princess with thanks spoken in French. All along the line at every station people in large numbers had gathered to welcome the royal party.

At Sussex there was a handsome arch and various decorations. Here too an address of Welcome from the county of Kings was read to His Excellency by Mr. Alfred Markham.

At Hampton the train stopped for a few minutes to allow the presentation of a bouquet from Miss Wedderburn, daughter of the Provincial Secretary, and Miss Otty.

THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN

were all astir thronging the streets especially around the Railway Depot. It is said fully a thousand were on the bridge. The military were assembled in full force outside and near the station which had been converted into a reception room and the floor carpeted with bright scarlet; garlands, evergreens and mottoes adorned the walls. The members of local government and City Council and other prominent officials were in waiting with their insignia of office. On nearing the station guns were fired.

After the arrival Mayor Ray escorted the Marquis and Princess to the raised dais, on which two elegant chairs had been placed. Loud and prolonged cheers then greeted the party which continued until the Mayor came forward with the address of the Common Council.

The Princess was dressed quite plainly having a walking costume of a greyish color, and a frill of ecru shade without any ornaments but a brooch. A light straw hat with a few blue and white flowers and a white veil with black spots composed her head dress.

After the city address, one from the Municipality was presented by Warden Jack. The various introductions were then gone through with, and the procession was formed. The detachment of cavalry in front was followed by the members of the various councils on horseback. After passing through several of the principal streets it passed down Garden Street over the railway bridge, the streets being every where lined by thousands of spectators who saluted the observed of all observers with rounds of welcome cheers. At Parks' Cotton Mills the operatives came out on a platform and sung the National Anthem as did the children of the National School. There was some fog but not so much as to seriously interfere with a sight of the decorations and ap-

proaches to Reed's Castle where they staid.

In the afternoon the Marquis in company with the Hon. Provincial Secretary and two or three others drove to town, and in a steam tug went down the harbor to Partridge Island and inspected the fortifications.

In the evening there was a grand illumination and torch-light procession. The firemen and volunteers turned out with a magnificent display and ornamentation of their hose-reels and engines.

On Thursday afternoon the Marquis being slightly indisposed the Princess Louise visited several of the public institutions. In the General Public Hospital, Her Royal Highness spoke to some of the patients and expressed her pleasure at the arrangements of the Institution. Then the R. C. Orphan Asylum, Rankine's Biscuit factory and Park's Cotton Mills were favored with a visit.

The visit to Carleton was made on Thursday, a salute was fired from Courtenay Hill. The Carleton Serenade Band played a selection entitled 'Scented Vine' composed by H. R. H. Princess Louise.

The Drawing Room in the evening was held in the St John Court House. About 500 ladies and gentlemen attended in full dress and continued till about 10 o'clock.

On Saturday morning the Royal party embarked on board the *David Weston* for Fredericton.

On Sunday they attended service in the Cathedral of the celestial City. In the afternoon they left Government House for a walk of about 3 miles, returning by a path across the fields to the rear entrance. It was expected they would return to St. John on Tuesday and proceed direct to Shediac on the way to Prince Edward Island.

A despatch from New Glasgow N. S. says:

The Vice-Regal party will visit Pictou, New Glasgow and Stellarton, on Wednesday, 13th. They will receive an address at the former place, then sail up East river to New Glasgow, and arrive there at eleven o'clock and drive to the Halifax mining works and go down in a coal mine one thousand feet deep. Great preparations are being made.

On leaving St. John the following letter was received by the Mayor from Major DeWinton.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to send you the enclosed sum of \$500 as a joint gift from himself and Her Royal Highness to the poor of St. John, Portland and Carleton. You will be good enough to distribute this sum in the manner you may deem best calculated to relieve those most in want.

I remain, my dear Sir, Faithfully yours, F. DEWINTON.

At Sackville, the barn of Dr. P. R. Moore was struck by lightning on Wednesday and burned down.

At Newcastle, a young man named Sheasgreen, clerk in Mr. James Brown's store had a narrow escape while in his employer's house. Mr. Brown's niece playfully pointed a pistol at him and pulled the trigger of what she thought was an empty revolver, and discharged the chamber. The bullet passed through the fleshy part of the arm narrowly escaping the artery, striking a rib, leaving a bruise, and then fell to the floor. Now the young man is doing well.

UNITED STATES.—Yellow fever is prevailing at Memphis. On Tuesday of last week eighteen cases were reported to the Board of Health ten of whom were colored. Greater mortality may be expected. On Monday last 34 cases.

Parties at San Francisco have discovered the wreck of the steamer Bro. Jonathan, which foundered off Point St. George, in July, 1865. She lies upright 22 fathoms of water. There are a million dollars in treasury notes and bullion in her safe, and the finders are fitting out an expedition for its recovery.

At Albany on the 6th, the boiler of the engine "Sacramento," while having its safety valve gauged in the Boston & Albany round-house, at Greenbush, exploded. The engine was hurled forty feet, turning a complete somersault. Thomas Smith and Frank Murphy, machinists, and John McIntyre, fireman, were instantly killed.

CENTRAL AMERICA.—Nicaragua has part of her ship canal almost ready for business. Every plan is perfected for opening direct navigation with Lake Nicaragua, which work will soon be completed. There will remain then less than thirteen miles from the lake to the Pacific, which is already surveyed.

Blengin, Chief of the Pronunciados in Yucatan, has been captured and his followers dispersed. Diaz has given warnings to intending revolutionists that if they revolt they must expect halters for their necks.

SOUTH AMERICA.—The Peruvian Minister received the following from the Consul General of Peru at Panama:

The Huascar and Union have visited Chilean ports, destroying kaunches and capturing the steamer Rimac, with the entire Zuagay regiment of cavalry, fully armed and supplied with horses, besides three vessels loaded with coal and copper.

A statement concerning the recent attack by the Huascar on the Chilean squadron shows that the former found the Chilean squadron in unexpected force