

signed has the honor to be that person.] Example. Say that your church has 100 members enrolled. You need to raise \$25.00 every three months. Of these 100 members only 80 are resident. You have 3 Missionary Meetings during the quarter, at which you raise, say, \$12.00 leaving a balance of \$13.00 yet required. Dividing this amongst the 80 members will give you 16¢cts to be collected from each for the first quarter. Next quarter if you increase the interest in your Missionary Meetings you may have less to collect.

Dear brethren and sisters let us organize ourselves into regular and earnest work for Jesus, and let each one be ambitious to receive the great commendation, "She hath done what she could." Let us all so live that we may in justice as well as in love hear from the lips of our Master, "Well done good and faithful servant, etc."

D. G. MACDONALD.
Charlottetown, P.E.I., Aug. 30, 1880.

For the Christian Messenger.
Valedictory.

The following Valedictory Address was to have been presented to Brother Roscoe at the close of his services in the Baptist Church, Port Medway, on Sunday, July 11th. but it was unavoidably omitted at that time.

REV. A. N. ROSCOE,

Dear Brother,—As you are so soon to leave us, we, as a church and people, avail ourselves of this opportunity of expressing to you, in a feeble manner, our sorrow for your departure and our affectionate regard for your future welfare.

It was our earnest desire that we might enjoy your labors for a much longer period; and we only consented to your departure that you may be thus enabled to prosecute your plans for the future by enriching your mind with that knowledge which will qualify you for more successful work in the Master's cause; hoping that with renewed strength and greater vigor of mind, you may again resume your labors with us.

Your exemplary christian walk—your zeal for the Master and for the welfare of your congregation, during the year of your sojourn with us, have endeared you to our hearts by ties that will not be easily broken.

We remember the low state of the cause of Christ when you first came among us, and some of the great difficulties with which you would have to contend; and we rejoice that you have been the honored instrument in God's hands of entirely removing those difficulties.

Your faithful labors here have also been blessed in winning souls to Christ and in building up His cause generally; so that, as a church, we feel that we are enjoying a large measure of prosperity.

And now, dear brother, hoping that you will not forget the little church over which you were ordained, when you cease to be among us—asking you to rest assured that we shall not cease to remember you, and trusting that the continued presence and blessing of the Master may be your abiding portion, we bid you farewell, and should we never again have the privilege of associating as pastor and people, may we all meet in that world where parting is unknown.

Signed in behalf of the Church,
CURTIS MANTHORN, Clerk.
Port Medway, Aug. 27, 1880.

REPLY.

TO THE PORT MEDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,
I thank you for your kind address presented to me.

This, with the thought that we, as pastor and people, are about to be separated, gives me emotions of sadness and also of joy;—sadness, at the thought that the many pleasant ties which have bound us together during my stay with you must now be severed, and that many of us who part to-night shall next meet in the presence of the great King,—joy, at the thought that my imperfect labors among you have been blessed by God to the bringing of peace into this church and to the salvation of some precious souls.

I have rejoiced with you over the new birth of sinners, and I have sorrowed with you over the graves of those we loved. I have tried to faithfully proclaim the word of truth and salvation.

God grant that the seed sown may yet spring up and bear fruit to the glory of His name.

And now I commend you to the Heavenly Shepherd who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the throne above. May peace and prosperity reign within your borders, and may you increase in love, purity, and faith. May you enjoy the smile of your Heavenly Father here below, until we meet in His presence above to reign with Him in glory.

Yours in the work,
A. N. ROSCOE.

Port Medway.

For the Christian Messenger.

MR. EDITOR,—

Dear Sir,—Allow me to correct a statement which appeared in a letter in the Messenger of the 18th inst., which is as follows: "wicked rumors are afloat questioning their" (that is Messrs. Hinson and Swaffield's) "Christian character, they were asked to shew credentials, which they did to the entire satisfaction of the Association."

The case stands thus: The pastors presented a private request through the Moderator to these gentlemen, asking for credentials, and having received no response, at a late hour, and at the last session of the Association, I publicly asked for the same; not however for the reason given in your paper. I felt that it was due to the denomination.

They are from England, and are strangers to me and every Island pastor. Moreover, I am informed that in that country, Baptist Churches are in some cases open in a broad sense. It appears that Bloomsbury Church, with Dr. Chown as pastor; and Regents Park Church presided over by Dr. Landells, are both open churches, and open communion; and in them are to be found members, and even deacons who have not been immersed. I have heard it hinted that, in some cases, the pastor himself has never been baptized.

These were my reasons for asking credentials. But apart from this, ought we not to expect from strangers, from any country, such documents as will satisfactorily define their religious standing? I shall ever be willing to shew my standing without thinking hard of those who ask it.

I wish also to state that when their papers were presented, they brought them before my mind as good Christian workers, not as regularly ordained Baptist Ministers, according to the use of the term among us.

Yours truly,
C. C. BURGESS.

North River, P. E. I., Aug. 31st, 1880.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

METHODIST ITEMS.—At a tea-meeting held at Kingston Station on Wednesday last, \$175 were collected. This sum is to be expended in improvements on our church at that place.

Rev. Joseph Gaetz writes: "We had a glorious day yesterday. At Aylesford East church four children were dedicated to God by baptism."

The propriety is being discussed by New Zealand Methodists of separating from the Australasian General Conference, and organizing annual conferences and a triennial conference of their own.—Wesleyan.

Dr. Armitage, of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York, made his first attempt at preaching forty-five years ago, when he was a boy of sixteen.

Mr. Rassam has been allowed by local authorities at Nineveh to continue his excavations for the British Museum. He will probably go to Armenia.

Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr. and wife of No. Vasaboro, were very agreeably surprised a few evenings since on their return home from a social visit, to find their house taken possession of by a large number of friends, all bringing with them some token of their regard. A very pleasant time was enjoyed, and the pastor and his wife were more convinced than ever, that they had come to labor among a kind and generous people.

JUGGERNAUT.—What has happened to the car of Juggernaut? The famous vehicle was not, as usual, through the streets of Puri on the 9th of July, and it seems that by religious custom or law it is not drawn to the Goachidi Mandir on the ninth day of the car festival, twelve years must elapse before it is again used. The fact of the car not being brought out this time is attributed by a correspondent of the Patriot to what he calls "an act of unpardonable negligence on the part of meddling Government officials."—Times of India.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Sir John A. Macdonald and other Canadian Government Commissioners have been successful in a financial arrangement for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which was concluded on Wednesday last. The contract is taken jointly by a banking firm in London, a French financial association, and a firm of financiers in New York. The contracting parties will receive from the Canadian Government a certain number of millions sterling in cash, or its equivalent, to be provided by issue of Canadian Government bonds, not backed, however, by an Imperial guarantee, and a certain number of millions of acres of land. In consideration of these grants the contracting parties undertake to form a company to be called the Pacific Railway Company, which shall construct and work the line in perpetuity. The Government furthermore gives to the contracting parties in addition to the surveys already made the whole of the line thus far built. The cost of these items is put at between five and six millions sterling.

An Order in Council has been passed granting Sandford Fleming \$45,000 for his services as Chief Engineer of the Pacific Railway and Consulting Engineer of the Intercolonial, he having received no salary for acting in these capacities. The Church of England Synod was opened on Tuesday of last week, at Montreal. A grand procession was formed and passed into the Cathedral. The Bishops were each preceded by his Secretary, carrying the pastoral staff. At the meeting of the Synod on Thursday afternoon the Rev. Dr. Bell, Irish delegate, spoke of the church in Ireland, and rather warmly condemned the Legislature for disestablishment.

Hon. Mr. Vail called him to order. Dr. Bell was given a vote of thanks. The interesting event of the Friday's session was the presentation of the crossier, a gift from the Churchmen of the ecclesiastical Provinces, a beautiful piece of workmanship, costing three hundred dollars.

The Prolocutor, in the name of the Synod, read an address, to which His Lordship made a most feeling reply, stating among other things that he was now seventy-six years of age.

Dr. Hill's resolution to hold the sessions of the Synod alternately in the Upper and Lower Provinces was rejected by a large majority. The discussion of legalizing of marriage with a deceased wife's sister was opened by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong on Friday in favor. The discussion was lively and able. It came up a second time on a request of the House of Bishops for the appointment of a committee for petitioning Parliament against the passing. The motion was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Hon. Mr. Vail reported, as Chairman of Committee, that the title of "The Church in Canada" shall hereafter be The Church of England in Canada. The resolution of both houses with reference to bringing to the notice of the Dominion Government the injustice intended to be perpetrated on this Church by excluding its members from the designation of Catholic, in enumerating the ensuing census, passed unanimously.

Sir A. T. Galt, Hon. J. H. Pope and Sir John A. Macdonald sail on the 16th inst.

Sir Charles Tupper remains until the 23rd inst. in Ireland, where his daughter lies dangerously ill.

The disappearance of children has caused an anxiety at Ottawa of late. Another boy failed to return from school on Friday, and cannot be found. It is believed they are enticed to the country to pick hops.

The Dominion Rifle matches concluded on Saturday. Four Nova Scotians are eligible for the Wimbledon team, having places in the first thirty:—Capt. Weston, 66th; Lieut. Bishop, 63rd; Quarter Master Corbin, 63rd; and Pte. Bent, Cumberland Provisional.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Forest fires were doing great damage in different parts of the Province last week.

Two of the St. John policemen were dismissed on Wednesday last for drunkenness.

Wallace Clarke, 11 years, was drowned while bathing in the river opposite Fredericton.

The Hemlock Bark Factory at Derby, Northumberland County, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. The loss is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$40,000, the factory and machinery being a total loss.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Lindsay Hood, a farmer, living on the eastern side of the St. John River, at Prince William, York Co., attempted to cross the river in a wagon with his wife and four children. Mr. Hood unfortunately got off the fording place and into deep water; the wagon floated but struck a rock, upsetting the occupants into the river. Two of the children, a boy of five and a girl of three were drowned, the rest escaping ashore.

UNITED STATES.—President Hayes arrived at San Francisco on Thursday last; the streets around the Palace Hotel, and the great court and galleries, which were beautifully decorated and illuminated with gas and electric lights, were thronged with people. About half-past nine the President appeared, and was received with great enthusiasm. In a few words he thanked the audience for their kind reception, excusing himself from a speech on account of fatigue. It is said there were 15000 people present.

A committee of settlers from Fresno County and Musselboro region, Tulare County, waited upon President Hayes on Friday. They stated that the object of their visit was to present him with an address setting forth the true history of the recent strife between them and the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The President replied that he would do all he could consistently for the cause of the settlers.

The obelisk was successfully removed from the hold of the steamer Dessoug at New York on Wednesday afternoon, and placed on the outer platform.

The second cargo of Norway ice arrived at New York last week.

At New York on Tuesday of last week three policemen discovered four burglars with a coach containing \$10,000 worth of seal skin sacs which they had just stolen. One burglar escaped, another was captured after a hard struggle, and the two others, after exchanging several shots with the police, were both shot through the leg and secured.

The Florida orange crop is reported ruined by the great storm. Loss a million and a half dollars.

It is stated the \$200,000 worth of the cargoes of the steamer Vera Cruz and other vessels, is washed ashore on the coast of Florida.

The commanding officer at Fort Keogh reports that Big Road and 200 Sioux Indians have surrendered at that post. The general opinion is that the Indians being tired of roaming about and fighting, will shortly surrender, and Sitting Bull will find himself without any following.

WEST INDIES.—Advices from the British Island of Grenada, say that a boat with a company of cricketers and some ladies, which left for Grenville, founded. Eight adults and an infant only were saved.

Aux Cayes, Hayti, was visited by the same hurricane which swept over Jamaica. Coffee trees suffered very much. There was little loss of life, although much valuable property was destroyed.

Bermuda was on Sunday before last, visited by the severest storm they have had for a century. It continued to increase until 2 o'clock on Monday morning, when a tremendous hurricane prevailed. The amount of damage throughout the colony is very great. Trees were uprooted, gardens destroyed, banana orchards laid low, and thousands of dollars worth of fruit destroyed. A vast amount of damage was done to different buildings throughout the colony, and to many of the most costly and most important public works. A portion of the Causeway is destroyed, and the telegraph wires injured.

ENGLAND.—Parliament was prorogued on Tuesday of last week. The Queen's Speech was read by commission. The prorogation is until November 24th.

An explosion occurred on Wednesday morning at Seaham Colliery near Durham. Both shafts of the mine were blocked, though a half mile apart. There were between 250 and 300 men in the pit.

Seventeen men who were in the coal pit at the time of the explosion are safe. There are still 165 men unheard from. It is feared that they have perished.

Thirty corpses had been recovered from the pit up to 7 o'clock Friday evening, when search was suspended for the night in consequence of accumulation of gas.

The Bank of England rate remains 2½. It is understood that £100,000 in gold were purchased in the open market on Wednesday for New York.

FRANCE.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a decrease of gold of 14,795,000 francs, and an increase of silver of \$3,216,000.

A fire in Saint Beat, a town of 1,000 inhabitants in Upper Garonne, has destroyed thirty-two houses and rendered over 100 people homeless. One person was killed.

SPAIN.—A Princess was born at Madrid on Saturday night. According to ancient etiquette, the ministers, marshal, grandees and diplomats awaited the event in the antechamber. The Duke of Sexto, Grand Master of the Palace, announced the birth, and shortly after the King brought out the infant and showed it to the assemblage. The Minister of Justice drew up a deed attesting the birth.

The infant will be christened Mercedes and about a dozen other names.

A futile attempt was made on Saturday to assassinate the Prefect of Valladolid. The criminal was arrested.

ITALY.—A stream of lava is running from Vesuvius, near the new railway to the crater. Some imprudent visitors have been injured.

TURKEY.—The Arabs who attacked an English steamer off Khaliet have been captured.

Ninety-six Kurdish chiefs, charged with murder and robbery at Armenia, have escaped from internment at Aleppo. Baker Pasha ineffectually recommended that they be imprisoned instead of interned.

The Powers informed the Porte that its late offer relative to the Montenegrin frontier is unsatisfactory, and that the naval demonstration will take place. The situation at Constantinople is regarded as full of danger.

The condition of Asia Minor is lamentable. It contains 200,000 lawless refugees, without means of subsistence except pillage.

RUSSIA.—Advices from St. Petersburg announce the difference between Russia and China has been finally arranged, and a new treaty will be signed at Peking. The Marquis of Tseng is expected to leave St. Petersburg in a fortnight.

The Vatican has asked amnesty for four Polish Priests, banished to Siberia. Gen. Melikoff promised to consider the subject.

INDIA.—General Roberts telegraphs from Cadahar, dated Sept. 6; "Careful inquiry shows that the enemy lost very severely on the 1st inst. This was expected, as they made a determined stand when our troops were quite close. A column will start shortly to bury the dead. General Phayre arrived at Candahar on the 6th inst. His horse artillery and cavalry are encamped twelve miles south of Candahar, where forage and supplies are ample. The weather is hot, but the wounded are doing well, and the troops are healthy."

Marriages.

On Tuesday morning the 7th Sept., in the Baptist Church, Upper Canard, by the Rev. D. M. Welton, Ph. D., Fenwick W. Rand, son of Ebenezer Rand, Esq., Collector of Customs, to Miss Anna Bell, daughter of William Rockwell, Esq., of Upper Canard.

At Dartmouth, on Thursday, by the Rev. P. M. Morrison, W. Noel Forbes, son of Mr. John Forbes, Manager of the Starr Manufacturing Company Works, to Jessie, only daughter of the late T. A. Bauer, Esq., both of Dartmouth.

At Kentville, Sept. 2nd, by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, John Porter, of Avonport, to Mrs. Harriet Eliza Bishop, of Middleton, Annapolis.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., by the Rev. Robt. Laing, assisted by the Rev. Thos. Duncan, the Rev. W. Luke Cunningham, to Frances A., fourth daughter of Wm. Jordan, Esq., of this city.

On Wednesday, by the Rev. Walter Scott Ralph, Mr. W. Herbert Smith of Collingwood, Ont., to Agnes Northup, eldest daughter of W. D. Harrington.

At Yarmouth, on the 9th inst., by Rev. Dr. Day, Henry C. Richards, D. D. S., and Miss Fannie S., daughter of W. H. Gridley, Esq.

At the residence of Capt. A. Rose, Ohio, Sept. 8th, by Rev. H. N. Parry, assisted by Rev. N. C. Saunders, Rev. J. W. Weeks, of Chester, to Miss Lizzie A. Craig, of Ohio, Yarmouth Co.

Deaths.

Suddenly, at Londonderry, on Friday the 10th inst., James Bain Morrow, Esq., of Halifax, in the 49th year of his age.

On the 9th inst., at the residence of Mr. Isaac S. Murray, Christiana, beloved wife of Rev. Jas. Mclean, of Londonderry.

At the Home for the Aged, on the 8th inst., Elizabeth, relict of the late Daniel Wier, Esq., M. P. P. for Hants Co., in the 81st year of her age.

On the 6th instant, at Victoria, B. C., Robt. H. Craze, formerly of Halifax, N.S.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., at Kentville, Sarah, relict of the late Jas. Lovett, Esq., aged 83.

At Economy, August 31st, 1880, Jane Patton, of Merigomish, wife of Henry McLaughlin, Upper Economy, in the 68th year of her age.

At Liverpool, on Sunday 5th, Zuba, widow of the late Charles Payzant, aged 47 years.

At Ingram River, Aug. 30th Marion Myrtle aged 11 months and 25 days, youngest daughter of Charles A., and Annie M. Whitman.

We'll weep not for our darling,
Too pure for earth was she;
Where sin and sorrow ne'er can blight,
An angel there we see,
There smiling in the light that clothes
Our Father and our God—
She waits our coming with delight,
In Heaven, her blest abode.

Suddenly at Scotch Village, Hants Co., on the 28th ult. of heart disease, Henry Marsters, aged 71 years. Bro. Marsters was engaged at work as usual on Friday and Saturday. He was called from a world of toil and labor, to a land of rest. Truly in the midst of life we are in death. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his departure.

At Westport on Tuesday, Aug. 24th, in the 45th year of her age, Harriet, the beloved wife of Mr. Charles Coggins, and daughter of the late Charles D. Hicks, Esq., of Bridgetown, Annapolis Co. The deceased was converted in early life, and united with the Methodist Church some 17 years ago. She was a consistent christian, a faithful and devoted wife and mother. Her religious life was guided by principle, rather than by feeling. She leaves a husband, three children, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Smart, (Wesleyan), and the writer. Sermon by special request of friends by the writer, who selected 1 Thes. iv. 13, 14.—Com by Rev. A. E. Ingram.—"Wesleyan" please copy.

On Saturday evening, 11th Sept., in the 34th year of her age, Mary A., beloved wife of James E. Dimock, and daughter of the late J. W. M. Irish, of St. John, N. B.

At the Provincial and City Hospital, Sept. 8th, 1880, Henry Bower, aged 43 years.

At the Gore, Hants Co., on Tuesday, Sept. 7th, Arthur, third son of Rebecca, and the late Saml. Coppin, aged 13 years.

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