

and A. W. Armstrong, Wolfville were, invited to seats.

At the request of the Council the candidate gave a concise account of his conversion, christian experience, and call to the ministry, which was satisfactory. His views of Christian doctrine and of the constitution, power and duties of the Christian church were clear and pleasing. Upon consideration it was voted that the Council recommend the ordination, and arrangements were made for the exercises, as follows:

Reading of the Scriptures by Secretary.

Prayer, by Rev. L. M. Weeks. Resume of Christian Doctrine, by Candidate.

Ordaining Prayer, by Rev. F. Kidson. Right hand of Fellowship and Charge to Candidate, by Rev. L. M. Weeks.

Charge to the Church, by Rev. F. Kidson.

Benediction, by Rev. W. J. Swaffield. These exercises were throughout impressive and pleasing.

A. W. ARMSTRONG, Sec'y. Port Hawkesbury, C. B.

For the Christian Messenger.

Ordination at Chester.

Pursuant to a call from the Baptist Church at Chester, a Council was convened in the Baptist Meeting House in that place on Wednesday, the 1st Sept., at 10 1/2 A. M., to take into consideration the propriety of ordaining brother John W. Weeks to the work of the gospel ministry.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, acted as chairman, and Rev. S. March as Secretary pro tem.

The proceedings opened with prayer, by Rev. M. W. Brown.

The following churches responded to the request to send delegates:—

Chester Church.—Deas. David Hume, Joseph Bezanson, Daniel Etter, Maynard Borgould, John Wayland, and Brothers Robert Smith, and Levi Oxner.

Bridgewater Church.—Rev. S. March, and Deacon B. W. C. Manning.

New Germany Church.—Rev. M. W. Brown, Deacon George Bars, Brethren Adam Durland, and Henry Webber.

Mahone Bay.—Deacons John Andrews and John Kirtle.

The Revs. D. W. C. Dimock, and John Williams were also invited by the church to sit in Council.

The following brethren also present were invited to take seats with the Council, Brethren Leander Delong, Daniel Durland, Whitman Webber, and Emerson Lantz.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock was appointed President of the Council, and Rev. S. March, Clerk.

The President offered prayer.

Dr. DeWitt as Clerk of the Church then by request read the Minutes of the Church, concerning the ordination of Bro. Weeks, and shewing that satisfactory arrangements had been made for his support.

Bro. Weeks at the request of the Council, presented his license to preach from the Sydney Church, which was read by the Clerk. He then proceeded to relate his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of Divine truth, in a very clear and concise manner, the Council putting such questions as seemed adapted to elucidate his views and sentiments upon all the leading doctrines, and in the most searching manner; to all of which satisfactory replies were given.

The candidate then retired. After due deliberation the following resolution was passed unanimously: Resolved, That this Council having heard the very satisfactory statements made by Bro. Weeks, of his Christian experience, call to the ministry and views of Divine truth, and deeming them to be in full accord with the sentiments of the Baptist Churches, and being convinced that he has been called to the work, hereby recommend the church to proceed with his ordination.

Resolved, That we recommend that the following be the order of the exercises this afternoon, at 2 1/2 o'clock.

That Rev. D. W. C. Dimock preach the Ordination Sermon. Rev. John Williams, ask a few leading questions. Rev. S. March offer the Ordaining Prayer.

Rev. M. W. Brown extend the Right hand of Fellowship.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock present the Charge to the Pastor.

Rev. S. March the Charge to the Church.

Rev. John W. Weeks close with benediction.

Also Resolved, That the Minutes of this Council be forwarded to the Christian Messenger and Christian Visitor for publication.

The Council adjourned after prayer by Rev. John Williams.

In the afternoon the congregation assembled and the above recommendations were carried into effect.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock preached a suitable and impressive sermon from 2 Tim. ii. 1. "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

The preacher prefaced his remarks by observing that about 40 years ago a sermon had been preached in the neighboring old place of worship, from these words on a somewhat similar occasion by his venerated father (Rev. Joseph Dimock), when the present speaker was the candidate, and remarked that although he now stood in a different relation, the words had lost none of their significance, and were equally applicable to the candidate of the day. He then proceeded to dwell upon the nature and source of ministerial strength. The exercises throughout were of an impressive character. We trust that our young brother will be abundantly prospered in his new field of labor, and will prove a blessing to the church over which he is placed.

S. MARCH, Clerk of Council.

For the Christian Messenger.

A Talk by the Way.

Perhaps some may think that as I have not been writing any thing about the Tabernacle of late, that the cause and work is on the decline, thank God it is not so. We are encouraged in the Word and work, and have a new scheme which we shall presently make public, and trust that every reader of this paper will give us some token of their approval and good will.

When the weather grows somewhat cooler, I shall endeavour to give a few notes of vacation travel, etc. One very cheering feature is the fact that during the summer the Tabernacle platform has been several times occupied by a young brother from Acadia College, Charles Eaton. We are glad he hails from among us, for from personal observation I am persuaded that he has the root of the matter in him, and gives great promise of being a good and able minister of our Lord Jesus Christ. May many such young men be raised to preach Christ crucified.

From the Upper Provinces.

The people of Buckhorn never witnessed such a day, as that of August the 15th, when the new Baptist church edifice was dedicated to the service of God. The structure has been built largely from the material of the building formerly occupied by the Harwich church, in Newcomb settlement, central between Ridgetown and Blenheim.

On Sabbath morning the new edifice was filled to its utmost capacity. The dedicatory sermon was preached at 10.30 o'clock A. M., by the Rev. T. L. Davidson, D. D., of Chatham.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the house was again full to overflowing to listen to a gospel message from the Rev. T. Baldwin, of St. Thomas, text John iii. 16, 17.

At BROOKVILLE, ONT., on Saturday, 29th ult. large congregations met morning and evening, and many seemed deeply impressed under the preaching of the Word. At the close of the evening service three persons, all heads of families, were baptized into the likeness of the Saviour's death.

At CHATHAM, ONT., Rev. Dr. Davidson, on Sabbath, Aug. 1st, at the conclusion of the celebration of the Lord's Supper, gave the Church notice of his intention to close his pastoral labors with them on the 1st of Nov. next, the end of his second year of pastoral service.

At a meeting of the official and leading members of the Church held on the Tuesday evening following, after a free discussion it was unanimously resolved not to receive the resignation of the Pastor. After hearing the views, and an expression of the feelings of the brethren, Dr. Davidson agreed not to press the acceptance of his resignation for a month.

At HAMILTON the resignation of Rev. Dr. Stewart, of the Baptist Church, was finally accepted on Wednesday evening last. The cause of his resignation was failing health and want of rest. It is expected that Mr. Stewart will vacate the pulpit in about a month. It is Dr. Stewart's intention to remove with his family to California, sometime about the third week in September.

The Baptist says: We have received from an esteemed friend in Brantford, a report of the proceedings at a picnic among the Indians connected with the Oshweken church, and also of the pres-

entation of an address by the Six Nation Indians, to Miss McPherson, of London, England. They appear to have had an excellent time, for which they were largely indebted to their pastor, Rev. Mr. Needham.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Canada Medical Association held its thirteenth Annual Session at Ottawa last week. It has some 400 or 500 members. Dr. Howard, of Montreal, is the President. Dr. Botsford, of St. John, N. B., read a paper on Sanitary Science. The importance of the acquisition of hygienic knowledge and of the adoption of sanitary legislation were dwelt upon.

The session closed on Thursday. The Governor-General has announced his intention of arriving in Hamilton on the 24th inst. for the purpose of formally opening the Ontario Exhibition.

It is said there will be only about twenty-five clerks, appointed to perform the inside work on the coming Census, and they will not be appointed until next April. There are already fifteen hundred applications for positions.

The award in the Halifax City Railroad case has been made, adverse to the Company, they not being awarded any damages whatever.

The French Government has decided to send to Canada a special commissioner who shall report on the agricultural resources and climatology of this country. His name is De La Londe.

Small-pox having broken out among the Indians at Maniwaki, the Tete Brules became alarmed, and removed northwards to their hunting grounds. The disease spread amongst them, and several died before they reached the Saskatoon. In some cases the dead bodies were left unburied. The survivors were in great distress.

Large shipments of lumber continue to be made from mills in Ottawa to the States.

It is reported upon excellent authority that the French Government, has just decided to grant a subsidy of one hundred thousand dollars to a Franco-Canadian line of steamers between the ports of Montreal and Havre. A private cablegram announcing this was received on Friday.

UNITED STATES.—President Hays on his way to California has been at Chicago and Cleveland the past week and has addressed the authorities there and at other places.

Despite the feeling aroused between the Gentiles and Mormons, over the President's visit, his welcome to Utah was hearty. Large and enthusiastic crowds gathered at Ogden depot and stations beyond, with music and banners.

The decrease of the public debt during August was twelve millions.

The returns of the clearing house at Chicago, for August was \$137,000,000, against \$96,000,000 for the corresponding month of last year, an increase of 42 per cent. The clearings for the first eight months of the year was \$1,053,000,000, against \$738,000,000, for the same period in 1879, and increase of 43 per cent.

Superintendent Kimball, of the United States Service, has ordered the equipment of forty two life-saving stations along the New Jersey coast, to take place on the 1st inst. This is one month earlier than usual, on account of predictions of unusually heavy September gales.

The steamship Canada, from Havre to New York on Wednesday morning, brought 2,610,000 francs in gold.

At the Grand Council held at Los Pinos, on the 28th ult., Chief Sapovonari was elected Ouray's successor. The Utes have killed five of Ouray's best horses, that they may accompany him to the happy hunting grounds.

Rev. D. M. DeHughes, Methodist minister, of Cinnimons, N. J., and publisher of the Christian Herald of that place, jumped from the ferry boat while crossing to Philadelphia on Monday night and was drowned.

The British schooner Riverside, bound from Boston to Nova Scotia, was run into on Sunday evening, off Cape Ann, by an unknown schooner. She had her port quarter damaged, and rigging and sails considerably injured. She since put into Portsmouth N. H. in distress.

Walking feats are getting tame out west. Nothing less than matching men against horses will now do. At Chicago a race was to begin on Sunday last. The contest to last 156 hours, for \$4,000 in prizes. O'Leary was to ride a horse, with 160 pounds added, against three men for thirty miles, each man to run ten miles. These runners, it is understood, are James McLeary, the famous champion of Scotland, White Eagle, the equally famous Indian runner of the Caughnawaga tribe, and Charles Price, the ten mile champion of England.

The steamer Vera Cruz, which sailed from New York on the 25th for Havana, either went ashore on, or foundered just off the Florida coast, on Monday night or Tuesday morning of last week during a heavy storm, and all on board perished.

The bodies of a lady and a little child were found on the shore, making five bodies recovered, three others being corpses of unknown men. Two, from the dress, are thought to be passengers and the other a sailor.

The shore for forty miles south is strewn with the cargo of the steamer. All the mails were recovered, and will

be forwarded to their destinations. The steamer had 32 passengers and a crew of 50 picked men. She was a screw vessel 296 feet long, 37 feet beam, 26 feet deep, and with draught of 19 feet, three decks.

ENGLAND.—The House of Commons has passed the Census Bill. The motion that the census indicate religious persuasion was opposed by John Bright, and rejected.

The House of Lords went into committee on Tuesday night on the general game bill. Amendments were carried against the Government limiting the right to shoot to the occupier and other person, and establishing the "close" time from May to August.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson called attention to forcible interference with affairs of foreign countries, and asked the Government what was the object of the naval demonstration which, he said, if not a sham, was the first step towards war.

Lord Hartington replied that this Government earnestly hoped that no necessity for coercion would arise. Their object was to render the existence of the Turkish Government possible by settlement of the difficulties threatening it.

The Irish meeting in Hyde Park on Sunday last was most disorderly. Several thousand people were present—a majority merely from curiosity. Mr. T. P. O'Connor denounced the House of Lords as the most disgraceful and oppressive assembly existing. His remarks were only audible to his immediate neighbors. In a few minutes the temporary platform was completely carried away by the rush of the crowd. Resolutions for the cessation of evictions and the reform of the House of Lords were subsequently declared carried, but the proceedings were merely a dumb show.

SOUTH AFRICA.—The news from Basutoland is again disquieting. The people are imploring protection. If matters do not settle, colonial forces must enter the country.

TURKEY.—The Turkish troops are rapidly proceeding to the Greek frontier. Seventeen hundred arrived at Volo and Prevesa last week. A Monitor has been towed to Prevesa to guard the harbor.

A council of ministers at Constantinople, have been discussing the Montenegrin frontier question since Sunday. The result of the discussion has been forwarded to the Sultan.

WEST INDIES.—The Kingston, Ja., Bulletin, Aug. 20, says: The hurricane of the night of the 18th was the most destructive in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Vessels were sunk and driven ashore, wharves destroyed, roofs blown off, trees uprooted and a catalogue of other damages sustained impossible now to estimate.

INDIA.—The Viceroy of India on the 1st inst., telegraphed that a messenger who left Candahar on the 26th ult., reports that Ayob Khan's force was on the Argand, 23,000 strong.

Large numbers of tribesmen were said to be joining the detachment of Ayob Khan's force at Takhl Pul to oppose General Phayr's advance.

An official despatch from Quetta, dated 2nd inst., says Gen. Roberts attacked and dispersed Ayob Khan's force, and captured 27 guns. The Cabulese have retreated up the Argand valley.

A later despatch says casualties, in addition to those previously reported, include 3 officers of cavalry slightly wounded. The 92nd Highlanders had 51 wounded, three of whom have since died. The 72nd had 17 wounded, of whom 6 died. Among native troops 11 were killed and 72 wounded. The total number wounded is about 210.

Ayob Khan has written General Roberts an apologetic letter, saying he was forced to fight. General Roberts replied that he (Ayob Khan) must surrender unconditionally.

RUSSIA.—With reference to reports of alleged plots to take the life of the Czar while on his way to Livadia, Moscow, the paper states a policeman, a fortnight ago, found the inmates of a small house, near the Charkoff railway, engaged in excavation. They said they were making a cellar. Search was made, when it was discovered that they had begun to make a tunnel towards the railway; the diggers disappeared.

News.

ANNAPOLIS is again afflicted with A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

in the shape of a most fiendish murder, and an attempt to conceal the crime, by burning the body of a young woman.

It appears that two men, named Munroe, living near the Liverpool Road, about twenty miles from Annapolis, saw indications of a fire near where they lived, and, fearing it might spread, went to put it out. On coming to the place they found a pile of burning brush, and the arm and leg of a human being protruding from the pile. They hastened out and got Dr. Marshall of Moose River and others to go to the place and recover the remains whilst they went to notify the authorities.

It also appears, that early in the morning of the same day, a man having a woman in a wagon had been seen driving towards this place, and about an hour and a half later the same man

drove back without the woman. A man supposed to be the same was seen about 11 o'clock, driving fast over the Bear River hill, and had his hat pulled down over his face. The descriptions given of this man answered to that of Joseph Thibeau, keeper of the poor house at North Range, Digby County. Efforts were set on foot to trace the man. The remains of the murdered woman were brought to Annapolis on Wednesday night. It is described as presenting a ghastly appearance. From the shoulders up it is perfect, with the exception of a scar upon one of the temples, and being blackened by the smoke. Both feet were burned off, but the boots were untouched, having been preserved by the stones piled upon them. From appearance she was of French descent and ancient.

One of the parties in search for the murderer, on Friday evening about 8 o'clock suddenly entered the house of the suspected Joseph Thibeau at South Range, and found him lying on a lounge. He had no chance of escape and was arrested. He was much agitated and although a strong man, almost swooned whilst the hand-cuffs were being put on him. He was taken to Digby jail for the night, and next day taken on to Annapolis. A Mrs. Scott, an inmate of the poor house, was also taken to Annapolis for the purpose of identifying the remains of the murdered woman, which she did, stating that they were those of Charlotte Hill, also an inmate of the almshouse, between 20 and 30 years of age. Mrs. Scott recognized her by her nose, the absence of teeth, hair, a piece of comb, which the girl carried, her boots, her stockings, and a piece of her saccue. She also said they all went to bed at the poor house as usual on the night before the murder. In the morning Thibeau and the girl were missing. Thibeau returned. The girl did not.

Thibeau admits that the horse as described, belongs to him. It was found in his pasture. The prisoner is in good circumstances, owns two fine farms, about sixty head of cattle, and has several thousand dollars out on interest. When questioned, he could give no satisfactory account as to his whereabouts on Wednesday.

On examination Thibeau was asked to look at the corpse and handle it, which he did without any change of countenance. His wife and son were present, but not sworn. Thibeau's son was found on Saturday in the woods with his father's horse and wagon and a pair of pants stained with blood. Thibeau's wife and son, horse, wagon and pants were brought to Annapolis.

On subsequent examination the prisoner Thibeau was committed for trial in the Supreme Court.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY.—The tea-meeting at St. Margaret's Bay, on the 1st inst. was a grand success. About \$200 were realized. Much credit is due to the people of Halifax for their patronage, and the Baptists of the Bay wish to thank their Halifax friends for their aid, and also for making the day so enjoyable.

OUR INTERESTED. St. Margaret's Bay, Sept. 7, 1880.

AURALINE TESTAMONIAL.—Dear Sir, I caught a severe cold in my head, it caused me to be quite deaf, my ears seemed shut up, and the pain kept me from sleep. I did not know what to do, until one day a friend advised me to try AURALINE, which she gave me, I put a few drops in my ear, and it gave me immediate relief. The pain I have not felt since. I take pleasure in offering you this testimonial, and you can publish it if you wish.

THE HEAT on Saturday, Sunday and Monday last was perhaps greater than on any other three consecutive days this year. The thermometer on Monday stood at 95° in the middle of the day and in the evening at 80°.

EXHIBITION WEEK, is likely to be a lively time in Halifax. On the opening day a cricket match. A race between Hamm, Mann, McKay and Fleming is being arranged. A torch-light procession of the fire brigade is talked of. The grandest display of fire works yet seen in Halifax. An exhibition of the electric light, &c., &c.

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