

and permanently shut out we took it up and provided a place for it and for our meetings also.

Here I must add a few words to my former "Caution to Baptists." If you are persuaded to buy pews in a Methodist Meeting house on the promise of privilege, first ascertain whether there are any qualifying clauses in the Deed which will render null and void all such promises.

It is a common thing to find Methodists freely occupying Baptist houses without specified restrictions as to the "doctrines" they may or may not preach or any specified limits.

Now about that "Mill Pond." Nothing would have been said or thought of the matter if a very straight report had not become current that a zealous sister of another society (said to be a Methodist) had made her boast that she "hoisted the gate and drained the pond."

Now, Mr. Editor, I am sorry that it is necessary to take so much of your space with a local matter, but justice seemed to demand this plain statement of facts.

Yours truly, J. H. ROBBINS. Middleton, Feb. 7th, 1880.

For the Christian Messenger. Funds for Bible Work.

Mr. Editor,— I notice in your paper of Jan. 28th, a letter signed by the President and Cor. Secy. of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

Not many weeks ago I was asked by one of my Brethren, "How do the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces do their Bible work?"

The case stands thus. The American and Foreign Bible Society has, according to the admission of its own Secretary, used forty-two cents of every dollar received during the last four years, to pay its running expenses.

Two other societies viz.: the American Baptist Missionary Union and the American Baptist Publication Society are ready to receive and expend all monies intrusted to them for Bible work without abatement for running expenses.

Now from the communication published in your paper it would seem that there was to be no diminution for current expenses, but it makes no difference whether forty cents are taken from every dollar or eighty cents from every other.

A. CONOON. Hebron, Feb. 3, 1880.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

A talk by the Way.

Knowing the interest which your readers feel in The Tabernacle, I can no longer refrain from speaking, maybe some of those who have gone on pilgrimage will be strengthened and encouraged by reading of the Lord's dealings and continued faithfulness into us who are but a feeble band.

But Association and Convention matters gave the Messenger such an abundant supply of material of special interest, I thought it prudent and a good time to confine myself to Buds and Blossoms.

At the close of the year we had cause to rejoice in increase, and to thank God for his sustaining and prospering grace, nevertheless, when we thought of the past victories for Jesus it stirred our hearts to ask and seek like and even fuller blessing for the new year.

The waters have been stirred the past three Lord's days, and during the week our continuous meetings have brought several others to decide for Christ. Last Thursday evening at the enquirer's meeting many expressed their anxiety.

Special services are being held in the North Baptist Church with good indications.

There are also services, in the vestry of the Free Baptist Church, Starr Street, every evening except Saturday.

DONATIONS AT BEULAH AND BAPTISMS AT ECONOMY.—Dear Bro. Selden,—On the last evening of the old year the Beulah Church placed us under obligation by a generous donation.

On the 11th inst., it was my privilege to baptize two persons at Economy. The congregations were large and attentive.

The following extract of a letter not intended for publication received by a friend, has been handed to us to make such use of as we might deem desirable.

DOVER, MAINE, Jan. 23, 1880. My Dear Brother,— Your letter of the 16th inst., just received inclosing your Latin translation of the Twenty-third Psalm.

We observed the Week of Prayer; at its close we were satisfied that the meetings should be continued.

Yours in behalf of eternal life, GEO. F. MILES. Amherst, Jan. 24, 1880.

In answer to prayer, the church has been greatly revived, wandering ones have returned, grievances have been amicably settled, and precious souls, we believe have been born into the kingdom, such as shall be saved.

Bro. G.N. Ballentine of Maitland came to our help just when much needed, and is still with us, rendering valuable assistance.

The first Sabbath in this month two young men followed Christ in baptism. At a special conference yesterday five were received as candidates for church membership after baptism.

HEBRON, YARMOUTH CO.—We are glad to hear from Rev. A. Cohoon on the 11th Inst., that he baptized 8 more last Sabbath and that others are coming.

CHEGGOGGIN, YARMOUTH CO.—Rev. H. N. Parry writes, Feb 12th, 1880:—Since my last note I have had the privilege of baptizing three persons.

YARMOUTH ITEMS.—The members of the South Yarmouth and Arcadia Baptist Churches and congregations paid a visit to their pastor and his family, one evening recently and presented them with useful articles.

LITTLE RIVER.—Special Union Meetings are being held here with good interest, conducted by Revs. A. H. Lavers and T. H. Siddall, assisted by Rev. I. Porter.

FATAL AND MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—A sad occurrence at Melbourne was reported here on Monday. It seems that Mrs. Jos. Allen, a widow, who lived with her daughter, attempted to light a fire in her room during her daughter's absence.

The visit of two members of the Royal Commission on the agricultural distress in the mother country, and the favorable report of the tenant farmers who at the instance of my Government have examined into the farming capabilities of the Dominion, will, it is believed, generally increase the number of immigrants during the present year.

We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the number of settlers who have during the past year come into our Northwest from Great Britain and the United States, as well as from the older Provinces of the Dominion.

Every effort has been made to hasten the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Lake Superior to Red River, and no doubt is entertained that the railway will be opened for traffic between those important points within the time specified in the contract.

The following bulletin was issued on Sunday morning:—Her Royal Highness is much recovered from the shock. Her ear is slightly cut and the side of her head bruised.

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does not convey the true idea of the Psalmist. The "waters" may have been "still," possibly; but more probably running brooks.

And further, "still" does not modify "waters." I venture to give a free translation:—"He guides me beside the waters which cause stillness (or rest, or quiet) to the soul."

Among the converts are nine men and their wives; and four of these families have come from the pedobaptists. We have an excellent "Jordan" running near the meeting house; but the other day I suggested to a few of the brethren that a Baptistry be put into the church.

Probably I shall visit Nova Scotia during my next summer vacation. I want to see my old friends in Kentville, where I supplied the little Baptist Church a short time about a year ago, at the time of the illness and death of my wife.

Yours very truly, GEORGE E. TUFTS.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The Dominion Parliament was opened on Thursday last with the usual formalities. The scene in the Senate Chamber was a brilliant one.

The Senate Chaplain opened the sitting with prayer. Shortly after, the Governor General entered the Chamber accompanied by H. R. H. Princess Louise. His Excellency read the following

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have great pleasure in meeting you again for the despatch of the business of the country.

The abundant harvest with which Providence has blessed Canada is a cause for the deepest thankfulness, and I heartily congratulate you on the evidences which surround us of a recovery from the commercial and industrial depression which has so long weighed down the energies of the people.

Our returning prosperity should, I think, direct our attention to the less fortunate circumstances of our fellow subjects in Ireland, where so much destitution prevails, and I invite your consideration of the best means of showing our practical sympathy with their distress.

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The following official despatch from Ottawa on Saturday last, will be read with much concern. We are thankful that the accident was not a more serious one:

The covered sleigh in which Her Royal Highness and His Excellency, attended by Col. McNeil, and Hon. Mrs. Langham were going to the drawing room, was upset as it passed out of the grounds of Government House, and was dragged about 400 yards, when it was most providentially stopped by the Hon. Mr. Bagot and a groom, who were in one of the sleighs which preceded the Vice-Royal sleigh.

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Canadian Pacific Railway and secure the connection by steam of the fertile district of Kamloops with the capital of British Columbia.

The adoption of a rigid system of economy in the management of the Intercolonial Railway has, without impairing the efficiency of its working, effected such a diminution of expense as to warrant the belief that the country will in future be relieved from any considerable burden in connection with its operation.

In consequence of the entire failure of the usual food supply of the Indians in the North West, a large expenditure has been necessarily incurred to save them from starvation. It is hoped that the efforts which are now being made to settle the several bands on the reserves, and to induce them to betake themselves to the cultivation of the soil, may prevent the necessity of similar calls for relief in the future.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you; they have been prepared with all due regard to economy.

You will be pleased to learn that the effect of the tariff of last session, in the development of the varied industries of the country has on the whole been very satisfactory. The experience acquired since it came into operation in March last has suggested the expediency of some amendments, to which your attention will be directed.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Bills for the better organization of the civil service, for the consolidation of the Inland Revenue laws, and for the amendment of the Acts relating to the Dominion lands; to the Public Works, to the Indians of the Northwest, and to the mounted police force, will be laid before you.

The Acts incorporating the Banks of the Dominion will expire next year, and the present would seem a favorable time for a full consideration of our banking system and of the subject of the currency as connected with that system.

The subject of the laws relating to insolvency will doubtless engage your attention.

The increasing foreign trade of Canada and the prospect that Her Majesty's Government will enter ere long into negotiations with foreign nations on the subject of their trade and commercial relations, demand our closest attention and watchfulness, while a rapid development of the Dominion is continually giving rise to important matters requiring the support and action of the Imperial Government, with the concurrence of Her Majesty. I therefore recommend you to sanction the appointment of a permanent representative of Canada in London, to guard her various interests.

The subjects I have mentioned are of great importance. I commend them with full confidence in your wisdom and patriotism to your best consideration.

In the House of Commons the new members were introduced and took their seats, and the House adjourned to the following day.

On Friday after the usual routine Mr. H. Richey, Esq., moved the Address in reply to the Opening Speech.

Mr. R. spoke at some length on the various topics in the Speech.

Mr. Houde seconded the Address, speaking in French. Mr. Mackenzie, Sir John A. Macdonald and several others spoke, after which the address was read clause by clause, and made subject of remark and enquiry as to the intentions of Government.

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