and permanently shut out we took it up RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE. 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. If you are then satisfied to buy; obtain a written statement specifying to what extent Baptists can occupy the house. If our brethren will heed these cautions they will save themselves much trouble.

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. But because the Baptists at Port George held a few extra meetings in the Methodist house, in which they have a right, they must be shut out, with the intimation, from the authorities, that the intention is to keep them out. But under the pressure of circumstances they grant a privilege "once a month," delaying the full execution of the intention "till further notice from the trustees."

Now about that "Mill Pond." Noth ing would have been said or thought o 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 this woman may have said it only as a joke, or it may be only report; but it was easy to believe that it was truth for we had before seen manifestations of a similar spirit; as for instance, when a lady (said to belong to the Methodist society) interrupted the service and disturbed a large and attentive congregation with her muttered threat. "If I had my way I would kick him out of the pulpit," and the relation between this person and the one whom report said boasted of "draining the pond," was by no means distant. The spirit of the two acts was so similar that having witnessed the one we could not help believing the other. Now it is said a workman drained the pond. Perhaps so, but the same opinion pervails as when I wrote before.

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. and here I finally leave the matter. But as there are principles involved that are brought out, I hope our brethren will profit by our experience, and avoid difficulties by giving careful attention to " Deed's and Pledges."

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 "? From what I have noticed in the Examiner & Chronicle since that question was asked me, I am convinced that it is a question of considerable im portance.

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. With our Brethren over the border the question then is, shall we give a dollar to direct Bible work or shall I give sixty cents to Bible work

and forty cents to pay for expending it? Now from the communication published in your paper it would seem that est. 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. The question with me is shall we continue to support a Society which is no longer a necessity, or shall we do our Bible work through our own Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

A. COHOON:

Hebron, Feb. 3, 1880.

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. A noting now and again some special favour, or rehearsing some testimony heard within our place of assembly may be the means of stirring others to go on pilgrimage, I will therefore endeavour, to renew, as of old my notes. It has not been for lack of interest in our meetings my pen was stayed, for this past summer and fall the prayer meetings have been most encouragingly sustained.

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, and the gathering cloud threatens to break with a flood tide of blessing on our head, and the expectation has roused many to renewed activity and consecration.

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. One of the Lord's little ones (about 12 years old) stood up for Jesus, declared her love and hope to be in Him, and asked to be received into our fellowship. A few minutes after the mother arose and confessed herself a follower of Jesus, and desired to be received for baptism. It was a precious and cheering sight to see them thus together obey the Lord Jesus Christ, the service was very solemn and at the close, whilst some remained to pray, enquirers gathered in another room, and we soon expect to see others buried with Christ. Meantime brethren help us by praying for us.

Special services are being held in the North Baptist Church with good indica-

J. F. AVERY.

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. We met at the residence of Bro. Enoch Phalen's where all were warmed and welcomed. After a good substantial meal, music, and purse presented, we listened to a noble address from Rev. William George, Bro M. D. Pride also favored us with one of his pleasant speeches, all seemed better prepared to begin this New Year. Especially those indebted to the donors.

On the 11th inst., it was my privilege to baptize two persons at Economy. The congregations were large and attentive. There were quite a number present who had never seen the ordinance administered before. This is the fourth time I have baptized since taking the eversight of the churches from Five Islands to Portaupique, and along the shore, there is a bright prospect for the future for those who are praying for the presperity of the cause of God.

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

SCOTCH VILLAGE, NEWPORT. - Dear Bro. Selden,-As your readers undoubtedly are always glad to hear of souls becoming volunteers for Christ, some notes from Newport might be read with inter-

We observed the Week of Prayer; at its close we were satisfied that the meetings should be continued. Consequently we have held meetings at the Baptist Church at the Village nearly every evening since. God's people be lieving that the set time to favour Zion had come, sent up to God the cry of Habakkuk, "O Lord revive thy work."

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. He baptized two happy converts February 1st. Many more are saying "O that I knew where I might find him."

We hope to visit the baptismal waters again next Sabbath, as some have expressed their willingness to obey the Lord in all his appointed ways. Brethren pray for us.

A. T. DYKEMAN.

MELVERN SQUARE, Feb. 14,1880 .- Dear Bro.-God is blessing Zion and saving souls in our midst. Bro. Rideout, who is now at Tremont with Bro. Read, was with us part of two weeks. He is full of the vigor of youth.

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, and seven others, children from the Sabbath School offered themselves to the church, but "because of their tender age" their case was deferred two weeks, others are inquiring, and we are much encouraged. Pray for us.

Yours, &c., WM. E. HALL.

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.

CHEGOGGIN, YARMOUTH Co.-Rev. H. N. Parry writes, Feb 12th, 1880 :- Since my last note I have had the privilege of baptizing three persons. We feel much encouraged in the work here. The Church is united and working, and we expect to welcome others from time to time. Quite a number are almost persuaded to give themselves wholly to Jesus. The Messenger just received, certainly brings in precious news concerning the work us different places. "The Lord be praised."

YARMOUTH ITEMS .- The members of the South Yarmouth and Arcadia Baptist Churches and congregations paid a visit to their pastor and his family, one even ing recently and presented them with useful articles. Much of encourage ment were warmly spoken by those present to which the Pastor briefly responded.

LITTLE RIVER.—Special Union Meet ings are being held here with good in terest, conducted by Revs. A. H. Lavers and T. H. Siddall, assisted by Rev. I Porter. Last Sunday three were baptized, the respective pastors of each church taking part and assisting each other. It was a glorious day, and a large company assembled on the borders of the Chebogue River, adjoining Capt Clements' ground. The sight was one that will long be remembered. More are expected to follow.

FATAL AND MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT. - A sad occurrence at Melbourne was re ported 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. A large volume of smoke was seen issuing from the house by a neighbor. He immediately went to the premises, and found Mrs. Allen in a dying condiwas burned from her person, Her hair was entirely consumed, and her flesh was badly charred and blackened. She expired the same afternoon. Mrs. Allen was sister to Jas. B. Kinney, Esq., and Mrs. A. C. White, and was a member of the South Yarmouth Baptist Church. Her remains were interred in the Arcadia cemetery on Wednesday. The funeral services were conducted by the Paston, Rev. A. H. Lavers.

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. It contains good news we know a number of friends will be pleased to hear, and therefore place it before our readers.

DOVER, MAINE, Jan. 23, 1880. My Dear Brother,-

Your letter of the I6th inst., just received inclosing your Latin translation of the Twenty-third Psalm. I like your translation of that beautiful Psalm very much. I took down my Hebrew Bible from the shelf-and I am sorry to say that I do not take it down very often —and compared your Latin with David's Hebrew. You have noticed, I presume, that our English version of the clause, " he leadeth me beside the still waters,"

bably 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." The whole Psalm is worth a critical study. Several times I have examined every word of it in the language of David, and always with profit.

My church is passing through glorious revival. We have been holding meetings every evening for six weeks. Have this week discontinued all but the regular meetings. We have been re joiced to hear the cries of the wounded and songs of the delivered. It is no uncommon thing to hear, in our prayer meetings, the voices of 20 or 30 or more, who, a few weeks ago, were strangers to divine grace.

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 he put into the church. They began to hand out five dollars apiece; so, I see the work will soon be done. Among those whom I shall baptize, will be two, and probably three, "household" baptisms; but they have all "believed."

I must now close, when you come to New England again call on me. I am two hours' ride, by rail from Bangor. Probably I shall visit Nova Scotia

during my next summer vacation. 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. I think of the earnest Christians there very often, and pray for their prosperity.

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 brilliant one. Three or four hundred ladies were present in full dress.

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 fol lowing

OPENING SPEECH:

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 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, 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

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.

The visit of two members of the Royal Commission on the agricultural distress in the mother country, and the favorspecially called to this subject.

the authority given by Parliament last ment House. session, nearly one hundred miles from an early day, afford railway facilities ing most favorably. through two hundred miles of the most Simpson to the Pine River Pass and through the Peace River country, it has been decided to adopt the location of the line to Burrard Inlet, and contracts have been awarded for one hundred and twenty-seven miles of the railway be- Fisheries and Penitentiaries. tween Emery's Bar, on the Fraser River, and Slovan's Ferry. This work will be vigorously proceeded with so soon as the plete the most difficult portion of the imported oils.

does not convey the true idea of the Canadian Pacific Railway and secure the Psalmist. The "waters" may have connection by steam of the fertile disbeen "still," possibly; but more pro- trict of Kamleops with the capital of British Columbia.

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The adoption of a rigid system of econ. my in the management of the Intercolenial 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

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

tion will be directed.

some amendments, to which your atten-

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

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 fereign 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

M. 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. The address finally passed and the House adjourned.

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

The covered sleigh in which Her Royal Highness and His Excellency, attended by Col. McNeil, and Hon. Mrs. Langham able report of the tenant farmers who | were going to the drawing room, was upat the instance of my Government have set as it passed out of the grounds of examined into the farming capabilities Government House, and was dragged tion. Almost every particle of clothing of the Dominion, will, it is believed, about 400 yards, when it was mest progenerally increase the number of im- videntially stopped by the Hon. Mr. migrants during the present year, and Bagot and a groom, who were in one of preparations must be made for their the sleighs which preceded the Vicereception, and your attention will be Regal sleigh. The Princess received a severe contusion on the side of the head, Every effort has been made to hasten and the lobe of her right ear was also the construction of the Canadian Pacific cut. Mrs. Langham was much bruised Railway from Lake Superior to Red on the left arm; His Excellency slightly River, and no doubt is entertained that contused on the forehead; Colonel Mcthe railway will be opened for traffic be- Neill unhurt. Doctors Grant and Balding tween those important points within the | were in immediate attendance, the time specified in the contract. Under former remaining all night at Govern-

The following bulletin was issued on Red River to the Western boundary of Sunday morning: -Her Royal Highness Manitoba has been placed under con- is much recovered from the shock. Her tract, and tenders are about being asked ear is slightly cut and the side of her for the construction of another hundred head bruised. The muscles of her neck miles from the boundary westward: The are considerably strained. She passed completion of these two sections will, at a good night, and at present is progress?

The bulletin of Monday morning was fertile land in the Northwest. After an "Her Royal Highness passed a good exploratory survey of the line from Fort | night, and is progressing most favorably." Montreal is suffering great depression and a large number of empty houses.

On Monday the following reports were brought down :- Postal, Militia, Public Works, Inland Revenue, Marine and

Messrs. Colby and Bechard introduced bills to repeal the insolvency laws. Mr. Colby also introduced a bill to spring opens. Its construction will com- harmonize the fire test of native and