

soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he pur-

poseth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

If given in a right spirit it is accepted of God, who knoweth what a man hath, and receives it as a gift unto himself, for in Exodus xxv. 2, God speaks of "my offering." Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

I will not now try to argue the question, 'Why you should help us finish the Tabernacle,' but simply ask you to consider the work and claim before God, and then respond as the still small voice may direct. Our people strive to help themselves. Our Tea-meeting and fancy sale on Easter Monday, brought us clear of all expenses—about 115 dollars, enough to pay the half year's interest on the land, and also to give the Sewing Circle a nice little balance to start afresh for another effort.

J. F. AVERY, Pastor.

For the Christian Messenger. Colchester & Cumberland Counties Baptist S. S. Convention

Dear Sir,— You have been very kind in publishing from time to time the notice of the meetings of the "Colchester and Cumberland Counties Baptist Sabbath School Convention," and now I ask for a short space in your columns to report our meeting held in Pugwash, Cumberland, on the 24th ult. I do this in the hope that some sections of Colchester, and especially of Cumberland, may be aroused to a greater sense of their inefficiency in this most important department of Christian work.

The gathering was not large, but the meetings were very interesting. We had first a very good paper from Rev. H. Buel, on "How to teach the lesson," which has already appeared in Christian Messenger, another from Rev. J. E. Goucher on "Sabbath School Concerts." The paper and the lively discussion that followed brought out the objectionable, as well as the desirable features of Sabbath School Concerts.

Rev. C. H. Martell, read a very interesting paper, which is to appear in Christian Messenger, on the relation of the Sabbath School, to the family and the pulpit.

We think all teachers present went to their work better equipped for having attended this session of Convention. Some of our Sister Teachers took part in the discussion, which added to the interest of the meetings.

We felt the want of more enthusiasm in Superintendents and Teachers, as to the importance of Sabbath School Conventions. We only need more hearty co-operation to make this Institution a power for good. We call upon every one interested in Sabbath Schools to give the Convention that support its best friends think it worthy of, and they will agree with the regular attendants, that the Institution is too essential to successful Sabbath School work to be dispensed with.

We would like at our next meeting of Convention to have every school in these two counties represented by letter and delegates.

A. J. WALKER, Sec'y.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Dear Editor,—

We have been enjoying a quiet but deep and effective work of grace in this church of late

Some weeks ago, at a monthly Conference, we decided to hold a few special meetings, for the benefit of the church.

But few meetings were held before an increasing interest was manifested, some unconverted ones desired their continuance, and it was evident that the Spirit of God was present among the people. Backsliders began to return, sinners to ask the prayers of the church, and a deep religious impression to rest upon

the congregation. With old difficulties settled, and the church on her knees at the throne of Grace, it was easy to work and expect blessed results. In our expectations we have not been disappointed, for already nineteen of the strength and vigor of the community, having sought and obtained pardon through Christ, and followed Him in baptism; and more are ready. The church is truly revived and the outlook full of promise. Bro. Wm. Filmore, licentiate, rendered valuable assistance to the pastor during part of the meetings. At his request three weeks ago, I visited Appin Road Lot 30, a field recently opened by him, to baptize four persons, who trusting in Christ, desired to walk in His steps. On Sunday last, I there baptized nine more joyful believers. These unite with Clyde River Church. Our brother has been the means of doing much good among this people. Bro. Ross has entered upon his mission there.

Yours truly, C. C. BURGESS.

North River, P. E. I., April 6th 1880.

PORT MEDWAY.—Dear Editor,—Our hearts have been rejoiced by hearing that God has been working in different parts of His vineyard, and many have professed faith in Him, who alone is able to save.

While we have rejoiced at hearing good news from other places, we have been made glad by God's blessing coming to us. A few months ago, this church was in a very low condition. Four deacons had lately died, and we had but one remaining. There were very few active members. Besides this, troubles have existed, which have hung as a dead weight upon the church for over twenty years. The active ones were almost ready to give up the church in despair. By the blessing of God upon our earnest efforts, all these troubles have been removed, and we feel that the church is now bound together in love.

We have held extra meetings since the 1st of March. Many backsliders have returned, and last Sabbath it was my privilege to lead six happy converts down into the baptismal waters. Six others have united with us by letter. Some besides these have found the Saviour, and more are anxious.

We hope that what we have seen is but the beginning of this blessed work.

Yours in Christ, A. N. ROSCOE.

April 9th, 1880.

PORT MEDWAY.—Yesterday I had the privilege of baptizing two more persons on a profession of faith in Jesus.

A. N. ROSCOE.

April 12, 1880.

OHIO, YARMOUTH, Co.—Dear Brother,—We commenced a series of religious meetings from the Week of Prayer, continuing until nearly the close of March. The meetings became increasingly interesting, so that during the month of March I baptized willing converts three Sabbaths in succession. The Scarlet fever then commenced spreading in Hebron, and was extending its influence into Ohio, so that it was thought best to suspend the meetings for a season. I understand that the disease is decreasing so that we can all resume our labours again. There were nine persons baptized at Ohio.

J. ROWE.

Hebron, April 8, 1880.

NEW CHURCH AT LOWER STEWACKE.—Dear Bro. Selden,—You will be pleased to hear that we have so far succeeded in devising means and pledges for removing the cumbersome debt of \$570 on our meeting house in Lower Stewacke, that it is reduced to about \$125.00, yet to be secured. We hope to raise this amount in some way, especially if friends interested will forward pledges of money for this purpose.

Yours etc., D. FREEMAN.

Lower Stewacke, April 14, 1880.

WOLFVILLE.—We are glad to learn that Rev. S. W. DeBlois baptized five persons in the Baptistry at Wolfville on Sunday last, one of whom was a great grandchild of Father Harding. They were received into the church with two others by letter. On Tuesday 11th, Dr. Sawyer preached a sermon on behalf of Home Missions, and a collection for that object was taken up amounting to nearly \$50.00. The Sabbath School under the able superintendence of J. W. Bars, Esq., gave a very successful concert in the evening.

BRIDGEWATER.—Rev. S. March writes April 12:—"I had the privilege of Baptizing yesterday, and hope that better days are in store for the church here in all its sections."

GRANVILLE.—Rev. F. Beattie baptized nine followers of Christ at Victoria Beach on Sunday last. Others are expected shortly to walk in the same path of obedience to our Lord's command.

The practice of "infant baptism" is evidently waning. The latest indications of this is the fact that a Congregational Church in Natick, Mass. has by vote formally abolished the practice. The Congregationalist tells of another church in which, outside of one family, there have been but two cases of infant baptism in fifteen years.

A decree of toleration to the Baptist churches in Russia has recently been published. It provides that their worship shall henceforth be unhindered, and, indeed, expressly permitted throughout the empire. It also provides for the introduction of civil marriages, and for recognition of the marriages already celebrated by the Baptist pastors.

The Translation of the entire Bible into the language of the New Hebrides is just completed.

A JEW AND THE BAPTISTS.—Sir N. M. de Rothschild has very generously given half an acre of land for the enlargement of the old Nonconformist burial ground belonging to the New Mill Baptist Church, Tring, of which Rev. W. V. Young is pastor. The burial accommodation for this congregation is now, we understand all that can be desired.

A Brahmanee, a Mohammedan, and a Jew joined a Mission Church in Bombay recently, and were all received at the same time.

Here is testimony concerning the authority for infant sprinkling from an unexpected source. The Church Advocate an Episcopalian paper says:

The very fact that infant baptism is a human institution, and is admitted by the leaders of theological opinion to be so, is enough to show that no harm can come from withholding it from infants.

A great many people will feel relieved and rejoiced to know that their dear children are not seriously injured because they were not sprinkled when babes.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr. Girouard moved the consideration of the amendments to the bill legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister. He made a long speech, urging the passage of the bill, and producing letters of approval from several Catholic bishops in Lower Canada.

Mr. Jones (Leeds) moved the sixth month's hoist.

After some further discussion. Mr. Heude moved an amendment repealing cases forbidding such marriages. Sir S. L. Tilley thought the bill should be postponed to afford further time for consideration. If it came up next session he would feel bound to support its principles.

Mr. Casey thought the amendment to the amendment should not be entertained, as there was no prohibitory legislation existing in Canada.

The members were called in at 9.50, and the amendment to the amendment lost on a vote of 10 yeas and 130 nays.

On the third reading, Mr. Charlton moved that the clause legalizing marriage with a deceased brother's widow be struck out. Lost.

The bill was read a third time and passed.

The salary of the High Commissioner of Canada in the United Kingdom is to be \$10,000 per annum.

The Princess Louise has presented a lot of valuable art studies and designs to the art school of Ottawa. Mr. Allen Gilmour has also made a present of a valuable oil study.

Hon. George Brown is again worse, and delirious. On Sunday afternoon four doctors were in consultation on his case.

The discussion on the Pacific Railway in the House of Commons, brought forth important and highly interesting speeches from Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Blake. The latter gentleman moved that the construction of Pacific Railway in Columbia be postponed.

The debate continued this week. On Monday Mr. MacKenzie spoke at some length and the debate was adjourned at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The N. B. Legislature was still in session when we last heard, but it was expected to rise this week.

The Government has agreed to give \$10,000 towards permanent Exhibition Buildings in St. John.

The Dorchester Penitentiary is being slowly prepared for prisoners. The furnace and steam heating apparatus, work admirably. Bathrooms have also been put up in the Deputy's and Matron's apartments. The furniture, etc., for the institution is being made at the St. John Penitentiary, and also by Messrs. McAvity and others.

A Moncton correspondent says that recently there has been paid out on the Peticodiac river as much as \$10,000 for hay to go to Halifax, New Glasgow, and other places in Nova Scotia, and another \$10,000 has been received by the farmers for fat cattle.

UNITED STATES.—The steam tug Edwin Ludlow was burned in Chesapeake Bay on Monday. The crew escaped in a yawl, and were picked up by a passing schooner and brought to Baltimore. The Edwin Ludlow was owned there and valued at \$8,000. There was no insurance.

A severe gale has prevailed during last week on Lake Michigan, and a large number of vessels were driven ashore. Several schooners with valuable cargoes were lost.

Perley Hutchinson, an aged bachelor, residing at Huntington in this State, was found dead in his shop on Tuesday morning with his throat cut. He was reported very wealthy, and was undoubtedly murdered for his money.

At San Francisco, on Thursday at one o'clock was felt the heaviest shock of an earthquake they have had for years. The motion was vertical. No damage is yet reported, although buildings were rocked so that the motion was plainly visible. Nevada block is apparently swayed a foot out of perpendicular.

There were immense forest fires last week in New Jersey and much damage is done. The forest fires in Manchester covered 50 square miles.

For several days past woodland fires have been raging near Petersburg, Va., extending over large areas and destroying an immense quantity of cord wood, lumber and undergrowth. In fighting the flames two or three persons were burned to death.

There was a serious collision in the Sound on Friday night between the str. Rhode Island, of the Providence line, and an unknown schooner. There are thirty horses on the Rhode Island. It is reported that one wheel of the steamer is totally destroyed and much of her side torn out.

MEXICO.—Congress met on the 1st inst. President Diaz, in his speech at the opening session, declared the situation of internal affairs and the condition of foreign relations satisfactory.

Absolute peace prevails throughout the Republic. Electoral excitement is on the increase.

ENGLAND.—Ex-Empress Eugenie has arrived at Capetown.

It is stated that Prince Leopold will be made a Duke and peer with the title of Duke of Albany. He has postponed his departure for Canada.

Lord Beaconsfield went to Windsor on Sunday last, to meet the Queen on her arrival from her Continental trip. He also placed his resignation in her hands.

It is reported that a Barony will be conferred on Lord Beaconsfield, with a reversion to his brother.

The net Liberal gain is said to be 109. The Liberal majority over the combined opposition, including the Home Rulers will be about 60. The Irish members, who are pledged to follow Parnell's active policy, number 36.

Mr. Gladstone now allows it to be understood that he considers himself obliged to sacrifice personal preference and accept the Premiership, if offered. Unless unforeseen complications occur, he will be the Prime Minister before the end of the week.

Parnell speaking at Ballina, said he had bound himself by no pledge to sit either for Cork or Meath, but was determined, if returned, to sit for Mayor.

Nearly 1000 constabulary have left Dublin for Cork, to maintain order during the struggle between Parnell and the priests.

Mr. T. Hughes contemplates a journey to America during the summer in connection with a land company in Tennessee in which he is largely interested.

The steamer Crown, at Leith, from New York, lost 48 head cattle on the passage.

Leave of absence to British officers here have been stopped, and it is generally thought an important step is impending.

Intense anxiety is felt respecting the safety of the training ship Atlanta, now 80 days out from Bermuda for Portsmouth. There are eleven officers and 300 young seamen on board. The Captain of the West Indian steamer Tamar reports having seen a large copper bottomed vessel, bottom up, was about 1,000 tons which corresponds with the size of the Atlanta, and it is feared she met disaster in mid-ocean.

The entire Channel squadron has been ordered to cruise to the Azores, thence to Bantry Bay, in search of the training ship Atlanta.

A despatch from Fayal to Lloyds says a life buoy marked "Rocklight, Liverpool," has been washed ashore.

The Anglo-American cable of 1873, between Valencia and Heart's Content, was repaired on Thursday evening and is now in perfect working order.

GERMANY.—At Berlin in the trial under the anti-socialist laws, of sixteen persons accused of connection with secret societies and of arranging lotteries for the benefit of families who have suffered by the expulsion of their friends or relations from Berlin, five have been convicted for the latter offence and sentenced to imprisonment.

FRANCE.—A correspondent of Novos Vremya gives an account of an interview with Tseng Kee Tzee, the Chinese Ambassador to France who declares that it was the desire of China to avoid war with Russia at any price. Agence Russe says it has received similar information, and does not doubt that Tseng Kee Tze will be received and listened to at the Russian Court with the deference due his rank and good intentions.

Certain unauthorized religious congregations will defend themselves on the ground of individual liberty and the rights of property, and the legal proceedings regarding questions between Government and congregations cannot last less than a year.

ITALY.—The Italian dramatic author, Cavalotti, went from Rome to Trieste to superintend the production of a play, but was expelled by the Austrian authorities.

SWEDEN.—The second chamber of the Swedish Parliament has rejected the army bill. The Ministry has resigned, and the King has charged Count Arvid with the duty of forming another Cabinet.

SPAIN.—Otero, who attempted the assassination of King Alfonso, has been executed. He professed repentance, but refused all consolation from the priests. The crowd at the execution numbered 50,000. They were mostly women and very noisy.

RUSSIA.—At St. Petersburg, a heavy frost for several nights last week killed the fruit crops and injured vegetation. The condition of Gortschakoff on Thursday was unchanged. He will require time and quiet to recover his strength.

At Odessa, nineteen persons, mostly students, have been court martialled for various political offences. Two have been acquitted and the others sentenced to hard labor or military labor.

Regarding the famine in Orenburg it is stated that a thousand families can neither obtain food nor means to earn it.

TURKEY.—At Constantinople, the Ambassadors of all the powers have signed the protocol, agreeing to the arrangement made between the Porte and Montenegro.

The Russian representative at Constantinople, has sent a note to the Porte demanding that proceedings in the case of the assassin of the Russian Colonel Commeroff be at once brought to a conclusion consistent with justice, and declaring that Russia will hold the Porte responsible if the assassin should escape or if further outrages are committed.

INDIA.—A despatch from Cabul on Wednesday last says: At a Durbar held the chiefs were informed that the army would withdraw whenever they could agree upon a ruler whose government has liberty to be stable and friendly to England. All present were respectful and friendly, and the way is paved for a favorable solution of the question.

A force of 4,000 troops, under the command of General Ross, marched on Thursday last to join General Stewart. Mahomed Jan had fled to Ghuznee.

BURMA.—The 700 people sacrificed at Mandalay for the restoration of the King's health, were not burned, but buried alive.

READ CAREFULLY

SAMUEL OSBORNE, Sophiasburg, says: I was afflicted with Dyspepsia for nearly four years, my lungs becoming affected towards the last. I was induced to try the Shoshonees Remedy. After using three or four bottles I felt much better and gained strength rapidly, my health improved steadily and rapidly, and when I had taken three or four bottles more, I was quite restored to health and strength and have experienced better health than for forty years before. I had been under the treatment of a number of physicians before, but never received any material aid until I used your remedy.

A. McKAY, Truro, N. S., says: He was very bad with Liver Complaint, but used the Shoshonees Remedy, and in a month was as well as I had ever been in my life. I am now in business and wish you to send me three dozen by steamer.

A. WOOD, Consecon, says: That he has tried the Remedy for Liver Complaint and Dyspepsia with great success. I have also used the Shoshonees Pills and find that they are as good as any I ever tried.

HENRY KING, Geneva, N. Y., says: My wife was intensely afflicted with dyspepsia for a long time. We consulted physicians of three different schools, and received no benefit. She has taken three bottles of the great Shoshonees Remedy and is now hearty and well.

Rev. JOHN SCOTT, says: Dr. McKenzie Botting suffered from an attack of Rheumatism, and was unable to move without help; but after taking a few bottles of the Shoshonees, was able to walk as well as ever. Price of the Remedy in pint bottles \$1; Pills, 25 cents a box. Sold by all medicine dealers. March & April. cow.

Marriages.

At St. Andrews, Lower Stewacke, April 18th, by Rev. D. Freeman, Mr. Geo. Wright, of Lower Stewacke, to Miss Mary Fleck, of Middle Stewacke.

At Riverside Cottage, Meadowvale, Annapolis Co., April 2nd, by the Rev. W. J. Blakeney, James A. Gould, of Aylesford, Kings Co., to Miss Ida M. Crocker, of Meadowvale, Annapolis Co.

At Melvern Square, April 6th, by Rev. Wm. E. Hall, Mr. Wm. E. Bowker, of Boston, to Miss Lucretia Faulkner, of Mass-town, Colchester Co.