

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

WILLIAMSDALE AND MILLYVALE, CUMBERLAND Co.—Dear Brother Selden—As the readers of the Messenger are always anxious to hear of the progress of Zion, especially in our own land, God forbid that we should conceal from them anything that might cause them to rejoice, and exclaim with the sweet singer of Israel, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name."

I came here on the 20th of April last, and with the help of some good brethren here, especially Dea. Bro. I. R. S. Purdy, I began to labor with the Church and in its vicinity. Upon Lord's day the 18th inst., I had the great pleasure of baptizing one believer into the likeness of Christ's death, in the presence of a large and attentive concourse of people. The day was beautiful and the font was neatly prepared upon the Saturday previous by a good 'John the Baptist.' We were surrounded with beautiful bushes clad with a mantle of foliage waving gently in the breeze and perfuming the air around us. We were reminded of the wilderness of Judea, where John was baptizing. The one baptized and another one who had been received by letter, were received into the church by the right Hand of Fellowship. The Lord's Supper was administered to about forty members of the church. We experienced the truth of the words, "His flesh is meat indeed, and His blood is drink indeed." We were comforted and could say that "His fruit was sweet to our taste."

We have a good prayer-meeting conducted by the Brother already named, which proves to be a blessing among us.

We expect to baptize again upon the Lord's day the 8th of August.

"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord Or to defend His cause Maintain the glory of His cross And honour all His laws. Jesus my Lord! I know His name, His name is all my boast, Nor will He put my soul to shame Nor let my hope be lost."

Yours in Christ, D. McLeod.

July 28, 1880.

HAMPTON, N. B.—Rev. S. W. Kierstead writes the Visitor:—"It was our privilege again to visit the baptismal waters at French Village, on the first Sabbath in July. The day was beautiful, and the scene solemn and impressive. The congregation was unusually large and very attentive; we expect others soon to follow the Saviour in this blessed ordinance; we believe the Spirit is striving with many, especially the young in this place, and hope that a host may be raised up to call the Saviour blessed."

A Baptist Ministers' Meeting was reorganized at St. John N. B. on Monday of last week. Rev. E. Hickson was appointed chairman. It was resolved that a session be held at 10 1/2 a. m., every Monday, and that the place of meeting be the Vestry of Leinster St. Church.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—A telegraph to Ottawa on Friday evening says the town of Yale, B. C., has been destroyed by fire.

The Indian agent at The Desert says the Indians were not to blame in the recent row by which Machael met his death. The coroner's jury exonerated them from all blame.

The Government have returned to the dismissed weights and measures officers all sums stopped for superannuation.

The gold ore taken from the Wakefield mines, 16 miles from Ottawa, yields an average of two hundred dollars to the ton. Quite a gold fever has started in the neighborhood.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—At St. John Circuit Court on Saturday last, John Melick received a sentence of fifteen years in the Dorchester Penitentiary for forgery.

John M. Kelliher, the American Express Company agent, who defaulted from Red Hook, N. Y., was sentenced to two years.

A lad seven years old, son of Andrew Stephenson, care-taker of the old Episcopal burial ground, was killed one day last week in that yard by a tomb stone falling upon him.

It is reported that a branch of the Irish Land League is to be formed in St. John.

The Dominion Government proposes to stop all inter-marriage between persons afflicted by leprosy in the institution at Tracadie.

Clifton, King's County is famous for its culture of strawberries. In the two weeks ending July 15th, 50,000 quarts of strawberries were sent from thence.

Moncton was visited on Friday night by one of the most terrific storms of rain, thunder and lightning ever known there. About three o'clock in the morning the heavens appeared to be

a ball of solid fire, and lightning flashes of varying colors followed one another with great rapidity. The whole country was illuminated and distant points could be seen with the greatest distinctness. At the same time rain fell in torrents, and there was one continuous roll of thunder.

In other places it broke down and ruined the cereals to a fearful extent, and made great havoc among the potatoes and other root crops. At noon on Friday bushels of hailstones could be gathered from the ditches. A number of cattle and horses were killed by lightning.

During the stay of the Northampton, at St. John, three of her sailors deserted.

UNITED STATES.—A despatch from Milwaukee on Thursday says: A hail storm passed over the vicinity of Stevens' Point on Monday, covering the ground to the depth of several inches with hail stones of great size, killing fowls, prairie chickens and sheep. Hundreds of farms were cleared entirely of hay and grain, and hops and forests are left bare. The storm covered four miles wide and ten long.

The census of Minnesota shows a population of 780,072, an increase of 340,366 since 1870.

At Hudson five prisoners escaped from jail on Thursday night by digging through the walls.

At Buffalo, N. Y., a fire in the planing mill of Mr. Dewitt was the most disastrous in this section for years, covering an area of one-quarter mile in length, 500 feet in width, destroying property to the value of \$225,000; insurance, \$195,000.

The steamer City of Vicksburg was sunk on Friday morning at Ashport, Tenn. The passengers were saved. The boat was valued at \$50,000. The cargo comprised 7,000 packages merchandise.

A despatch from Youngstown, Ohio, says that a captive balloon at that place, well inflated, while up with a man and woman from the country, broke loose on Saturday, ascended to a great height, and disappeared in a north easterly direction. It is feared that it would drift in the lake.

MEXICO.—Advices from Mexico state that on the 21st Col. Valles, with 520 Mexican soldiers, attacked the Apaches, under Victoria, 40 miles from Old Fort Quiteman. The Mexicans lost 3 killed and 10 horses. The Indians lost 4 warriors and 6 horses. On the 26th the Mexicans again attacked the Indians in Pine Mountain, 50 miles from the line. After a long fight the Indians retired. Their loss is not known. The Mexicans lost 6 killed. The Mexicans are pursuing.

CENTRAL AMERICA.—The volcano Fuego in Guatemala, after many years silence, is exceedingly active. The heavens for miles are filled with smoke. At San Beneto and Briand in Mexico, and down the San Salvador coast the fine dust thrown up by the volcano falls in quantities which render it certain that in the immediate neighborhood the effect must be disastrous.

SOUTH AMERICA.—At Victoria, in Pernambuco, an election riot occurred on the 27th ult., in which the soldiery and police fired on the people, and two persons, including Baron Da Escaba, were killed and many wounded.

The Electoral Bill passed the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies with amendment. Every Brazilian citizen over 21 years of age, in possession of civil and political rights, and having an income of \$200, is declared an elector, and, as such, is entitled to vote directly for Deputies and Senators.

ENGLAND.—Very serious damage was done to the crops through Worcestershire, Shropshire and parts of Staffordshire by heavy rains on Sunday and Monday of last week.

TERRIBLE DISASTER IN INDIA.—In the House of Commons on Wednesday last the Marquis of Hartington, Secretary for India, announced the receipt of a telegraph from Bombay, which reports a terrific disaster in the annihilation of General Burrough's brigade at Candahar.

He said further: "General Phayre's relieving force will concentrate at Chaman. As the only news respecting General Burrough's expedition has been telegraphic I am unable to give details of his force, but it is believed it consisted of one brigade, the composition of which and number of men was not known."

General Burrough's brigade had been detailed from the Candahar garrison to co-operate with Shere Ali.

The British appointed Woli, of Candahar, to act against Ayob Khan, the aspirant to the Amership. When Shere Ali ordered his forces to retire towards Gerishk his infantry deserted in a body, but were pursued by Gen. Burroughs, who effected a retrograde movement to Kashk Hakud, thirteen miles from Candahar.

Ayob Khan's forces had reached Helmona River above Ginishk, and spies reported that they had crossed that river at Hyderabad, and that four thousand Ghazis had found him, while parties of his cavalry were foraging near the British camp. It would seem as if the Indian Government had felt some misgiving with regard to Burrough's position, for a fortnight ago the reserve division in Scinde was placed under orders for active service. This division comprises a battery of artillery, one battalion of British and two regiments of native infantry, and one regiment of native cavalry.

A despatch from Bombay on the 29th said the native mind is greatly excited by the Candahar disaster. The natives think that the Russians assisted Ayob Khan and led his troops. The last telegram from Candahar stated that all discipline in Burroughs' command had disappeared, and a disorderly crowd of officers and soldiers was pouring into Candahar.

The Times says: "We do not believe Ayob Khan's power in the field will prove, in the long run, more formidable than any other Afghan Sirdars who collected so called armies and gained temporary success by surprise or overwhelming numbers against small bodies of British troops."

It is reported that the Government has decided to send out reinforcements to India. The Post urges that Sir Garnet Wolseley be sent to Afghanistan to take the chief command.

The news of the disaster was brought to Candahar by thirty Indian horsemen who had ridden for their lives.

The latest statements make General Burroughs' force 2000.

The battle between Burrow's force and Afghans is said to have been well contested. The British cavalry and artillery were badly cut up at the commencement of the fight, but the infantry inflicted such a heavy loss on Ayob Khan that he has not ventured to advance upon Candahar.

It is stated that Burrows succeeded in bringing a large portion of his troops into Candahar.

A private letter from Candahar, dated 18th, describes the effect of the news of Ayob Khan's advance across Hellmund as already very considerable. Merchants and well-to-do people were burying property and preparing to leave the city.

The first reinforcements were to sail from England yesterday. All of the 4,500 going out will be landed at Bombay before the end of September.

The Empress Eugenie has returned from South Africa. The Princess Beatrice was in the Royal Yacht to meet her and convey her to Southampton.

Hon. Mr. Gladstone caught a chill after leaving the House of Commons on Friday, and was suffering from congestion of the left lung. On Sunday evening he had slight fever, but was in no immediate danger. The Queen telegraphed frequent enquiries to learn his condition.

The bulletin at 11 o'clock on Monday night pronounced Mr. Gladstone more comfortable. No vehicles are allowed to pass the house.

Sir Bartle Frere has been recalled from the Governorship of the Cape of Good Hope.

FRANCE.—A Berlin despatch says it appears that France has resolved to withdraw her ironclads if the naval demonstration develops into real action.

TURKEY.—It is reported from the camp of Tusi that many hundred Montenegrins recently made a raid near Agra, but were repulsed after three hours hard fighting.

The Rappet professes to have received information from the best sources in Constantinople that Queen Victoria recently addressed an autograph letter to the Sultan imploring him to accede to the wishes of the Powers.

Whatever the Sultan's real intentions are he is continuing military preparations, and efforts are making to obtain a small advance from Galatz bankers on account of next year's tythes.

Official notice to the press threatens suspension or suppression if they reproduce articles of European journals hostile to Turkey. The Greek press is particularly referred to.

Goschen informed Abeddin Pasha that military preparations on the part of Turkey would precipitate a naval demonstration.

It was reported at Larnaca, Cyprus on Friday last that a company of Pioneers had mutinied. No details were given.

News.

THE DRY DOCK.—His Worship the Mayor informed the Council on Friday last that one of the firm of Civil Engineers who were to superintend the construction of a dry dock at Quebec had arrived in the city by the English steamer, and informed him, (the Mayor) that their firm were now preparing plans for the dry dock here, and Mr. Turner might be expected early this month.

The annual picnic of the Band of Hope took place at McNab's Island on Wednesday last. The children assembled at Temperance Hall and marched through the streets in procession to Pickford & Black's wharf, where they embarked for the Island. The turnout was a large and handsome one.

A paper "On the connection between meteorological phenomena and the time of arrival of the earth at perihelion" by Mr. E. G. Jenkins, of London, formerly of Halifax, is published in the Transactions of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Rome.

Dr. Charles Cogswell was a passenger by the steamer Nova Scotian from Liverpool last week.

Some miscreant attempted recently to wreck a train of the Eastern Extension Railway near Piedmont. A reward of \$100 has been offered for such information as will lead to the arrest of the guilty party.

VALUABLE GIFT TO DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.—We are glad to learn that Mr. George Munro has intimated to the Governors of Dalhousie College his intention of placing at their disposal the sum of one thousand dollars a year for four years, to be given in five bursaries of two hundred dollars a year to students from different sections of the Province. The terms on which the bursaries will be given will be published shortly for the information of students. Last year, it will be remembered, Mr. Munro gifted the College with upward of \$40,000 for a Professorship. He now greatly enhances the obligations under which he has placed the College and the educational community.—Presbyterian Witness.

The Bathing establishment at Sandy Cove, Dartmouth—straight across from the Market wharf in Halifax—is nearly completed and will be opened in a day or two. If the hot weather of Sunday and Monday last, should continue for a few weeks, this may prove a profitable speculation, if properly managed. It is about as near to the centre of the city as Richmond or Freshwater, on the city, and gives a fine view of the city. Thousands in the United States cities would be glad of such a retreat. There will probably be a large hotel erected near there another year.

A curious fish, said to be a whip-tail shark, was taken in a mackerel net one day last week. It was brought to town and put on exhibition. It measured upwards of 14 feet in length and weighed about 500 pounds.

The exportation of ice seems to have discontinued for the present from Dartmouth. If the article should continue scarce another Winter in the U. States Dartmouth could furnish an almost unlimited supply.

At Pleasant River, about 12 miles from Bridgewater on Thursday last, during a thunder shower Mr. Isaiah Baker and wife, with their daughter and nephew, living on the Pleasant River road, were in the field getting in some hay. The whole four were struck by lightning, killing Mrs. Baker instantly; the others were for some time paralyzed, but are recovering.

Mrs. Samuel E. Balcom's barn, Lawrencetown, Annapolis County with its contents, was totally consumed by fire on Sunday of last week. Several thefts have recently been perpetrated there.

A Hantsport young man named Theophilus Masters, employed in E. Churchill & Sons' mill, had one of his hands mangled on Saturday last, losing one of his fingers totally.

Frederick Job, twelve years of age, has been missing from Ishgonish, Colchester Co., for some time. When last seen he was walking towards Truro on the railway track.

On Saturday the 24th a young man named Doncette, whilst engaged in lobster fishing, accidentally fell from a boat and was drowned, near Tusket. He leaves a wife and four children.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Grand Division held its Quarterly Session at Liverpool, last week. The officers present were: G. W. P., Rev. George Christie; G. W. A., Wm. Foster; G. Scribe, J. Parsons; G. Con., Robinson Thompson. Eight new representatives were initiated into the Grand Division. Two new Divisions had been formed during the quarter—one in Selmah, Hants Co., and one in Halifax city.

The financial statement showed the full receipts of the quarter were \$376.18, and the disbursements over \$400. The amount remaining in the Treasurer's hands is \$147.

The Agency work and the Alliance Journal were discussed with much earnestness. A public temperance meeting was held in the old hall. The G. W. P. in the chair. Addresses by G. W. P., Rev. Francis Beattie, Robinson Thompson, Grand Conductor, Rev. C. Jost, Rev. B. Lockhart, J. N. Freeman and Grand Scribe Parsons.

A resolution was passed of thanks to those in the House of Commons and Senate who voted against the Boulbee amendment to the Canada Temperance Act.

The hay crop in Cape Breton this season is the best for many years. All other crops are promising well.

IMPORTANT.—Our indefatigable citizen James S. Hickman, Esq., announced yesterday he had been notified that a gentleman representing English capitalists has left England for Amherst, empowered to purchase the Black areas, the Parsboro' Branch and the Pugwash railway charter, &c., the sum mentioned being £400,000 stg.—Chignecto Post.

On Thursday last, James H. Ross aged 18 months, son of William Ross, of Blue Mountain, was accidentally drowned. It appears that while he had been left by the mother in the cradle, the family attending to their various duties, the little fellow, unattended, left the house and walked to a bridge near the dwelling, from which he fell into the brook underneath. When found he was lying dead in the water. An inquest was held the next day, and a verdict returned according to the facts.—New Glasgow Plain Dealer.

PARSBORO.—At a Tea Meeting of the Baptist Church held on the 1st of July \$60 were raised towards liquidating the debt on the parsonage.

CHESTER.—There is to be a sailing and rowing regatta at Chester, on the 18th of August. This and the lovely scenery of Chester, will doubtless attract large numbers of people on that day.

The Amherst Gazette says respecting this lively town:—"Vessels are constantly loading with our two staples, lumber and coal, and yet the wharves are burthened with those articles of export. 15 to 20 car loads of lumber arrive per day. We have been informed that the leading lumber firm here pays \$500, car freight, per month. We would like to see ship building more lively. Hants and Kings builders come and purchase our timber, tow it across the Basin in rafts, build vessels of it and make fortunes; why cannot we, when the stock is our own, and at our doors?"

The New York dog-pound keeper has already drowned 2,400 dogs this season, and expects to drown 10,000 before the summer closes. We could well spare a few hundreds from Halifax and Dartmouth.

"Gold," "quartz," "finds," &c., &c., are the talk at Yarmouth.

Excellent specimens of marble and manganese have been discovered at Folly Village.

FIRE AT TREMONT.—On Thursday afternoon, July 29th, a house owned and occupied by Mr. Albert E. Tufts, son of Gardner Tufts, was burned to the ground. Most of the movables were saved. The estimated loss to Mr. Tufts is about \$1000.00. There was no insurance on the building. His neighbors and the public generally are responding heartily to this call for aid as Mr. T. is a sober hard working, industrious young man, and is held in high esteem. A good portion of the loss will thus be made up to him in cash and building material.

NINE NOVGOROD FAIR.—The great market of the eastern world has been held at this junction of the Volga and Olga Rivers in Russia, every summer for a hundreds of years. Here the nations of Europe and Asia meet with their products for trade. Cossack, Chinese, Turk and Persian meet the German and the Greek with every variety of merchandise that mankind employs, from sapphire to grindstone, tea, opium, fur, food, tools and fabrics, and last but not least, medicines. J. C. Ayer & Co.'s celebrated remedies from America were displayed in an elegant Bazaar, where the Doctor himself might sometimes be seen. They are known and taken on the steppes of Asia as well as the prairies of the West, and are an effectual antidote for the diseases that prevail in the yaurts of the North as well as the huts and cabins of the western continent.—Lincoln (Ill.) Times.

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MESSRS. T. GRAHAM & SON,—

DEAR SIRS,—It gives me great pleasure to inform you of my perfect cure of CATARRH, from which I have suffered in its most severe form for 12 years without being able to find a remedy for it, and I had long thought that nothing could cure me. But thanks to Providence and the use of your valuable preparation, CATARRHINE, I have been completely cured of that distressing and, I might say disgusting complaint, and I only used one box. I can confidently recommend it to any suffering from that complaint. Price 25 cents a box.

Yours truly, C. F. F. SCHOPPE.

Miscellaneous.

The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, has gone to Scotland, to recruit his health. He has been invited to visit the United States and Canada, and will avail himself of the opportunity at an early date.

A few weeks ago two of the smallest dwarfs in the world were married. The "Marquis," a native of Kiel, is thirty years old, and weighs only nineteen pounds, while his consort, a young lady, born in Neumunster some two and thirty years ago, just turns the scale at thirteen pounds. At a first glance this tiny pair, it is said might be taken for a couple of scarcely weaned babies, dressed up for a joke in the garb of adults.

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July 28. 2 m.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Tenders for Rolling Stock.

THE time for receiving tenders for Rolling Stock for the Canadian Pacific Railway, extending over four years, is extended to 2nd August.

By order, Secretary, Department of Railways & Canals, Ottawa, 23rd June, 1880. July 7. 5 ins.