

caught sight of us, and seizing me by the arm said "Come this way, quick!" We hurried on, and were told to keep close to the study door and if it were possible, we should get a peep at Spurgeon. In a few moments a voice near us said "Now come, only a minute remember," and before I could collect my scattered wits, I heard a cheery voice exclaim, "Friends from Nova Scotia! glad to see you!" and such a warm grasp as he gave me! You know I am not often at a loss for words, but for once I knew not how to speak. I was choked for utterance—not merely to have the privilege of seeing and hearing, but to speak to and shake hands with a man whose character and work I have so long admired and revered, sent a thrill through and through me!

In the evening we all went again to the Tabernacle and had the pleasure of forming part of the congregation of three thousand, who partook of the Communion at that time. Altogether it was a day never to be forgotten,—and as I listened to Spurgeon, I felt well repaid for all the discomfort of my journey, sea-sickness included." M.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Ordination of Bro. John R. Hutchinson, Missionary elect.

A Council, called by the Parrsboro' Baptist Church, met on Sept. 7th, at 3 P. M., to consider the advisability of ordaining Bro. John R. Hutchinson to the work of the Christian ministry.

Rev. G. F. Miles was elected Chairman, and Rev. M. P. Freeman, Secretary. The following named reported themselves as delegates:

Parrsboro'—Rev. W. J. Stewart, Deas. S. Spencer, T. Seaman, F. L. Jenks, Brethren E. R. York, A. E. McKeen, Elijah Spencer, and John Newcomb. Amherst—Dea. Geo. Christie, and Bro. A. Powell, (Lic).

Portauipique and Upper Economy—Rev. G. F. Miles, and Bro. T. D. Davidson.

Lower Economy and Five Islands—Dea. J. Soley, and Bro. Hibbert Corbett.

Diligent River—Dea. D. H. Jenks, Brethren Thos. Bently and Geo. York.

Great Village—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Bro. Wm. Hutchinson.

West Brook—Brethren Jos. Atkinson, and Thos. Blenkhorn.

Zion Church, St. John—Rev. W. P. Everett.

Revs. D. A. Steele and W. P. Everett were present as representatives of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The pastor of the church at Parrsboro' gave a brief statement of their action in calling this Council, to the effect that Bro. John Hutchinson, Lic. of the church, having received an appointment to the mission field in India, the Foreign Missionary Board had requested this church to call a Council for his ordination to the gospel ministry, and that they had accordingly issued invitations to a number of the churches to send delegates to meet with them in Council for the above named purpose.

Bro. Hutchinson then gave an account of his conversion, and call to the work of preaching the gospel to the heathen. It was then

Resolved, That Bro. Steele be requested to conduct the examination of the candidate, with reference to his views of doctrine.

After a searching examination in which other brethren participated, the candidate retired.

It was, on motion of Bro. Freeman, passed unanimously, That this Council consider Bro. Hutchinson's relation of his Christian experience and call to the ministry, and his views of Christian doctrine and church polity to be satisfactory.

On motion of Bro. Steele, it was Resolved, That this Council proceed to the ordination of Bro. Hutchinson, and that the service commence at 7 o'clock this evening.

Rev. W. P. Everett was appointed to preach the sermon; Rev. G. F. Miles to offer the ordaining prayer, Rev. W. J. Stewart to give the right hand of fellowship; Rev. D. A. Steele to give the charge to the candidate; Rev. M. P. Freeman to address the church; and the candidate to pronounce the benediction. Prayer was offered by Deas J. Soley, and the Council adjourned.

The Ordination services were conducted in the evening, according to the arrangement made. The preacher announced his text from Phil. i. 17, "I am set for the defence of the gospel," and then proceeded, in a deeply interesting

and instructive manner, to show the importance of the truth, and how it must be defended,—by preaching constantly, fully, plainly, boldly, and in love. The other exercises followed in the order indicated.

It was Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish an account of this Ordination Service for publication in the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER and Christian Visitor, and also to furnish the brother with a certificate of his ordination.

The Council then, on motion, dissolved, and the exercises closed with the benediction.

M. P. FREEMAN, Secretary.

In Memoriam.

MRS. REBECCA S. DIMOCK, relict of the late Joseph Dimock of

Ingram River, passed to her rest in heaven, at her daughter's, Mrs. Shankels, at Hubbard's Cove, on the 31st ult., in the 79th year of her age. She professed religion and was baptized by Elder Joseph Dimock in Chester when fifteen years of age. Her Christian profession was maintained for more than sixty-three years through trials and conflicts common to all Christians, and many peculiar to herself. She was the mother of ten children. Six of whom and her husband passed to the spirit world before her, three sons and a daughter are supposed to survive to lament the loss of a mother beloved. The writer visited her frequently. As she came near the end the prospect brightened gloriously before her. When taking leave of her she said to me, "We will meet in heaven." I replied "sometimes I fear that I may not get there." She grasped my hand tightly and with great animation said "O Brother if I had a thousand souls I could trust them all with Jesus." On Friday last the occasion of her funeral was improved from Heb. xi. 16, and her body laid away to await the resurrection of the just.—COM. BY REV. A. W. BARSS. Sept. 6th, 1881.

BAPTISMS AT ONSLOW.—I have baptized four persons since the Association at North Sydney, C. B. Four weeks ago a young man, two weeks ago a woman of about 60 years, and yesterday a man and his wife. Several older persons have professed personal faith in Christ, and we hope to see them obey the command soon. C. H. MARTEL. Sept. 11, 1881.

The Rev. W. C. Van Meter, after eight or nine years' efforts in regard to missions at Rome, has decided to return to the work in which he was formerly engaged in the United States. Upon learning his purpose, the Board of the Howard Mission unanimously invited him to take his position at the head of that institution. That he has concluded to do, and has already entered upon the work.

Paul Besson, a well-known French Baptist evangelist, and literary contributor to the Signal, and the Temoin de la Verite, has just left France for a very hopeful field of labor in the Argentine Republic, among a large number of French emigrants who have settled there. His work, which he has followed since 1873, has been highly successful.

There are 120 churches in Boston. Of that number the Congregational Trinitarians have thirty-one, the Roman Catholics twenty-nine, the Methodist Episcopalians twenty-eight, the Baptist and Congregational Unitarians each twenty-six and the Episcopalians twenty-three. There are seven Jewish synagogues.

Of the 689 missionaries in India the United States sends 117.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—A telegram to the Herald on Saturday said, Sir Charles Tupper and Lady returned to Victoria, B. C. on Friday. He met the citizens at the theatre and delivered a long address on public matters. At a conference between Sir Charles and the Local Government, the latter agreed to give all the coal land on the Island to any one who would build the Equimault and Nanaimo line. This, it is thought, will clear the way to an arrangement, as American Railway companies are anxious to hold the land. Last evening the Board of Trade entertained Sir Charles and his friends at a dinner. They sail for San Francisco to-day.

The shareholders of a new Telegraph Company, (the Canada Mutual), met at Montreal, on Saturday, and completed the organization of the company. They have received a charter from the Dominion Government. The following officers were elected:—President and General Manager—Charles B. Hosmer;—Vice-President—G. B. Williams;—

Secretary—Treasurer—A. F. Riddell;—Directors—J. F. Olmstead, E. N. Heney, and A. D. Riddell:—The capital stock is to be \$1,000,000. Half of this sum has already been subscribed, and one instalment paid. Owing to the lateness of the season the company will not be able to make much progress in the active work of construction this year, but will perfect their plans, get material ready, and make all arrangements for extensive building operations, which will be begun as early as possible in the spring.

THE TONNAGE OF THE DOMINION.—The Department of Marine and Fisheries has just issued a list of vessels in the registry books of the Dominion on December 31st, 1880. At that date there were vessels of all classes 7,377, measuring 1,311,218 tons register. Assuming the average value at \$30 per ton, the tonnage of Canada would be worth \$30,336,540. Canada ranks the fourth on the list of maritime nations, Great Britain being the first, the United States second, Norway third. Germany follows Canada. The lake tonnage of Canadian vessels under 100 tons is counted in her totals. The tonnage according to provinces is as follows:

- New Brunswick, 236,976 tons.
- Nova Scotia, 550,440 tons.
- Quebec, 233,341 tons.
- Ontario, 137,481 tons.
- P. E. Island, 45,921 tons.
- British Columbia, 5,049 tons.
- Manitoba, 1,992 tons.

UNITED STATES.—President Garfield suffered somewhat from his removal from Washington to Long Branch but has improved since. The official bulletin on Saturday said he slept well during the night, awakening only at intervals of one half-hour to one hour. There is a perceptible increase of strength with an improved condition of digestive apparatus. Tumefaction of the parotid has entirely disappeared, and supuration is greatly diminished. The wound continues to improve, and presents a more healthy appearance.

On Wednesday last Boston was enjoying the hottest day of the season. The thermometer ranged from 99 to 105.

Large bush fires were burning in many parts. Around Bradford in Pennsylvania it is said that over 100 acres were on fire, destroying 49 oil well rigs, and 5,000 barrels of oil.

On Thursday a fire was raging in the Dismal Swamp. Despatches from North Carolina say that the farmers are stacking the corn crop for fodder, and the rice crop is cut off.

Accounts show that the crops in Bingham, Sherman and Paris townships, in Huron Co., were harvested and are lost by fire. The remains of the family of seven, named Redmond, were found in a well near Charlestown. The remains of Harry Cole were also found at Charlestown and a family named Susula. In Davis Township Mrs. Diebert and three children were burned to death. In Watertown a family named Dennison are believed to be burned. Two families named Thornton and Lee it is feared were burned near Richmondville. The wind blew a gale carrying the fire with a rapidity that often prevented escape.

The committee who have visited the burned district find more than 1,500 families burned out, who have lost all their property, except land, and who are in great distress.

The stories of suffering caused by bush fires in Northern Michigan are heart-rending. Many entire families have been swept away. The total number of deaths will reach 300.

Over 200 persons were burned to death by the recent bush fires in Northern Michigan, and it is feared that the number may reach 500. More than 20 townships are almost entirely destroyed, and great suffering and distress prevails.

A heavy snow storm prevailed in Black Hills on Monday night and Tuesday morning of last week. The snow is five inches on the level there and three inches at Chester City. At Bald mountain it was two feet deep.

Four men were instantly killed and two wounded at Sawyer City on Wednesday, by an explosion of a torpedo with which they were about to torpedo an oil well.

At Louisville, on Friday evening, a passenger train was wrecked near the anchorage, by collision with a cow. Seven persons were killed and nearly all the others on the train were more or less injured.

At Chicago, the case of Dr. Thomas was given to the Jury at a late hour on Friday. After a brief deliberation a verdict was returned, convicting him of the charges of disseminating ideas contrary to the doctrines of the Methodist religion. The verdict was signed by all the jury. The charges being sustained by this verdict, it has the effect of sending the case to Conference for trial.

CENTRAL AMERICA.—A telegram from Panama says: Matagalpa Indians have again revolted and have committed numerous murders and depredations. They number ten thousand warriors. On August 5th the capital of Matagalpa was besieged by Indians, who were finally routed with a loss of 500 killed and wounded.

ENGLAND.—The harvest prospects in Ireland are no longer gloomy or uncertain.

Advices from New Caledonia state that Her Majesty's schooner Beagle, from New Britain and New Ireland, reports

the murder of Mr. Steinsmith, naturalist, with two assistants; also, Mr. Lyttleton. Three murderers were shot; the fourth escaped.

Egypt.—Four thousand soldiers with 30 pieces of artillery have surrounded the Khedive's residence. They ask for the assembling of nobles, and the dismissal of all the Khedive's ministers. The troops also demand a constitution and the increase of the army. The Khedive finally agreed to their demands, when the soldiers withdrew, with cheers.

NORTHERN AFRICA.—It is reported that a severe engagement took place on Wednesday between the French troops occupying Hammamet and the Arabs, during which the town of Hammamet was entirely destroyed. No details are reported. The French occupied Vassa on Wednesday.

The Prefect of Constantine, Algeria, received a despatch that 61 persons were burned to death in one day, in recent forest fires, and 682 dwellings destroyed.

SWITZERLAND.—The village of Richenbochen, Bernese Oberland, was almost destroyed by the fall of stone.

GERMANY.—The meeting of the Emperors, at Dantzic, took place on Friday amid great acclamations. The meeting was very affectionate.

News.

APPOINTMENTS.—To be a Notary and Tabellion Public.—Francis H. Gisborne, Esq., of the city of Halifax.

Lunenburg Co.—To be Commissioners for taking affidavits &c., Benjamin W. C. Manning and James A. Curil, Esq., both of Bridgewater; Edward B. Hyson, of Mahone Bay. To be a Justice of the Peace,—John Prat, of New Ross. To be a Coroner—George A. Corbin, Esq., of Bridgewater.

Shelburne Co.—To be members of the Board of Health for the Municipality of Barrington—Howard D. Wilson, M. D., and Rev. James Hart, both of Barrington; Martin D. McGray, of Cape Sable Island; Charles H. Clements, of Cape Negro; and D. E. Dickie, M. D., of Port LaTour.

Victoria Co.—To be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits to hold to bail and recognizances of bail in the Supreme Court, and for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors in the County of Victoria—David McDonald, of Cape North.

Pictou Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—James Johnston, of Westville.

ALDERMAN GEORGE FRASER is the only candidate for the Mayoralty of Halifax that has as yet appeared. It is said that he will not be likely to have any opposition.

AN HONEST BRITISH SOLDIER.—One morning last week a lady school teacher drew her two months' salary from the School Board office, and went to the Post Office. There she dropped an envelope containing \$44 or more, the bulk of the amount she had drawn. She went to a newspaper office to advertise her loss, and was sent to the City Marshal. While she was stating her complaint to him, a gentleman came in who had seen a corporal of the Royal Engineers pick up the envelope. A policeman was sent to the barracks, and found that the corporal had deposited the envelope, with all the money, in the hands of the Postmaster.

The other day a little boy, nicely dressed in a sailor suit, was riding in the Public Gardens on a toy velocipede, and went too near the pond at the South-east corner of the grounds and fell in. He went under, with the velocipede on top of him. The little fellow's aunt witnessed the accident, and, jumping into the water, succeeded in saving his life.

MAYOR TOBIN gave a picnic last week to a number of his friends and city officers. They were taken in the steamer Arrow to McNab's Island, and after indulging in patriotic speeches till 10 o'clock in the evening, returned to the city by moonlight.

MESSES. CLAYTON & SONS gave an electric light exhibition in their store on Thursday evening. It attracted a large crowd in the street during the evening.

Several young lads were missed from Richmond on Thursday last, and it was supposed they had stowed away in the Anchor Line steamer Caledonia for Boston. The parents of some followed them in the Carroll, hoping to capture them and bring them back.

THE WORK AT THE EXHIBITION GROUNDS is being put through. Accommodation for horses and cattle sheds are being completed. They will be finished this week. Yesterday was, we understand, the last day for entries to be made.

It is expected that there will be large accessions to our population for a week or two from this date.

It is said that the whole West India fleet, comprising twelve or fourteen large men-of-war, are to be in Halifax harbor next week, to avoid the yellow fever which has made its appearance there. This will comprise four or five thousand men.

M. J. Burdette will lecture to-morrow evening at the Academy of Music, on "The Rise and Fall of the Moustache."

A barque B. Hilton of Yarmouth arrived off Halifax harbor on Thursday night, and was towed in on Friday. Her crew were in a state of mutiny from the time of leaving St. John for Liverpool, and at one time they made an attack on the captain. Seven of the crew were arrested and taken to jail. One of their complaints was that the ship was not seaworthy. The Port Warden held a survey on Friday and pronounced her sea worthy in every respect.

The mutineers were tried on Saturday and sentenced as follows: James Crowley, Nicholas Tobin, and M. Kieran, to six weeks each; Nelson Joslin, and Frank Keefe' four weeks; and Timothy Kelly, twelve months.

A well dressed man, a passenger from Charlottetown to Boston was seen in a state of partial drunkenness, going into a little shop in Water Street the other day with a roll of bank notes in his hand. The attention of the police was called to the circumstance, and he was taken care of at the Police Station and his money saved for him.

AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.—The African Baptist Association convened with the Hammonds Plains Church, in its twenty-eighth annual session, at 3 p. m., on Saturday, September 3rd, 1881. After the usual devotional exercises the election of officers for the ensuing year took place:

Rev. H. H. Johnson, Pastor of Halifax Church, Moderator.  
P. E. McKerrrow, Secretary.  
C. F. Biddle, Treasurer.

The Moderator, Rev. H. H. Johnson, introduced the subject of ministerial education, and was heartily endorsed by the brethren.

He also earnestly advocated a union of all the Baptist Churches in the province, irrespective of race.

Though the attendance was very large, perfect harmony prevailed among the brethren. It was, in fact, the most precious season enjoyed for many years. The Association adjourned to meet with the Third Baptist Church at Preston next year. Sung the hymn:

"Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love."

Benediction by the Moderator, Rev. H. H. Johnson.

P. E. McKerrrow, Sec'y.

The Amherst boot and shoe factory is prospering. The company now employs 90 hands, and the factory is running night and day.

The fires in the works of the New Glasgow Glass Company were started last week. The manufacture of glass will commence in a few days.

The recent high tides carried away the Cheverie Bridge, which had just been repaired at a cost of \$300.

Yarmouth had a large fire on Saturday last, in the large block of buildings, known as the Cordova tannery and Robbins' grist mill. The tannery was entirely destroyed, together with its machinery and about three thousand sides of calf skins and other leather, and two hundred cords of bark. The houses and buildings in the immediate neighborhood were on fire several times, but were saved. The two steam-engines were constantly employed till 10 o'clock, taking water from Baker's wharf, a thousand feet away. There was a light air from the westward during the prevalence of the fire and it is to this circumstance that the flames were confined to the buildings above named.

Mr. Robbins' loss is a heavy one, and he has the sympathy of the entire community, being insured to the extent of only twenty-eight hundred dollars.

The new woollen mill immediately across the street escaped injury.

Messes. E. Churchill and Sons, J. E. Newcomb, of Hantsport, John Dart, A. P. Shand, C. W. Knowles, of Windsor, N. S., and others, have applied for letters patent of incorporation as the "Windsor Cotton Company" (Limited) with head quarters at Windsor, N. S.

The Roman Catholics have built a new chapel at Wolfville. The site of the new church was donated by Canon Carmody, and the church erected from the private funds of Canon Walsh, of Bedford.

The Women's Christian Association have made arrangements for a sale of fancy and Useful articles and Ice Cream at the old Skating Rink, Public Gardens, to-day Wednesday, from 2 o'clock until 6. Contributions may be sent to the Rink from half-past eleven on morning of sale. Should the weather prove unfavourable, the sale will be held on Saturday.

Among the many desirable results of pure blood are, an elastic step, buoyant spirit, and clear complexions. The possessor of healthy blood has his faculties at command, and enjoys a clear and quick perception which is impossible when the blood is heavy and sluggish with impurities. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best blood purifier and vitalizer known.

Mr. Barnhart, cor. Pratt and Broadway, has been a sufferer for twelve years, through Rheumatism, and has tried every remedy she could hear of, but received no benefit, until recommended to try Dr. Thomas' Eucalyptic Oil; she says she cannot express the satisfaction she feels at having the pain entirely removed and her rheumatism cured.