

For the Christian Messenger.
Valedictory.

To THE REV. P. R. FOSTER.
Dear Brother,—We exceedingly regret, that in the providence of God the time has come, when it becomes our painful duty to bid you farewell.

Therefore, we take this opportunity of expressing the esteem and Christian love we hold toward you.

It makes us sad to think, that on account of the effects of our climate on your constitution, you are compelled to leave this field of labour, where you have been the means under God of leading so many from the way of death into the path of life.

When you came among us our spiritual condition was extremely low; but through God's blessing attending your unwearied and self-denying labours, the church was revived, backsliders reclaimed, and many sinners brought to God. We cannot, however, permit you to depart without giving our testimony to your unfaltering faithfulness and untiring zeal in the Lord's work, your loyalty to scripture truth and Bible principles, and after two years of intimate acquaintance permit us to add, your purity of life and consecration to the Master, the result of which is not only seen in our spiritual state, but also in the marked improvement of our church property.

We would also add our best wishes and sincere respect for your partner and co-labourer, sister Foster, for the interest she has taken in our Sabbath School and mission work. Praying that God's blessing may attend you both in whatever field of labour he may see fit to call you, that your health may be restored, and that you may be spared many years to labour for him,

Believe us to be,
Yours sincerely in Christ,
In behalf of the Church,
JOHN Y. ROSS,
DONALD McDERMID.
N. E. Margate, C. B.,
June 26th, 1881.

REPLY.

To JOHN Y. ROSS AND DONALD McDERMID,
COMMITTEE OF BAPTIST CHURCH, MARGATE.

Dear Brethren,—
Your unexpected and kind address, just as I am departing in quest of a more genial climate, in order to recruit, if possible, my somewhat shattered health, wakens in my heart feelings of gratitude which I am unable to express, knowing as I do that your utterances are not beyond the honest convictions of your hearts. The time has come, "in the Providence of God," for us to part; and it is among the most trying periods in my life to say farewell to those true and faithful, whom I have learned to esteem for Christ's sake, and the many I have inducted into the church during my stay among you.

I am happy in the knowledge, that our separation does not arise from uneasiness nor discord in the church, for truly, we have dwelt in peace, but from my inability to endure your rather rigorous climate.

The influence which I have been enabled to exert for good, in this and surrounding communities may be attributed, in a great measure, to your jealous care of my character and reputation both in your families and before the world.

For the upbuilding of the cause of truth in your midst, and the many souls brought into the kingdom of peace, let us reverently and humbly bow our heads, and magnify and extol the riches of the grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I have labored, while among you to hold up Jesus, not only as a Saviour, but as an example for his people to follow; to preach the word, not theory, to reach men's hearts rather than please their ear. The results are apparent in the advancement of the church in gospel duty, in continued peace and in the development of a spirit of benevolence in the church.

Your kind mention of Mrs. Foster's labors will be received thankfully by her. She has always felt a deep interest in the Sabbath School; and much solicitude for the Woman's Missionary Aid Society—for through her influence it was organized,—which has resulted in so much good to the sisters and somewhat helpful to the cause of missions.

Be assured my brethren, that wherever God in his Providence may direct our steps our prayer will be, that you may dwell in peace, and that the rich benediction of heaven may rest on you and yours.

P. R. FOSTER.

In Memoriam.

DEACON GEORGE FORBES,

of the Wood's Harbor Church, died of erysipelas, on the 24th ult., after an illness of 5 days, during which his sufferings were very severe. For four days preceding his death he was in entire darkness, his eyes being closed by the swelling of his head. At times his mind was bewildered, but during his rational moments he expressed his confidence in Christ, and when death at last came to his release, he fell asleep without a struggle or a groan. He was in the 70th year of his age. About 25 years ago bro. Forbes was converted by the bedside of a dying brother, and he and several others were shortly after baptized by Rev. P. F. Murray and received into the Barrington Church. He was subsequently ordained as deacon for the Wood's Harbor section, and when the Wood's Harbor Church was formed in 1870 he was chosen to the same office in the new organization. He was a man of great energy decision of character, and strength of intellect, and when, as at times, he was filled with the Spirit his exhortations and prayers were powerful. A few years ago a neat and commodious house of worship was erected in the community mainly through his instrumentality, he himself bearing a large share of the expense. His house was always a home for ministers of the gospel and his hospitality was unbounded. He was always ready to contribute of his substance for the support of the gospel and for the public welfare. He will be greatly missed in his own family and in the community. But we hope that he has reached the better land "Where peace and joy eternal reign And glittering robes for conquerors wait."—Com. by Rev. W. H. Richan.

ABBY LOCKE,

daughter of John Locke, Senator, and Elizabeth Locke, born at Lockport, N. S., Sept. 15th, 1854, died at Gatesburg, S. C., June 6th, 1881. This memorial column seldom receives a name more lovingly remembered. She who bore it inherited a clear mind and a kind heart, and was wisely afforded the means of a good education. These had scarcely been used, when a liberal minded and loved father was suddenly removed; but God thus caused His chosen child to know Him as Father, and placed her in the school of Christ. Intelligently and fully she gave herself to her Saviour and Master, and in March, 1874, was baptized into His church. Her mind and heart, chastened into a calm which concealed their increased strength, were thenceforth His. As the bosom companion of a widowed mother, whose cares she soled and cheered, and as a member of the church and of society, she did quiet, faithful, and effective work. Evidently fitted and destined for a wider sphere of service, she entered it, but not here, as was fondly hoped and desired. Miss Locke was smitten by consumption early in 1880. Following medical advice, she went to Florida in the autumn of that year. But its air had for her neither health nor healing, and it was soon apparent to all eyes, save those so loving that they could not see their desire fail, that her earthly career was closing. In April her brother was summoned South to try to bring her back to those she loved. Clinging to life and this final hope, brother and sister pressed homewards, but her strength failed by the way, and she stopped to die among strangers, whose pity soon turned to love, and, ere she fully knew that her last earthly wish was denied, her spirit entered with glad surprise its heavenly home. Her remains were brought to Lockport and laid to rest, 'mid many tears, on the 16th of June. The mourners praise God for that grace which makes the memory of the one who has passed onwards precious, and her rest glorious.

MRS. JOSEPH FRANCIS

departed this life in Halifax on the 12th ult. She, with a yet living sister and four others, were baptized in 1836 by the late Rev. Richard McLearn, and

united with the Baptist Church of Windsor. She was a very humble and devoted Christian, the interests of religion lay very near her heart, and she was ever ready to do everything in her power for their advancement. From personal experience, extending over the greater part of the writer's pastoral connection in Windsor, he can testify of her as Paul of Phoebe: "She hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also." A few years ago she removed with her husband to Halifax, where she resided till her death. Her last illness was borne with great patience and resignation to the Divine Will. Being in Halifax, and hearing of her illness, the writer embraced the opportunity of visiting her. He found her dying as she had lived,—sustained and comforted by unwavering trust in the Redeemer. She has left a husband and six children to mourn their loss. May the bereavement be sanctified to them all.

D. M. WELTON.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

CAPE WOLF AND NUTSFORD, P. E. I.—Dear Editor,—According to previous arrangement a council was called on the 12th ult., by the Church at Cape Wolf and Nutsford, to consider the advisability of recognizing them in future as two separate churches. The reasons for their request being in brief (1) That the two sections are about nine miles apart rendering it almost impossible for the church to be well represented at Conference or other business meetings, which results in many inconveniences. (2) That they now have two places of worship, each situated in a good centre of operation—as well as many other local causes.

Their mutual request was complied with, henceforth they will be known as Cape Wolf Baptist Church, and the Nutsford Baptist Church, uniting, however in support of a pastor. Both having a fine field for work, and under the leadership of their pastor Rev. E. N. Archibald, are moving forward grandly. I do not think that there is a more promising field for Baptist work to day in the provinces. The writer preached the sermon and extended the right hand of fellowship to representatives of both churches, Rev. E. N. Archibald leading in fervent prayer for God's blessing to rest upon the two churches.

Yours in the work,

J. A. GORDON.

Milton, Yarmouth, July 28, 1881.

INGRAM RIVER, MARGARET BAY.—Rev. A. W. Baras reports progress. On the 3rd of July he baptized one believer; on the 23rd, three; and on the 31st, one more, making five since the meeting of the Association. This is a good beginning of our Associational year. May it be but as the drops before a plentiful shower to the praise of God's grace and mercy.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Great alarm has been aroused in the West by the appearance of the army worm. It is reported to be making sad havoc in the oat fields of Iowa. It has done much damage in Michigan and has also injured the crops in Wisconsin. In Iowa and Southern Minnesota the wheat and barley are said to be so much injured that there will be barley half a crop.

The season's catch of salmon in British Columbia is estimated at 200,000 cases, valued at \$1,200,000. Hon. Mr. Blake and Hon. Mr. Huntington were addressing a large political meeting at Charlottetown on Monday.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Acadian Convention of Memramcook, resolved to make August 16th, a "national holiday." All the speaking and transactions of the Convention were in French.

UNITED STATES.—The President is steadily improving, and his physicians are greatly encouraged.

Mr. Edison is about ready to illuminate a portion of New York city by his electric apparatus. He has connected his wires with some 800 houses, and put up 30,000 lamps. The mains are laid in most of the streets, and the engines are expected to be ready in September.

ENGLAND.—Report on the Land Bill was finished on Thursday last, and the third reading fixed for the following day.

Owing to the unsettled state of Ireland, it has been decided to maintain the military establishments at their present strength some time longer.

Mr. Parnell was suspended by a vote of 132 to 14 for the remainder of the sitting, in the House of Commons on Monday last, for using offensive language and disregarding the authority of the chair.

MEXICO.—The Government has appointed five of the principal capitalists of the city of Mexico to direct and control a National Lottery.

ABYSSINIA.—The French Catholic Bishop of Nassau, and four missionaries, who are on a tour of inspection of Catholic missionary stations in Abyssinia, were captured by natives, who pillaged and burned the church and mission house, robbed the persons of their clothes, and sent them into the interior.

News.

APPOINTMENTS.—Cape Breton Co.—To be Justices of the Peace,—Angus McNeil, Lingan; Colin F. Cameron, of Bridgeport.

Yarmouth Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace,—Barnard E. Rogers, of Yarmouth.

Kings Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace,—Joshua Chase of Sheffield Mills.

Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace,—Peter W. Maskell, of West Jeddore.

Warren Smith has, after an examination by Hon. Dr. Almon, Dr. Cameron, and other medical men, been ordered to desist from rowing for a year.

There are more men now employed in Cape Breton mines than at any period during the last seven years.

The Methodist Camp meeting at Berwick will open to-day.

This presents a famous opportunity for business which our Methodist friends do not intend shall pass by unimproved.

Sir Charles Tupper declines an invitation to a public banquet in Halifax, as a recognition of his valuable services in reference to making Halifax the Winter Port of the Dominion, and says "my public duties will not enable me at any early day to accept of your kindness, as every hour of my time will be fully occupied until I am obliged to leave for British Columbia, on the 8th of August. Although I have only discharged what I considered to be my duty to the whole public in relation to the steps taken to render Halifax as far as possible the winter port of the Dominion, I am much gratified at the warm appreciation of my services which your kind invitation evinces. Rest assured that you may rely upon my best efforts at all times, to promote the best interests of Halifax, involving, as I am sure they do the prosperity of the whole country."

Mr. Turner has failed to give the required securities concerning the Halifax Graving Dock and at a meeting of the City Council held on Friday evening a letter was read from Mr. J. Y. Payzant informing the council that if Mr. James Wright, of London, was accorded the same privileges given Mr. Turner, the former gentleman would come to Halifax at once to proceed with the construction of a dry dock.

Ald. Motton moved, seconded by Ald. Story, that Mr. Payzant be informed that the Council is ready to enter into negotiations with Mr. Wright in reference to building a dry dock in this city. Some discussion ensued, after which the resolution was passed on the following vote.

For the resolution—Aldermen Motton, Connolly, Story, McLellan, Nisbet, Sanford, Walsh, O'Connor, Mackintosh and Clay. Against it—Aldermen McPherson, Graham and Fraser.

The Harbour Championship will be competed for on the 11th inst. The course will be on Bedford Basin, one mile and a half and return, the usual three miles course. The prize will be the Cogswell silver medal and \$50, with no second prize. A silver medal and the money prize will in future be given annually.

The steamer Caledonia, which cleared on Wednesday, for London, took a cargo consisting of 8,081 cases of canned lobsters, valued at about \$45,000.

The man charged with robbing Mrs. Mooney of \$300, gave his name as Alexander Van Den Heyder, of Utrecht, and his profession as professor of modern languages. He was remanded.

The Dartmouth Council has ordered that the poll tax shall be \$2. The School at Tuft's Cove is to be closed because the attendance is so small.

FREEPORT, DORSET Co., July 26th, 1881.—A sad case of death by drowning occurred here on Friday last. A little boy of about eight years of age, only son of Israel and Adelia Haines, while playing alone on a wharf, fell from it into the water, and, not being seen by any one at the time, was drowned—though within call and reach of many who could have rescued him. His body was recovered a few hours after.

"Normey" was a very promising lad, and being the only brother among five sisters, will be greatly missed and mourned. His parents, are in deep affliction. The God of all grace sustain and comfort them!

J. F. KEMPTON.

It is said the catch of fish along the coast of Nova Scotia is the largest known for thirty years.

A barn belonging to Mr. J. L. Brown was burned at Wolfville on Sunday week.

The training ship Charybdis has arrived at St. John. She is about 267 feet long, 1506 tons, with the usual rig of a British man-of-war. This will be a fine receptacle for the bad boys. The terrible warning to such will not now be that they will be "Sent to Halifax," but that they must be "Sent to St. John."

Wm. Campbell, a miner, was badly injured at Acadia colliery on Monday.

The outlook for Newfoundland is said to be better than it has been for the past twenty years.

There is no Evaporation or Deterioration in strength about Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. The ingredients of this incomparable anti-rheumatic and throat and lung remedy, are not volatile, but fixed, pure and imperishable. Pain, lameness and stiffness are relieved by it, and it may be used with equal benefit externally and internally.

Jos. Beaudin M. D., Hull, P. Q., writes:—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil commands a large and increasing sale, which it richly merits. I have always found it exceedingly helpful; I use it in all cases of Rheumatism, as well as fractures and dislocations. I made use of it myself to calm the pains of a broken leg with dislocation of the foot, and in two days I was entirely relieved from pain.

It is to be hoped that the poisonous Ague medicines have had their day. Arsenic and quinine are not desirable commodities to carry about in one's system, even for the sake of temporarily displacing the malarial poison which produces Fever and Ague. Ayer's Ague Cure is a sure antidote for the Ague, and is perfectly harmless, leaving the system in as good a condition as before the Ague was contracted.

It is said ease of mind assist longevity. A man who carries a policy of life insurance, in such a company as the UNION MUTUAL, certainly should have ease of mind, and therefore this must help to prolong his life. And should the "brittle thread" be broken, he has secured something for his dear ones. F. B. K. MARTER, Manager, Office Queens Building, Hollis St.

THE HIGHEST AWARD.—That Putner's Emulsion stands to-day higher and far ahead of any other compound of the kind, and is acknowledged by the profession to be the most reliable in the treatment of Wasting, Scrofulous, and Children's Diseases, and diseases of the Nervous System, where the brain is overworked, and the general system run down for the want of Phosphorus, which is the only Nerve Tonic. Jan. 19. 6m.

Moneys Received.

N. R. Westcott, \$2. W. S. West, \$4. C. J. Margeson, Esq., \$17. W. A. Porter, \$10. Alex. Gillis, \$8. G. W. Foreman, \$40.

THE BLOOD AND NERVE TISSUES

owe their healthy existence to PHOSPHORUS and become disorganized when it is lessened in quantity. It is as necessary to the proper preservation of the functions of life as Electricity is to the Telegraph. The use of Phosphorus, combined with Cod Liver Oil, Lime, Soda &c., in PUTNER'S EMULSION, by providing, in a palatable and perfectly digestible form, all the elements necessary to the healthy growth and vitality of the body, prevents and rapidly cures all diseases which are due to its being present in less quantity than nature demands. Hence its inestimable value in Brain diseases, Nervous debility, Wasting and other LUNG troubles which, beginning in loss of flesh and vitality, with COUGHS, COLDS and BRONCHITIS, end in that fell destroyer of the human race—CONSUMPTION.

Miscellaneous.

TRAVELLING STONES.—In many parts of the country there are stones that travel, strange as it may seem. They were first found in Australia. Similar curiosities have recently been found in Nevada, which are described as almost perfectly round, the majority of them as large as a walnut, and of an iron nature. When distributed about on the floor, table or other level surface, within two or three feet of each other, they immediately begin traveling toward a common centre, and there lie huddled like a lot of eggs in a nest. A single stone removed to a distance of three and a half feet, upon being released, at once started off with wonderful and somewhat comical celerity to join its fellows; taken away four or five feet, it remains motionless. They are found in a region that is comparatively level, and is nothing but bare rock. Scattered over this barren region are little basins, from a few feet to a rod or two in diameter; and it is in the bottom of these that the rolling stones are found. They are from the size of a pea to five or six inches in diameter. The cause of these stones rolling together are doubtless to be found in the material of which they are composed, which appears to be lode stone, or magnetic iron ore.

A reverend gentleman told his people in one of his discourses that every blade of grass was a sermon. The next day he was amusing himself by clipping his lawn, when one of his hearers said, "That's right, doctor. Cut your sermons short."