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News of the Churches.

HALIFAX.—The pastor of the North Baptist Church administered the ordinance of Baptism to three persons on Sunday last.

GRANT VILLAGE.—Rev. M. P. Freeman baptized two young persons here on Sunday last—one of them was the son of the Rev. T. B. Layton.

BARTON, DIGBY CO.—The Lord is still reviving his glorious work in our midst. Wanderers have returned with deep repentance, and sinners have been converted. Last Sabbath I baptized seven at Plympton, and one was received by experience, making twelve added to the St. Mary's Bay Church within the last month. Many more are deeply concerned about the salvation of their souls.

Yours, &c.,
W. L. PARKER.

April 20, 1882.

MILTON, QUERNS CO., April 17th, 1882.—Special services have been held in connection with the Baptist Church in this place for several weeks, and, although the unpleasant weather and prevalent sickness interfered somewhat with the success of the meetings, yet they have resulted in considerable good. The church has been revived, and a number, we trust, hopefully converted to God. Two were baptized a week ago, and four yesterday, and others are expected to follow Christ soon in the same ordinance. Rev. P. F. Murray, who still delights in the prosperity of Zion, has rendered valuable aid in the meetings, and a week ago, when the pastor was suffering from a cold, administered for him the ordinance of baptism. One aged Bro., Dea. James Ford, has been confined to his house for about two months, but we trust is in a fair way to recover, and we hope before many weeks to see him in his old place again.

J. I. D.

MIDDLETON, ANnapolis, April 1, 1882.—We are holding special meetings at Inglisville, a branch of the Lawrenceton Church, and the cause is being revived and sinners converted.

R. D. PORTER.

SHELBERNE COUNTY NOTES.—The Lord has visited his people in this county. A work of grace at East Ragged Island has resulted in the conversion of about twenty persons, including heads of families. The glad pastor, Bro. McKenne, is now called to another section of his field, Sable River, where, in his absence, a hopeful revival has begun.

The Osborne Church has been quickened, generally, and greatly strengthened in the addition to its membership by baptism, of some twenty sterling going people. Bro. Foster is now prostrated, and has lost, it is to be hoped only temporarily, the use of his voice.

A good work has just begun at Jordan River, this is good cheer to Bro. Goddey, the faithful overseer of a difficult, and in some respects discouraging field.

Some special services at Lockeport were blessed, but there are no baptisms, as yet, to report. Two brethren worthy of the place, have been added to the staff of deacons. The church and congregation have decided to build a house of worship suited to their present need. Clifford Locke, Esq., has donated a valuable centrally located site. The structure will be of wood; the estimated cost \$7,500.

J. A. D.

Mr. Spurgeon's Church is said to be the largest in the world, numbering 5,310.

From Iowa.

A correspondent sends us the following:

Mr. Editor.—Your readers are always interested in news from the churches, even though the church be not in our own Province. It is also pleasant to hear from brethren who have formerly labored among us. The following items are gleaned from a letter of recent date from Rev. E. C. Spinney, D. D., of Burlington, Iowa. Dr. S., it will be remembered, graduated from Acadia College in 1868, and later from Newton Theological Institution:

"A revival is in progress in our church of unusual power and extent. It has been in progress since last November. At the present time there are upwards of 300 inquirers. Eighty have been baptized, and more received for baptism. Among the converts have been many husbands and wives. The church has been greatly strengthened by the recent addition to its numbers. One result of the work will be the organization of a new church in another part of the city."

An example of the way Dr. Spinney takes hold of the work in his western field may be seen in the following. The Baptists had a mission station in the suburbs of Burlington, the chapel was in debt, and the mortgage about to be foreclosed, when, in all probability, the property would have passed out of the hands of the Baptists. No one was ready to help. Dr. S. came forward and assumed the liability himself, about \$3,000, and saved the property. The present revival has extended to that field, and soon it will be a self-supporting church.

Dr. Spinney has two large branch Sabbath Schools, one of which averages 230 scholars, the other 120, and are soon to organize a third Sabbath School. These are the beginnings of interests that will soon develop into churches, and Burlington will then have four Baptist churches.

Dr. Spinney's pastorate at Concord, N. H., was wonderfully blessed, and the same success seems to be attending him in his present field. He is a strong denominational man. All departments of Christian work receive his attention, and whatever he does, he does with all his might. Largely through his influence the Baptist College at Peña, Iowa, has had fifty thousand dollars added to its funds during the past year.

UNITED STATES.

From the Washington Baptist Nation:
Dakota.—There are two Associations in this territory, one of which was organized last fall, with thirty churches and over twenty ordained ministers. Nine churches were organized in 1881.

Georgia.—Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, D. D., is to assume charge of the Shorter Female College, in Rome, on the 1st of September, being engaged for ten years. A powerful revival is in progress in Oxford.

At the Albany church twelve were recently baptized. There are 239,000 Baptists in Georgia. A new house of worship was dedicated at Elberton last month.

Illinois.—The churches in Rockford are both prospering. The First church, Rev. E. Anderson, pastor, recently received forty, mostly by baptism. The Second church has recently received nearly twenty on profession.

Seventy-two baptisms are reported from Chicago.

Indiana.—The Baptist women of Indiana propose to endow a professorship in Franklin College, of which Rev. W. T. Stott, D. D., is president.

The church in La Fayette having paid its debt, is now enjoying a revival season. Six were recently baptized.

Kentucky.—Seventy-four have recently been baptized in the various churches in Louisville.

Massachusetts.—One hundred and thirty seven baptisms were reported for the month of March at the Boston ministers' meeting.

The First church, Boston, has sold its old house on Somerset street to the Boston University, and it is to be devoted to the use of the College of Liberal Arts.

Missouri.—A revival is in progress among the students of William Jewell College, in Liberty. The preaching has been done by one of the students, Henry Burton, and Dr. Rothwell, the president,

affirms that there has been no interruption in the regular work of the college. There are eight Baptist colleges in the State.

New Mexico.—A Baptist church has organized lately in Santa Fe. The outlook for it is favorable.

New York.—Rev. H. A. Cordo, D. D., of Glovers, on the 19th of March gave the hand of fellowship to seventy, the most of whom he had recently baptized.

Two hundred and nineteen baptisms for the month of March were reported at the ministers' meeting in New York.

In the Greenwood Church, Brooklyn, Rev. A. G. Lawson, pastor, a glorious revival is in progress. Two hundred and fifty conversions are reported, with one hundred and five baptisms.

Willoughby Avenue Church, Brooklyn, Rev. R. B. Montgomery, pastor, is in the midst of a revival that gives promise of abundant fruit. Already forty-five have been added; and there are several cases of household baptisms.

South Carolina.—A Church of forty members was constituted, March 17, near Highland Grove, Greenville County, and began its church life by a contribution to the state mission treasury.

North Carolina.—Rev. F. H. Jones, writes that there are more Baptists in Yanceyville than there are professing Christians of all other denominations.

In the church in New Bern there are five entire families of baptized believers.

Pennsylvania.—Rev. Wm. Cathcart, D. D., Philadelphia, has just completed the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate in the Second Church.

Texas.—S. B. Calloway, a lawyer of Glen Rose, is to give up his profession and enter the ministry.

Seventeen were recently baptized at Prairie Point, five of whom came from the Presbyterian Church.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.—A letter to the Canadian Baptist gives a good account of the Baptist interest at Winnipeg. The writer says:

"With the influx of population into our city, a large number of Baptists are coming to take up their abode with us. There has been a steady increase in our congregations for the last two or three months. For the last two or three Lord's days the folding doors between the main audience-room and the school-room or large vestry have had to be opened, and that apartment occupied, at times to overflowing. Twice have numbers been compelled to return home for want of room; and the propriety of building or enlarging has been spoken of. The Baptist people now in the city are better able to support two pastors than they were three years ago one, many men of means having come in of late, and the property of many others having become worth ten-fold what it was at that time. After the morning's service last Lord's day, the pastor, Rev. A. McDonald, tendered his resignation, to take effect at the end of May, at which time he has arranged to enter upon the arduous, extensive, and responsible work of a general Missionary and Financial Agent for the Regular Baptist Missionary Convention in Manitoba and the North-West, urged on him with great unanimity by the Board and other members of the Convention."

The government of Denmark is in a fair way to learn that Christianity is not hindered by persecutions.

Donations to the Missionary Union to March 1st were \$1,435 in excess of last year to the same time.

Rev. J. P. Jones, until lately the minister of the English Congregational Church at Bridgport, Monmouthshire, Wales, has been baptized at Magor, by Rev. B. Davies. Prior to his baptism Mr. Jones stated his reasons for adopting Baptist principles, and was listened to with deep attention by many of other denominations.

At the recent annual meeting of the Jamaica Baptist Union, a total membership of 25,422 was reported, of whom 2,394 had been baptized during the year.

Mr. Oscar Owers is conducting this week a series of Evangelistic Meetings in Shaftesbury Hall in Toronto. He has made a favorable impression by his earnest and striking presentation of the gospel. He gives Bible readings for Christians at 4 o'clock every afternoon.

The plan for erecting a new church edifice for the French Baptists of Montreal is about to assume a practical form. \$10,000 are required for it.

In Norway Rev. Godfrey Hubert, a Baptist pastor, has been sentenced by the courts of justice to pay a fine of thirty dollars for baptizing a convert whose parents were members of the church. He has written the following letter describing his experiences:—"I have had the honor of suffering persecution: some of my furniture—to the value of nearly £10—was seized a few days ago, to cover a fine for having baptized a young believer, eighteen years of age, whose parents are members of our church! Such is the religious liberty of Norway in 1882."

The Philadelphia Baptist pastors have passed resolutions protesting against the persecution and requesting the Secretary of State to instruct the American minister in Sweden and Norway to inquire into the case.

In Austria also the same spirit of persecution has been manifested though in a somewhat less virulent form. An attempt has been made to compel a Baptist to have his child "baptized" by a Romish priest, and an important law suit has grown out of it. Bernhard Merkel and wife, in Bohemia, left the Romish church and became Baptists in September 1880. A daughter was born to them about this time, and duly registered by the authorities. Notwithstanding this, the Catholic bishop of Koniggratz has claimed the right to baptize the infant, and the government at Vienna has decided that the parents are to be compelled to yield to the bishop's will. The spirit of true Christian toleration seems to be of slow growth.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey have declined the invitation given by the London ministers to devote twelve months of evangelistic services in the metropolis.

News of the World.

The trial of Roderick McLean, who attempted to shoot the Queen at Windsor on the 2nd of March, took place on Wednesday before the Lord Chief Justice Coleridge. The Attorney General opened the case for the prosecution. The facts of the case were clear. The only question was as to the state of the prisoner's mind when he committed the crime.

Montague Williams, in opening for the prisoner, made insanity the ground of defence. He said it could be shown that Maclean had had homicidal mania for years, and imagined the English people were against him, and also it could be proved that Maclean had been confined in an asylum.

The Superintendents of the Salisbury and Broadmoor asylums testified to Maclean's insanity. They believed him incapable of appreciating the nature or quality of any of his acts.

Mr. Williams asked for the acquittal of the prisoner on the ground of insanity.

The Lord Chief Justice merely pointed out the law in such cases.

The jury rendered a verdict of acquittal, on the ground of insanity. It was ordered that Maclean be detained in custody during Her Majesty's pleasure. The deliberations of the jury occupied but five minutes.

It is stated that 250 Irish suspects have been released in the last fortnight. Roche, a bailiff in the service of the Emergency Committee, was shot dead on Tuesday while returning from Limerick to Killybegs.

The expense of administering the Land Act has cost the country £90,000, while the reductions of rent made by the Land Commissioners are estimated to reach £30,000.

Not a single American suspect remains in any Irish prison. Several suspects in jail claim to be American citizens, but their claims are not supported by the American Minister.

An explosion occurred in Black Horse Colliery, Sunderland, on the 18th, and thirty-five persons were killed. Seven were badly burned.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, during a debate on the recent circular in regard to Clifford Lloyd, and concerning the duty of self-protection, Mr. Redmond persisted in denouncing Mr. Forster as dishonest. The speaker named him, and his suspension was ordered, 207 to 12. Redmond thereupon withdrew.

Charles Robert Darwin, the well-known scientist, died on Thursday at his residence, Down House, Orpington.

The French Cabinet has approved of the scheme of DeLesseps for cutting a canal through the neck of land dividing the Gulf of Goves from the salt marsh and low parts of the Desert of Sahara, south of Tunis, in Africa. It is expected the sea will once more fill up Sahara. The cost is estimated at 65,000,000 francs. It is understood that the State will not contribute towards the expense, but will appeal to private capitalists for funds for the project.

Ex-Empress Eugenie arrived in Paris on the 17th on her way to Nice. Several distinguished Bonapartists met her at the station.

Archbishop McCabe on Sunday took possession of his title as Cardinal for Ireland at the Church of St. Sabina at Rome. The offerings consisted of a fine portrait of the Pope, and a purse of 4,000 francs. The Pope intends this nomination as a proof of his desire to assist the British Government to maintain order and legality throughout its Dominions.

The director of the bank of Sicily, formerly Syndic of Palermo, has been abducted by brigands, who demand £3,000 sterling ransom.

At Madrid on Saturday the Chamber of Deputies approved of the Franco-Spanish Commercial Treaty by a vote of 237 to 59.

Burma is again suffering from its insane and cruel king. Theebaw has put to death an inferior wife, two half sisters, the chancellor of the exchequer, and fifty of their relatives.

At Cairo, Egypt, a French journal, the *Gazette des Tribunaux*, has been suspended for one month. There have been fresh arrests, which now number fifty.

New York is swarming with emigrants. They sometimes arrive by five or six thousand a day.

The Aurora Borealis seems to have operated very powerfully at Cleveland, on Monday of last week, especially on persons troubled with nervous disorders. The pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was prostrated in his pulpit while praying, by what was first supposed to be paralysis. Ladies fainted in the churches during the services, and people who were out of doors, as well as in, complain generally of strangely oppressive sensations, similar to those attendant upon an earthquake.

Rumors from Eagle Creek say that McMaster, wife and children and 10 Mexicans were killed there by Indians, also three prospectors. The bodies were warm when the troops came up with them.

A special from San Carlos says that the Chiricahua made a raid in there after the Locos band and scooped everything before them, killing twenty people as far as heard from. There are not sufficient troops to protect the place.

A cyclone swept over Broomanville, Saling Co., on Monday afternoon. The business portion of the town was demolished. Seven persons were killed, and between twenty or thirty injured. The storm came from the South-West. It is said that the first intimation was a roaring sound, which was immediately followed by a large, black funnel shaped cloud, moving at the rate of one hundred miles an hour. When the cloud reached the Western portion of the town it dropped almost to the ground, and drew everything within a radius of several hundred yards up in it, and swept through the town laying everything waste in its path. Two large brick buildings were picked up like straws and turned into shapeless ruins. A frame dwelling was carried some distance and dropped, smashing it. The storm lasted less than two minutes, but twenty business houses and dwellings were levelled, and people in the streets were carried various distances and hurled to the ground, dead or bruised almost beyond recognition, while those in buildings were buried by the falling walls.

The Mansion House stables Brooklyn, New York, were burned on Sunday, and twenty-six horses perished. A coachman lost his life while attempting to rescue the animals. The loss is \$35,000.

Couriers from Gila River report that a band of twenty-five Warm Spring Apaches have burned the ranches of Purdy, York, Hutchins and Correll, and driven off all the stock. It is reported that six or eight men were murdered.

Chunder Sen and the Lord's Supper.

The follow account of how the followers of Chunder Sen celebrated the Lord's Supper is taken from a Brahma tract, published in the *N. Y. Independent*:

Jesus! Is the sacramental rite meant only for those nations that are in the habit of taking bread and wine? Are the Hindus excluded from partaking of the holy eucharist? Wilt thou cut us off because we are rice-eaters and teetotallers? That cannot be. Spirit of Jesus! that cannot be. Both unto Europe and Asia thou hast said: 'Eat my flesh and drink my blood.' Therefore, the Hindu shall eat thy flesh in rice and drink thy blood in pure water, so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled in this land.

On Sunday, the 6th of March, the ceremony of adapting the sacrament to Hindu life was performed with due solemnity, in accordance with the principle above set forth. The Hindu apostles of Christ gathered after prayer in the dinner-hall, and sat upon the floor upon bare ground. Upon a silver plate was rice, and in a small goblet was water, and there were flowers and leaves around both. The minister read the following verses from Luke xxii:

And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it and gave unto them, saying: This is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

Likewise also the cup after supper, saying: This cup is the New Testament in my blood which is shed for you.

A prayer was then offered, asking the Lord to bless the sacramental rice and water:

Touch this rice and this water, O Holy Spirit, and turn their grossly material substance into sanctifying spiritual forces, that they may, upon entering our system, be assimilated to it as the flesh and blood of all the saints in Christ Jesus. Satisfy the hunger and thirst of our souls with the rich food and drink thou hast placed before us. Invigorate us with Christ-force and nourish us with saintly life.

The Lord blessed the rice and he blessed the water.

And these were then served in small quantities to those around, and men ate and drank reverently, and the women and the children also ate and drank, and they blessed God, the God of prophets and saints.

CHURCH MUSIC.—Mr. J. S. Curwen of London, recently gave an address to the students at Rawdon college on "Music and Worship." Mr. Curwen spoke of congregational singing as the most legitimate form of worship-music, but he could see no objection to, say one piece, in every service, being sung by the choir alone, or by a soloist, provided that congregational singing still formed the staple of worship-music, and provided also that the singers were persons of devotional spirit. Indeeds he would go further, and have oratorios and sacred concerts in churches, not superseding ordinary services, but in addition to them, and on week-days. The oratorio began in the theatre; the concert-room, was a half-way house; its true home was the church. He confessed to a growing distaste to listening to an oratorio or a sacred cantata amid the garish surroundings of the concert-room, the display of singers and audience, the applause and the encores. However, his chief concern was with congregational singing, which he feared, was declining in heartiness. People were getting rich and indolent, and preferred being sung to rather than singing themselves. Yet the breadth and grandeur of simple congregational singing had an emotional power which no artistic music could rival.