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## News from the Churches.

**HILLSBURG.**—Our aged brother, Wm. Dunn, Esq., now upwards of 80 years, writes: "I am thankful to be able to state for your information that the good work of which you have been informed is still progressing. At our Conference, Saturday, 24th, over 160 spoke, 9 related their Christian experience, and were received. At the close of the morning service on Sabbath 15 received the right hand of fellowship who had been previously baptized, and in the afternoon, although the weather was stormy, a large congregation assembled at the water to witness the baptism of the nine happy converts who followed the divine pattern in the apostolic mode, the ice being removed for the occasion. The service was marked by solemnity and profound attention. The Rev. W. E. Hall's labors are highly appreciated by the people, and, best of all, owned and blessed of God, to whom be all praise!"

We put a tax on our modesty by the insertion of the following, also from our friend's letter. We seldom indulge in this way, although we frequently receive similar kind words. Although they may not be published they are not forgotten:

"I have been a constant reader of the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER since the early part of 1838, and its weekly visits are still look for with unabated interest. My mind is often cheered and refreshed by its perusal, and I should feel it to be a great loss to be deprived of the luxury it often affords. Dear brother, you have my prayers and best wishes for its success and increase, and that you may be long spared to write its editorials and pursue the same straightforward course that has marked your past history. May it continue to characterize your future labors. Whilst treating other denominations with Christian courtesy, yet earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, as understood by Baptists."

**HOPEWELL, N. B.**—Dear Bro.—We have rejoiced in the news from the churches of late, but more particularly that the power of God has been, and still is being, displayed in our own church. At Albert a deep and precious work of grace is going on. Those who have been toiling on under trials and discouragements are seeing their prayers answered on behalf of their children and their neighbors. Backsliders have returned to find joy and rest. Eleven happy believers put on Christ by baptism, and others are enquiring. The Holy Spirit is resting upon the whole church, and we feel assured that a blessed ingathering time is at hand. In addition to those who have been baptized eight have united by letter, one on experience, and one restored. Thus we are being encouraged in our new field.

C. C. BURGESS,  
March 1, 1883.

**ONSLAW.**—It has been my privilege to baptize fifteen candidates this month into the fellowship of the Baptist Church, Central Onslow, and received three others by letter. The church has been greatly encouraged and strengthened by the new additions, as many of them are among the foremost men in the community. The church for many years has been in perfect sympathy and accord with all things that pertain to the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom at home and abroad. We have a noble band of Christian workers, and special meetings have been held for several weeks without any outside help, except one good gospel sermon by Bro. Freeman. And the church is all the stronger for this special effort in the salvation of men. "Let him know that he who converteth a sinner

from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

On Thursday evening of last week many members of the church and congregation met at the parsonage to spend an evening socially with the pastor and wife, and before leaving gave their expressions of love and sympathy in both good words and good deeds. It is good for pastor and people to dwell together in unity.

C. H. MARTELL.

**PARRSBORO.**—Rev. J. A. McLean writes: "The work of the Lord is prospering here. We have additions week by week, and the prospect for continuous growth is good. The kind and noble people whom I serve at Parrsboro', West Brook, and Southampton, are in full sympathy with my condition of health, and have made me donations to the amount of \$220."

**PUBLICO.**—Rev. W. H. Richan informs us that he has recently baptized five persons here.

**LONG POINT AND AYLESFORD.**—Dear Editor.—I wrote you a few weeks ago about the revival work in my field. The work has been progressing gloriously. Thirty-three more have been baptized at Long Point, making in all seventy two since the revival commenced. The Lord has also been reviving his work in Aylesford. Last Sabbath was a good day for the church here. Twelve followed Christ in baptism, and more are coming forward.

Bro. Sweet, from Acadia College, spent the Sabbath with us, and preached in the morning to a crowded house, who listened with great interest to his earnest appeals. Bro. Young has been laboring with us with unabated zeal, and his work has not been in vain. The church members in a great measure seem awake to a sense of their duty, and are manifesting an interest in the salvation of souls. At our last conference 146 testimonies were given for Christ. Pray for us.

Yours, &c.,  
J. L. READ.

**REVIVAL IN THE 2ND HILLSBURG CHURCH.**—The friends of Zion, no doubt, are always well pleased to hear of her prosperity in any place. It has pleased the Lord to hear the prayer of His chosen people, and to manifest His love in the salvation of precious souls. Many had fallen very low, but the Lord has appeared in mercy and revived His work. Some who had wandered far away have returned back to the service of Christ, and we may hope have been truly converted to God. It was my privilege last Sabbath, Feb. 25th, at Smith's Cove, to baptize twelve happy converts. One also was received by letter, and another by experience, making fourteen received into the church. One of the number was Dr. John G. Dyer. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Yours in the truth,  
W. L. PARKER.  
March 2, 1883.

**CANNING.**—The Rev. Sydney Welton, at the close of a most excellent conference last evening, resigned his office as pastor of the church here. His services have been highly appreciated, and his resignation not only surprised the brethren, but filled their hearts with pain. They had hoped for a long and uninterrupted pastorate. The congregations have never been so large in Canning as during Mr. Welton's ministry, and though no special revival season has been enjoyed, we have reason to hope that the good seed has fallen on fertile soil and will yet bear

fruit. We regret that our brother has felt it to be his duty to leave us, but as the resignation was peremptory, the church can only submit. Our prayer is that the Lord of the vineyard may go with and bless our brother, and that the fit and right man may be directed this way. The church will be vacant after the last Sabbath in April.

Mr. Welton has been invited to visit the Baptist Church in Sussex, N. B., in view of settlement.

**GREENFIELD, QUEENS CO.**—Dear Editor.—So apparently isolated are we from the rest of the world that our existence is scarcely known to many of our brethren in Christ, and were it not for that white-winged angel of love, the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, so welcome to our hearts and homes, we, too, would be ignorant of the Lord's doings around us. But we do exist, and even in this remote district the Lord has not forgotten us, for we meet often together to praise His name, and sing the songs of Zion. We have experienced many afflictions of late, but they have worked together for our good, and drawn us nearer the fountain-head, making us glad to know that "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth."

We have also been the recipients of many blessings, not the least of which was the presence of Bro. Mark Shaw, whose labors with us during the past four months have been a source of great encouragement. Bro. Shaw is a young man of whom we are led to hope great things in his future labors in the Master's vineyard. He is ever on the alert in the cause of Christ. Though young in years he is not so in the things that pertain to eternal life. We have regarded his daily walk as a model for young Christians.

The week of prayer was a very refreshing season to us. Many hitherto careless and unconcerned bore testimony of the Lord's dealings with them. Sinners have been drawn nearer the footstool of mercy, and we have all been drawn closer by the cords of love. But our young brother has left us to resume his studies at Wolfville, and, although it is hard to part with one we hold so dear, yet we will not murmur. He has gone to equip himself more thoroughly for his Master's service. We wish him every success. May his lines be cast in pleasant places. His farewell sermon was a very effective one, and well adapted for the occasion, all present being deeply impressed that they were about to lose an earnest instructor, a faithful friend, and a zealous advocate of the cause of Temperance.

**FIVE ISLANDS.**—Rev. G. F. Miles, administered Christian Baptism to an intelligent young man here on Sunday the 18th ult. He was subsequently received into the church to the members of which he had previously given satisfactory evidence of conversion.

**FIRST MONCTON CHURCH, N. B.**—Rev. Geo. O. Gates writes: "The work of grace continues in our midst—fifteen were baptized on Sunday, and these, with one by letter and two on experience were welcomed into the church. Bro. Chubbuck has worked with the pastor in harmony, and aims to be his helper in every sense of the word. He expects to leave us during the week for another field of labor, and he will be followed by the earnest prayers of us all for his continued success. Bro. Chubbuck holds up Jesus—preaches the truth, urges the acceptance of the truth. He does not believe in a religion of "emotion," but of principle, and he too believes in saints persevering."

**WOLFVILLE.**—Mr. A. J. Pineo, A. B., Principal of the High School at this place, delivered a lecture in Academy Hall on Friday evening, 2nd inst. Sub-

ject, "The Story of the Earth." It was under the auspices of the Plerian Society of Acadia Seminary, and was well received by the audience.

On Sunday, Rev. T. A. Higgins preached before the students of the Institutions. In the evening he baptized three students of the Seminary. The Conference on Saturday, and the services on Lord's Day were precious hours for many. Let all friends of our Institutions pray for greater spiritual blessings for our young people studying here.

It will interest many to know that a Memorial Tablet for the late Rev. Dr. Cramp, is to be placed in the Church edifice here.

## Induction of Rev. J. F. Bartlett.

TO THE PASTORATE OF THE LEINSTER ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, ST. JOHN, N. B.

The attendance on Friday evening, was not so large as it ought to have been, considering the circumstance, and the object of the service. It being a most glorious night, the spacious church should have been crowded. The service was most interesting and we hope the advice given by the speakers will be practically carried into effect and then the church must prosper. The meeting opened with the choir singing an anthem prayer by Rev. Mr. Nobles. Hymn No. 808. "Father of mercies bow thine ear," was then sung. Rev. Mr. Spencer read several portions of Scripture appropriate to the occasion, Rev. Mr. Foshay offered prayer, Rev. Mr. Cross preached an excellent

SERMON FROM EZEKIEL xxiii. 7.  
The following report appeared in the Sun:

See thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word of my mouth, and warn them from me."

The preacher likened a minister of the gospel to a watchman, and said God is here, speaking to the prophet and calls him son of man. God very often used this phrase in the Old Testament. Ezekiel was particularly addressed in this way. God deals with man through man. When our Lord was on earth, he chose men to preach his gospel. The apostles were to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The Christian ministry is a divine institution. Paul and Barnabas were sent to ordain elders, which is the same as pastors. Our custom is to install our brethren as the pastor of a church; I pray that all taking part in this service to-night may receive spiritual blessing. Christian ministers occupy something the same position as the Jewish prophets did. Their duty is to warn the impenitent and to seek to lead all to the loving paths of Christ's way. In Eastern cities it was the custom to have watchmen on the walls of the city, and on the approach of danger it was their duty to sound an alarm. This is the duty of a minister of Christ's gospel. He must watch for souls, he must honestly reprove sin, he must admonish the ungodly, that he may be clear of the blood of all men in the day of judgment. This is a grave and fearfully responsible position. God in His word says if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand. God teaches there are awful responsibilities resting upon his ministers. There are other positions in life that have responsibility. Look at the surgeon, the captain of a ship at sea, the general of an army. But what is all their responsibility to that of a Christian minister, for if he is unfaithful to his trust, souls are lost that Christ died to save. The Christian minister is not to preach what he likes, but to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ; not science or philosophy, but Christ, the Saviour of the world. Some may take offence at the words spoken, but that must not deter him from his plain duty. God's ministers are to watch for souls, which must for ever live in rapture or in woe. The watchmen set in eastern towns were not responsible for the safety of the city, but only to warn the citizens of danger. So it is with the Christian minister; he is not responsible for the success of his work. That rests with God. But his duty is to warn them. When he does that truly and faithfully, he is freed from the blood of his fellow men. You are responsible for your reception of God's truth. Your duty (addressing Rev. Mr. Bartlett) is to preach "the word" earnestly, faithfully and lovingly, and only in doing this will you discharge your duty and free yourself from your responsibility. If your congregation do not take the warning to heart; if their blood is on their own head. My earnest prayer is, that in the new relations that are formed between you may be produced the fruits of righteousness.

The choir sang an anthem.

REV. MR. HICKSON then addressed the pastor, and said: That the preacher had so fully set out the duty of a pastor, that there was little for him to say. This is like a marriage, it is a union between pastor and people and it should be full of holy pleasure. The rev. gentleman was the successor of many eminent pastors to the church. You will find the brothers and sisters of this congregation anxious to do the service of their Master. They have energy and faith. They work hard for the salvation of souls and the spread of the gospel. You can encourage Christians, and also encourage sinners by showing them that they need not be lost. You will find many perishing souls in this city, and it is your duty to find them out. You have a field of hope, and joy. The pastor of a church of Jesus Christ is to be congratulated, for he is blessed with the fruit of his labor. Your duty is to preach the word, the counsel of God, although it may cut—for it will cut—to the heart of the sinner. To see a soul going home to Jesus, knowing that you have been instrumental in saving that soul, is reward enough for the labor of a life time.

DR. BILL.

addressed the church and said: It is not necessary to remind you that you should receive your minister into your hearts as a minister of Christ. Remember this when you meet him in the street, or in your homes, or in this place of worship. As such, give him your hearty cooperation. Many think they know more than the minister; but you must remember that he is your teacher. Take care of him as your minister. He has placed himself in your hands and you must remember this at all times. Take care that no word falls from your lips which will be detrimental to his reputation or dignity, but always stand by him. He is here to win souls over to Christ. Don't cramp his hand in that, for the spirit of Christ will guide him.

Rev. Mr. Foshay offered up prayer and the congregation sang the hymn, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun."

Dr. Bill then extended the hand of fellowship to Rev. Mr. Bartlett in a few well chosen words and the service closed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Mr. Bartlett.

## News of the World.

In the House of Commons on Monday of last week Mr. Parnell moved his amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, attacking the executive in Ireland for the administration of the Crimes Act. The language of the amendment was very violent. He said he was confident of victory, having a million of Irish in America behind him.

The Right Hon. Andrew Porter, Attorney General for Ireland, replied, condemning the bringing of charges without evidence. He rebutted the charge of jury packing. Parnell's amendment was rejected by a vote of 133 to 15.

The motion in the House of Commons on Friday last offered by Richard O'Shaughnessy, declaring it expedient to introduce in Ireland the principle of compulsory education was agreed to.

The owners and underwriters of the British steamer Quebec, which recently arrived at Liverpool after a passage of fifty days from Portland, having been disabled, have awarded the captain the sum of £10,000. The captain has also been appointed to the command of the British steamer Brooklyn.

Sir Arthur Trevellyn, replying to a question in the Commons, said the Government did not intend to release Mr. Harrington, now in jail for using intimidating language, and who has recently been elected member for West Meath.

Thirty head of cattle belonging to O'Flaherty, late president of the Land League at Limerick, have been seized owing to non payment of rent by O'Flaherty.

Three hundred women start from Limerick this week for New Hampshire where they will be employed in a cotton factory.

Walsh of Rochdale is found to be the "No 1," of the Irish Invincibles. He has been arrested. Letters seized at his lodgings reveal the fact that six thousand men are enrolled in the secret society which he had been organizing in the North of England, and are amply provided with funds and revolvers.

The Duke of Edinburgh will be present at the coronation of the Czar of Russia. The Prince of Wales will not attend.

The authorities of Hamburg have adopted a plan for entry into the Zollverein. Bonded warehouses are to be

erected, separated from the town by a canal. The execution of the plan will require the demolition of 1,400 houses and the removal of 15,000 persons. The cost will be five and a half million pounds. The work will be begun next summer and finished in five years.

The Berlin *National Zeitung* affirms that the Prince of Wales has expressed his strong disapproval with reference to the military degradation by France of the Orleans princes.

The desolation occasioned by the floods is described by telegram as fearful and over a vast extent of country. Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois are scenes of great destruction. In the latter State, in Locanin locality, four solid blocks of dwellings have entirely disappeared. The Presbyterian church floated a mile, and several mills and business houses are entirely gone. The villages of Blackburn and Raleigh, Kentucky, have been nearly destroyed.

There are hundreds of miles of country under water along the banks of the Mississippi.

The people are living in the upper stories of their houses where there is more than one story to the house, or are floating around on rafts or in boats. Most of the inhabitants, however, have deserted their homes and gone to the high lands back from the river. The whole country back of New Madrid as far as Cairo, on the Missouri, and from Hickman south for over fifty miles is inundated. Corn, live stock and fences have been destroyed.

Bonds of the face value of \$70,000 were stolen from the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co., of Philadelphia, on Friday, by a sneak thief.

Reports from Michigan state that seventy lumbermen in the Northern pineries were recently killed by strychnine being accidentally put in their bread instead of soda.

Judge Ingraham on Wednesday afternoon denied the motion for an injunction restraining the Western Union Telegraph Company from transferring \$15,000,000 worth of its stock, issued on January 19th, 1881.

The Dunlap elevator at Albany, N. Y., was destroyed by fire on Saturday. By the falling of walls four men were killed and seven badly injured. Loss \$215,000.

Alexander H. Stephens, formerly Vice-President of the Southern Confederacy, died at Georgia on Sunday last.

A telegram from Paris on Wednesday last says the Radicals are angry at the arrest of Frank Byrne at the instance of the British Government. The *Intransigent* accuses the Government of basely cringing in order to meet English exigencies.

At Berlin on Wednesday last, the silver wedding festivities of the Crown Prince and Crown Princess took place. The streets were thronged with people, and the city was illuminated.

Baron Nordenskjold, the Swedish explorer, has notified the Dutch Minister, at Stockholm, that he intends to claim the reward, 25,000 guilders offered in 1896, for the North East passage.

At St. Petersburg, forty students have been imprisoned for expressing doubts of the administrative ability of Count Tolstoi, Minister of Public Instruction.

A band of masked and armed men, supposed to be members of a secret society, entered a farm at Puerto Serrano, Andalusia, Spain, and murdered the men, outraged the women and destroyed everything on the place. Several plantations in Andalusia have been partially destroyed by similar bands. Thirty-eight arrests have been made in Malaga, including that of an ex-mayor of the city.

The following letter, received by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, of the United Presbyterian Manse, Midealce, is published with the consent of the Premier:—"Dear Sir,—I thank you very much for your book on the Scottish Sanctuary, which I found full of interest. By no means a Presbyterian myself, I can sympathize with the high motives which I believe led to that movement in Scotland. Yet I hope this tendency will not be indulged without reserve, for there was a solemn and stern simplicity in the old form of Presbyterian worship, which was entitled to great respect, and which was a thing totally different from the mean nakedness and the cold worldliness and indifference so widely dominant in English services fifty years ago.—I remain dear Sir your very faithful and obedient servant, W. E. GLADSTONE."