they do think and what they do-and

the reasons why. My friends, the Bap

tist brethren are in direct line from the

Apostles. I believe there is no com-

munity whose doctrine and practice are

so closely in conformity with Scripture

teaching, and if an Apostle were to enter

here to night, or to come within the

range of one of our Baptist churches

he would be more at home than in any

Christian community you could name.

First of all and foremost, the Baptists

assert the spiritual character of Christ's

Church. They believe that this world

was not made to exemplify worldly

policy, except in contrast to the Div ne

to worldly kingdoms and worldly rule

th re was to come upon this earth the

manifestation of another kingdom,

whose head should be One, who, having

trod this earth, in all meekness and hu-

mility, suffered, died, and had been offered

as a sacrifice, should rise from the grave

in all the power of an endless life, to

administer the affairs of His kingdom,

and to conduct it to its final conclusion,

adversity and worldly power notwith-

standing. That is the first thing which

we accept, that this kingdom has to

stand opposed to worldly rule in motive,

in policy, in aims, and in its means of

working. It is established to bring

out a people separate from the world,

They are to consist of believers who

can understand the proclamation of

mercy which He authorises and who,

accepting that mercy, rely upon Him

tor salvation. The people called Bap-

tists, as in the New Testament, believe

that every member of Christ's Church

is on a footing of equality with every

other, that every believer is a priest,

that in Christ's Church and within the

operations of Divine mercy there is but

one priest-the individual Christi n.

We are not a self originating body

at all, nor have we originated anything,

so lar as I know, but we have endea-

voured to keep exactly to the will as

it was left us. Talk of the Church of

Rome having grandeur! There is no

grandeur like that which comes from

conformity to the Redeemer's will. You

speak of the Church of England, but

the Church of England, with all the

good in it that I recognise and grate

fully acknowledge, has no such history

and maintains no such nool, and distinct

principles as the Baptist brethren. 1

you want grandeur, we have it in our

doctrine, in our organisation, and in our

services. It you want antiquity, you

can have plenty of it with us. We can

state the time when the doctrine of

Transubstantiation and other detrines

that were not known in the early

Church came into vogue and were ac-

cepted. We believe that by a simple

appeal to the New Testament we can

show the exact origin-the time and

want unanimity? Where was there

## The Christian Messenger.

Hallfax, N. S., February 6, 1884.

#### PROGRESS OF BAPTISTS IN ENGLAND.

The new Baptist Hand Book, 1884. just published in London gives encouraging indications of advance among the Baptist Churches of the mother country. The Freeman gives us a summary of the facts it contains on this and a number of other matters. From it we learn that in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland there are 2,593 churches, 304,802 members, and 1,939 pastors. Taking a \*ider survey of Baptists of all descriptions amongst English speaking communicies throughout the world, the number given is 8,100,000 This compares favourably with 6,000,000 as given of Congregationalists.

The tollowing are some of the figures which will interest our readers

2.593 churches. 3,738 chapels. 1,939 pastors in charge. 304 802 members. 437,187 Sunday-scholars.

During the past ten years there have been added 566 new houses of worship by the Baptists of the United Kingdom. In speaking of the number of ministers departed during the year it says the death-roll of the year is an important ne. The names given of honoured men who have passed away is full of pensive suggestiveness. Thirty-nine have departed to the brighter side of life. Their course here is fulfilled, but their example is left to engage and stimulate us to be faithful and true.

The Handbook itself is edited with great care and considerable skill. contains a vast mass of useful information, not only respecting Baptists in Great Britain and Ireland, but also about Baptists in the colonies and foreign countries. The "The Memoirs of Ministers" include suggestive biographies of Messrs Doke and Hartland, a touching tribute to Albert Wil iams, as well as deeply interesting accounts of the lives of departed brethren, of Dr Acworth, Charles Stovel, Samuel Green, James Henry Millard, and of several others who are numbered with the just made perfect. As a book of reference, to consult on affairs and activities of the Baptists, the Hand. book, is worth four times its cost."

The editor remarks on "the Progress of American Baptists":

States is surprisingly rapid. Notwith standing the abnormal growth in the population. Baptists grow still more rapidly. In 1810 the Baptists numbered one to each forty-four of the population; in 1850 they numbered one to thir y-three; and now the number is one to twenty-two. In Great Britain the increase is slower. According to the figures before us the increase in the last ten years has been twenty-five per cent. In America the Baptists dou' le their number in twenty years. It takes forty years to do this in Great Britain. Whence the difference? Strict Communionists think that the Open Communion of the English churches solves the problem. If so, we should find the increase in Strict Communion churches twice the increase in churches whose communion is open. But this is not the case in England. We believe that American Baptists are more zealous than their English bre hren in town and homemission work, in planting Sunday-schools where there are none, in breaking up new ground, in occupying recently settled regious, in the work of denominational extension. It English Baptists would do likewise, should we not rejoice in an increase fully equal to the rate of the progress maintained by American Baptists?"

## MR. SPURGEON AT MENTONE.

One of the party with Mr. Spurgeon writes from Mentone, Jan. 14. 1884:-

For four days Mr. Spurgeon was quite confined to his bed, suffering great pain in his back and side; but, by the good hand of our God upon him, he was able. to move into his saloon on Saturday, and yesterday atternoon was well enough to preside at a short Communion service in the same place. No notice of the meeting was given, so we had only our own lit le company of twelve, ust the number that witnessed the institution of the sacred feast. Mr. Spurgeon did not feel able to give a discourse such as he usually delivers, but he said there was no need of this, for the ordinance was itself both text and sermon, and while we partook of the emblems of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood, we each made the personal application of it to our own souls. The 22ud Psalm was read these matters.

and expounded, five brethren offered prayer, a hymn was sung; and as we separated, we could evoryone say, Surely the Lord was in that place, and we knew it."

Our two companions, Mr. Passmore and Mr. Abraham, leave us this morning to return to England, where also we should all have gone to-day had not Mr. Spargeon's illness necessitated a longer absence from the work in which he ardently desires again to be engaged. We say farewell to our hotel friends, in order to go for the remaining fortnight, which our dear pastor has con sented to spend with a kin i friend. who has repeatedly invited him to ac cept her hospitality.

If the weather continues as it has

been during the last week, the last portion of our sojourn here will be truly delightful. The air has been s clear that Corsica has been plainly visible, both a little before sunrise and sunse ; the days have been more like summer than winter, and the nights have been indescribably lovely. Mr. Spurgeon has often said the stars in Mentone seem alrogether different from the dim specks that we see from our toggy island-home; they have distinct colours, and shine with a brilliancy and beauty which we in England could never have imagined that they posessed. It is quite impossible to de scribe the weird witchery of the phenomena of the last few afternoons when the western hills have been illu mined with the red and purple afterglow of the sun, when he has disappeared behind the rocky ram arts of the Maritime Alps, and the other end of the mountain-chain has been lit up with the silvery rays of the rising moon while her starry companions have bristled all over the belt of the heavens. like a mammoth girdle composed of myriads of diamonds. It is no wonder that this region has been called a second Paradise. Looking around on all that God has done for this fair clime, we might well sing the hymn that Milion put

" These are Thy glorious works, Parent of Almiguty! Thine this universal frame, Thus wonderous fair; Thyself how won-

into the lips of our great ancestor : -

Unspeakable! who sittest above these heavens

To us invisible, or dimly seen In these Thy lowest works; yet these declare Thy goodness beyond thought, and power

Just as we were going to press we received the following telegram: " At Wolfville, Feb 4th, the Rev. Stephen W. DeBlois, D. D., aged 56 years, Funeral at 230 p.m., on Thu sday 7th inst., from the Baptist Church, Wolfville."

Dr. DeBlois has been the beloved pastor of the First Horton Church "The rate of progress in the United since 1855, a period of near 29 years. But few men have been more blessed in their work.

> WE have received a Circular from the American Ornithologist's Union, inviting co-operation. The object of this society is to obtain correct data re-pecting the migration of Birds, and the dates of atmospheric changes, the periods of the opening of the leaves, and the flowering of certain plants in different countries on this continent. By this means the observations of Naturalists may be thrown together and comparisons instituted for scientifi: pur-

rranging the enormous mass of material which will be accumulated by the joint labors of this army of field workers, it has been deemed advisable to divide the vast expanse of territory embraced in the United States and British North America into thirteen Districts, each of which will be placed under the im mediate direction of a competent Superintendent. The Districts, each having their respective Superintendents,

Alaska, North-west Territories, Newfoundland, British Columbia Manitoba, Canada, Atlantic Seaboard, New England, Atlantic District, Middle eastern District, Mississippi Valley, Rocky

Mountain District, Pacific District. The home of each observer is called a Station, and is recorded by number upon the books of the Committee. The Committee particularly requests that all persons who are willing to aid in the work, will immediately communicate. with the Superintendents of their respective Districts. Those residing in Districts whose Superintendents have not as yet been named may address the Chairman.

C. HART MERRIAM, Locust Grove, Lewis Co., N. Y.

The Superintendent named for Canada is Montague Chamberlain, St. John, New Brunswick.

We place the above before our readers so that if any may feel disposed they may become correspondents on

This is a world of sorrow, of disease, of tears, and of death. One disappointment follows upon the steps o another as we journey on through life, making us long for some secure resting place, where life has something more of permanency, and where joys shall become lasting. These are some of the refl-ctions that have come to us connection with the death, a few days since, of MRs. HOLLOWAY, beloved tists do? What do you think and believe?" And there are persons so little wile of Mr. H. D. HOLLOWAY, many read in the New Testament, so li tle years the trusted foreman of our printacquainted with the history of the Chrising office, and an employee for about a quarter of a century. His marriage tian Church, that they do not know what the Baptists do and what they think; was noticed in our columns about six and to-ni:ht I propose to tell you what months ago.

Mrs. H. was, we believe, all that could be desired to make, for both, a long life of unmixed happiness. But it has been otherwise ordered, and she has been taken, we doubt not, to the Land of pure delight,

"Where everlasting Spring ahi les And never withering flowers."

Those she has left have but the recollection of one who was highly esteemed and beloved wherever she was known. Expressions of warm sympathy with him who most feels the loss have come from all who knew

The funeral, although during a pour ing rain, was attended by a very lirge idea that was hid in Christ through all number of sincere mourners, and by eternity. They believed that opposed the Rose-bud Band of Hope of which the departed one was a lady-manager and whose music she had for several years directed as their organist.

REV. C. B. PITBLADO writes a very sensible letter to the Winnipeg Daily Sun respecting the poverty in that city. He classifies the cases under, first loafers, second men out of work who want work, third those who wish for genteel situations, and fourthly the sick and utterly helpless. He also offerjudicious advice as to the best way of helping such to help themselves without pauperizing them.

LOOK OUT FOR A TREAT!-We have made arrangements to receive original reports of Joseph Cook's Boston Lectures on "Progress Theology at Home and Abroad." expect to commence next week. R-ported for the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

Go to Spring Garden Hall on Friday afternoon, and encourage the young people of the Mission Band. You will be repaid by what you will see, and will help a good cause. See Adver-

THE operations of Baptists in Utah seem to be greatly blessed-equal to what appears in any of the Sales of the Union. A mission was commenced about a year ago in Salt Lake civ: now there is a church with about hitty members. The services are held in a large room over a blacksmith's shop. A beautiful church edifice is about being finished. It is to cost about For convenience in collecting and \$13.500. A day school is opened by the Boston Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society. One of the first ap plicants for admission to the school was a grand-daughter of Brigham Young. At Ogden is a Baptist church two years old numbering about a hundred members with a large congregation filling a new House of Worship, with a prospect of rapidly increasing.

ever such unanimity as in the Baptist Churches? Why is there this unani-A great work is being done in th mity? Because we have the unani-Southern States for the African race, The Baptist Home Missionary Society mity which comes from life. Because is sustaining fourteen Schools-twelve to be a member of a Baptist Church of these are devoted to the training the luvolves the recognition of a living Redeemer, and that puts an end to all colored people in which a large proportion are preparing for usefulness, doubt. All doubt! Admission to our either in teaching or preaching the church, to the true Christian church, does not depend apon the possession of gospel. There are in the Southern States a population of over eighteen great knowledge-not at all. It only depends upon knowing your need, acmillions, of these near seven millions cepting Christ as the Saviour, and rely are negroes, and these are increasing more rapidly than the white people. ing upon Him for salvation. You will then soon be taught that Christ is en Nothing is more important than that Chairman of Committee on Migration, they shall be educated in Christian throned in His church, and that by schools and become efficient instrucobedience to him you will increase in tors and laborers in Christian morals all knowledge and grow to the perfecand religious truth. All honor to our tion of manhood in Christ Jesus. Now brethren in the Northern States for the what church can present these three things more completely than we cangood work they are sustaining among those who were so long a downtrodden grandeur, antiquity, and unanimity? I cannot help thinking that if in devout and injured race.

AT a recent opening of a Baptist | thank ulness we were to study the New House of Worship in Colchester, in Eng-Test-ment, we should immediately have land, Mr. W. Willis one of the memunity, increased health, great vigour, and the church would cast its united bers of Parliament and a Baptist made a lengthy speech as to who and what are tes imony upon a world that needs the the Baptists. Some of the good things truth of that church for its redemption, he said may bear repeating. He said, happiness, and peace. "people have said to me since they know I am a Bapti-t and have become a member of Parliament, "What do you Bap-

#### INFORMATION WANTED.

It was stated publicly by a Presbyterian minister a week or two since in Halifax that among Baptists, household B ptisms were now-a-days never heard of. If the said minister made such statement from his own knowledge we think that his information must have been from a very limited circle. We are desirous of testing its correctness and shall be glad to hear from ministers who have had such baptisms, within, say, the past ten years.

Soon after the notice of Nova Scotians lost in the steamer City of Columbus was in type last week we were pleased to learn that the C. Griffen given in the list of persons lost was not as we supposed Clarence E. Griffen, of Upper Dyke Villiage. Dr. Rand one of his family connections, informs us, " We are glad to know he is safe."

Rev. David Freeman writes :-I have just been informed of the death of my uncle, James Dean Free man, of Kempt, Queens County, aged 78 years. He was the youngest of a tamily of six brothers, all of whom were members of Baptist churches. He died Dec. 28th, and was buried on New Year's Day. Rev. Isaiah Wallace addres-ed the people from the words, " Prepare to meet thy God." But the gloom of d-ath is alleviated by the fact that for the Christian to die is to be present with the Lord. Also the intelligence that God has greatly revived His work in the Kempt church. There in the graveyard sleep the remains of loved parents, and of my youngest brother, who had given himself to the ministry, but was gathered by the reaper death, just as with the gospel sickle in his hand he was entering the harvest field. May those members lately added prove faithful unto death, and receive the crown of life. Canning, Jan. 30, 1884.

If there is any Baptist Sunday. school that is not yet alive to the need as well as the value, of using our own peri d'cal literature, we suggest that a et of the very attractive and complete apers and quarterlies of the Baptist Publication Society be obtained forth with, and cirefully examined. The result can scarcely be otherwise than that an order will go to Philadelphia or to one of the Branch Houses, for ull sopply for at least one month, or trial. After that, they will scarcely be willing to use any others, we feel sure

Messrs. A. D. F Randolph & Co anu nunce as in preparation for publication in May, 1884, Dr. Mombert's edition of Tyndale's Pentateuch of 1530, now for the fi st time reprinted in separate form, collated with the edition of 1534 in the Biptist College, Bristol England, with Matthew's Bible of 153 the Biblia of Stephanus of 1528, and Luther's Pentateuch of 1523. edition is further enriched by the Marginal Notes of Luther and John Rogers, as a contemporary commen tary, and Prolegomena by Dr. Mombert.

The English copy at Bristol excepted, the Lenox Library has furnished the whole of the rare appara us used in the production of this work, the first of the kind published in America, and designed to make Tyndale accessible to Bible readers, to fix the text of the first place-of everything we do. Do you English translation of the Hebrew Pentateuch, to establish its relation to the Latin and German Versions, and to enrich the Philology of the language by a copious vocabulary of English in the first third of the sixteenth century.

> Our City Council have managed to get a delegation to send to Ottawa on the Winter Port question. The following resolution was adopted on Tuesday last:

Resolved. That a delegation be appointed to proceed to Ottawa, conjunction with delegations from the cities of Quebec and St. John, with a view of pressing upon the Dominion Government the great necessity of having the outlet of the Canada Pacific Railway within the Dominion of Canada.

The delegation chosen was, Aldermen MacCoy, Stephen and Shand, with Hon. A. G. Jones and Mr. T. E. Kenny, if the two latter gentlemen can go, or if not, such other two gentlemen representing the citizens as may be deemed best by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Scott Act is in force in Cape Breton. But nevertheless \$10,948 were collected for duties on liquors at North Sydney last year.

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The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Permanent Benefit Building Society and Savings' fund was held on Wednesday. The directors rep reshowed that the institution is an excellent condition. During the past year 737 new shares have been subscribed, making, a total of 19,1931 shares of which 4,811 in estment shares have been withdrawn 8.7781 mortgaged shares have been cancelled, and 3513 shares have been forfeited, leaving 5 2523 shares still on the books of the society." The retiring directors were all re-elected.

We had a great variety of weather last week, varying from 10 below zero to 45

The Central Board of Agriculture advise more attention to sheep-farming and the improvement of the breeds by a larger importation of Shropshires and Leicesters, and of pigs during, the com-

The late Senator Bourinot devises all his estate and effects to his wife absolutely, appointing her sole executrix.

Rev. A J. Townend's Lecture, "What know about the Dutco," was a highly popu ar one.

The W. & A. Rillway have made a great reduction in the rates of freight on potatoes, as they say, with a view to stimulate the tusiness and encourage shipments, large reductions have been made in the tariff rites for car loads from ali stations to Hantax and Annapo-

It is expected that the S. S. Secret will go on the route between St. John and Digh. and Annapolis about the middle of this month.

The Y M. C. A. hell its 30th Annual Meeting in St. Mathews Church on Tuesday last.

J S. Miclean, Esq., occupied the chair. Rev. R Lung offered prayer, after which the reports were read by the several chairmen of committees The year commenced with 400 names

on the roll, 77 new members had been added and 35 lost, so that the year closed with a net increase of 42. Of the 35 names erased, 26 left the city, 4 were over three years in arrears, 2 retired by request and 3 died. Tue Tr-a-urer's Statement shewed that

with last year's balance \$2870.00 had be n expended during the year, and \$2784 85 received, leaving \$85.15 due Treasurer A resolution accepting the Report was moved and appropriately spoken to by R-v. J. W. Manning, and seconded by R-v. L H. Jordan.

Several pieces were sung by a quartette choir, at intervals during the meeting, and prayer was offered by Rev. H. H. McPaerson at the close.

Tue Hat Factory at Truto was burned down on Tue-day last. The main building was destroyed and the machinery badly damaged. The insurance on building and machinery is \$7,000 and a small sum on the stock, most of which w s destroyed. The probable loss over the insurance is \$9 000. Tuirty one persons represently g titteen to twenty fumbles are thrown out of employment which makes the disaster all the more

John L. Boutilier, French Village Halifax, Co., writes that Minard's Lini ment cured his daughter of a very severe attack of Diptheria, after she was pronounce i incurable and recommend ed all to use it should they be afflicted with the same diseases. Feb. 14.

ITCHING PILE -- SYMPTOMS AND CURE. --The symptoms are moisture, like pers. p ration, intense it hing, increased by scratching, very distressing, par icularly at nicht, seems as if pin-worms were crawling in and about the rectum; the private part- are sometimes affected. If allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Tetter, Itch, Salt Raeum, Scald Head, Erysipelas, Barbers' Itch, Blatches, all scaly, cru ty Skin Diseases. Sent by mail for 50 cents; 3 boxes, \$1.25, (in stamps). Address, DR SWAYNE & Son, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists. June 20.

CAPTAIN ROOD of the steamship, Edgar Stewart, has just brought to our notice a most remarkable case of a young lady who was a passenger with him some little time ago, who was on her way home " to die as she expressed herself," as sue had been told by her physician that there was no hope of her recovery, that she was in an advanced stage of consumption, and recommended her to

The captain seeing that she was very sick and having a very severe cough, gave her a bottle, that he had on board of Puttner's Syrup Hypophosphites, which at once relieved her cough, and gave her much comfort. When she got home she continued the bottle and found that it had done her so much good, that a messenger was despatched to the captain to get the patient half a dozen bottles

The patient has been taking it for some time and has improved in a most astonishing manner, so that she is now able to attend to her duties, and enjoys better health than she has for over two

This is not the first charitable act of Captain Rood, and who always looks after the interest of the passengers committed to his care, and says, I always recommended your Syrup, as I could do it with the utmost coufi lence from the personal experience I have had with it, and I consider my medicine chest not complete without Puttner's Syrup Hypophosphites.

The Missouri River which forms a new bed for itself somewhere with every freshet, is threatening to make Leavenworth an insular city.