

it only needs that the 'one wife,' who is now becoming the mode, should be recognised as the equal of her husband, to elevate the whole sex, and in half a generation more raise, perhaps, the entire tone of social life among the Mahomedan population of Turkey."

DEATH OF THE REV. SAMUEL RICHARDSON.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of this esteemed servant of God. This afflictive event occurred at his residence in Carleton, St. John, on Saturday night last. For some years he suffered with throat disease, occasioning such difficulty in public speaking that he felt himself compelled some years ago to suspend his ministerial functions until his voice should be restored. Accordingly he resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Westport, removed his family to St. John, and accepted a situation offered him by John Armstrong, Esq., merchant of this city, by which he could provide for the necessities of his family. During the last winter he had an attack of inflammation of the lungs, from which, however, under the skilful treatment of Dr. J. R. Fitch, he soon recovered. As spring came on, his throat difficulty so far subsided, that he fondly cherished the hope that he would soon be able to re-engage in the work of the ministry, and he contemplated a visit to the United States in reference to this matter, but expected illness in his family rendered it necessary that he should postpone his visit for a few weeks. While thus waiting, he was attacked with hemorrhage from the head, and of such a severe type as to rapidly diminish his bodily strength. Several physicians were called in, but the bleeding continued until body and mind were both prostrate, and all hope of restoration disappeared. The last few days of his life he was for the most part unconscious, but his sufferings were not severe. He continued gradually to sink until about 12 o'clock last Saturday night, when the lamp of life ceased to burn.

We were frequently at his bed-side during his illness, and endeavored as best we could to cheer and console him with the precious promises of redeeming love. So far as we could ascertain, he staggered not through unbelief, but was strong in the faith which overcomes the fear of death. His whole reliance seemed to be in the finished work of the Redeemer.

He has left a deeply afflicted widow and eight dependent children to deplore their sad bereavement. From our heart of hearts we commend them to the sympathy and prayers of the ministers and churches of our denomination, not only in New Brunswick, but in Nova Scotia especially, where our departed brother was much better known than in this Province. May the God of all grace be their unfailing support in this trying hour!

On Monday afternoon his remains were borne to their final resting place in the Carleton Cemetery. All the Baptist ministers of the city, and the Rev. Mr. Heustis, Wesleyan minister, were in attendance. Reading the Scriptures by Rev. Mr. Carey, address by Rev. I. E. Bill, prayer by Rev. Mr. McKenzie, benediction by Rev. Mr. Cady, and prayer at the grave by Rev. Mr. Harley.

We have no space for an extended sketch of the life and labours of the departed in our present issue; but we may remark that Samuel was the son of Rev. George Richardson, of Sydney, Cape Breton. He was one of the first students of the Baptist Seminary at Wolfville. He graduated with much credit at Acadia College, after which he pursued a course of Theological training in Newton, Mass. While prosecuting his studies at Wolfville, he was hopefully converted to God, and resolved to devote his life to the work of the Christian ministry. Having completed his course of study at Newton, he became pastor of a church in the State of Massachusetts, and was highly esteemed by his people as an able and successful expounder of the word of God. At the opening of the late war he returned with his family to Nova Scotia, and accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Clements. From Clements he was called to the pastorate of the church at Westport, where he continued, as stated above, until failing health compelled his retirement.

We have only space to add that our lamented brother was a clever scholar, a clear thinker, an able writer, and a thoroughly evangelical minister of the Lord Jesus. But comparatively early he has finished his work on earth, and has gone up, we trust, to the heavenly sanctuary where the sublime truths of Christianity which he delighted to proclaim while here will constitute the great theme of his rejoicing throughout eternal ages.

"Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Christian Visitor.

For the Christian Messenger.

NELSON, MIRAMICHI.—The following address was from one of the Rev. E. Hickson's preaching stations:—

EDWARD HICKSON, A. M.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

The inhabitants of the upper district of the Parish of Nelson have appointed us a committee to present you with this small sum of money, (\$25.00) as a testimony of their appreciation of your zeal and faithfulness in proclaiming to them, in their isolated locality, the glad tidings of sal-

vation. Hoping that you will accept of it as such, we remain,

Yours very truly,

On behalf of the donors,
C. ROBINSON,
MRS. C. VYE,
R. VYE, Committee.

NELSON, July 20th, 1869.

Dear Christian Friends,—

I am very thankful to you and to those whom you represent, for the liberal donation of \$25.00 which you have presented to me. I have had repeated proofs that the inhabitants of Nelson appreciated a preached gospel. The attendance and attention of the congregations were enough of themselves to inspire a minister with zeal. But this gift was an expression of your appreciation of my services I highly value. I pray that the rich spiritual blessings of the gospel may be your reward.

I remain yours in the gospel,
EDWARD HICKSON.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

YARMOUTH, JULY 21st, 1869.

Dear Bro. Selden,—Agreeably to promise, I attempt to furnish you with a brief account of the Revival with which we have been lately blessed, and of the enterprises in which we are now engaged.

At the close of our Conference Meeting in October last, it was suggested that those who were willing should pledge themselves to offer prayer, at least once daily, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. A large number seemed pleased with the suggestion, and agreed to pray for the object named. From that time the preaching was felt by many to be more practical, and to be clothed with unusual power. But nothing worthy of special notice occurred for some time. But the praying ones were not discouraged, and the pledge previously taken was renewed from month to month. In the early part of February, brother J. S. May, a licentiate and deacon of the Portland Baptist church, St. John, made us a visit. Brother Boothby, agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, was with us at the same time. As these brethren were here, we thought it advisable to hold some extra meetings. We had not decided to do so, however, but indications of coming blessings soon rendered it necessary. For an unusual solemnity seemed to rest upon the people in our regular meetings, although the prayers and the addresses were very similar to those made on former occasions. We then commenced to hold extra meetings. Bro. Boothby assisted us for a few days. Bro. May remained about two weeks. His earnest and faithful addresses were undoubtedly productive of good. The prospects now were encouraging. The attendance at the meetings increased nightly. The interest deepened, and several professed conversion, and on the 14th March, I had the pleasure of baptizing four persons. Others had already decided to offer themselves to the church for baptism when there was a favorable opportunity. At this time, some of the brethren, fearing that the strain upon me, mentally and physically, was too severe, thought it best to get some assistance. Accordingly we agreed to send for Rev. I. Wallace, of Granville. We did so, and in due time he came, and laboured with us for three weeks faithfully, wisely, and well. His efforts were appreciated by the people and blessed to their good. After he left us, we continued to hold our meetings every evening until the 8th of May. Previously, however, as I had been speaking more or less every evening for nearly three months, I felt that I must have some rest. In order that this might be obtained, we invited Rev. I. E. Bill, of St. John, who is very highly esteemed here, to visit us. In compliance with this invitation he came, and remained three weeks. His labours were highly prized, and I trust were blessed of God to the good of souls. From that time to the present, nothing very special has occurred. On Sunday last, however, I baptized three in erecting young persons, and I believe that several others will seek to unite with the church. Already, since the beginning of the present year, 36 have been added to the church by baptism, and 11 by baptism or otherwise. This is highly encouraging as you readily perceive. But lest I should trespass upon your space, I will reserve remaining remarks for another letter.

Truly yours,
G. E. DAY.

WESTCHESTER.—Dear Bro.,—A number of years ago a small church was organized in this place, but has some time ago lost its visibility. Death and removals decreased our number, and many of those who remained, from want of pastoral labor and neglect of duty became cold and

careless. But we trust there were some who remembered Zion and whose prayer was, "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?" In February last we were visited by Bro. Spencer, from Parrsboro, who held meetings among us, and was instrumental in reclaiming backsliders and leading sinners to repentance. Rev. T. A. Blackadar has favoured us with an occasional visit, and administered the ordinance baptism to six persons who professed to have found peace in believing. Lately Bro. Morrow, in the employ of the H. M. Board, has been labouring among us with good acceptance. Some are enquiring the way to be saved, and we trust will be enabled to "yield themselves to God."

On Wednesday last our church was re-organized by Rev. T. A. Blackadar and Bro. Morrow. On account of the unpleasantness of the weather, only four of the old members and three of those lately baptized, were permitted to meet. Others will be received at the earliest opportunity.

We are a feeble band, but we trust the Head of the church will smile on us, and prosper his cause among us.

We are thankful to the Board for sending Bro. M. among us, and hope they will continue to render us what assistance they can. Brethren pray for us.

Yours fraternally,
HENRY RUSHTON, Church Clerk.
Westchester Lake, July 22nd, 1869.

THE EXPLORATION OF PALESTINE.

A large company assembled a few weeks since at the Annual Meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund; the Archbishop of York in the chair. A report was read of the work done during the past two or three months the main features of which are the excavation at the 'Golden Gateway,' and 'Barclay's Gateway' at Jerusalem, the discovery in the dome of the rock ('Mosque of Omar'), and Mr. Deutsch's report on the marks found at the south-east angle of the Great Wall of the Haram es-Sherief. It is greatly to be hoped that more marks will be found, and some nearer approximation to date arrived at. The shaft at the Golden Gateway has been abandoned, owing to the danger of continuing the work. One of the chief obstacles, indeed, to the pursuance of the galleries is the way in which the shingle sometimes pours into them—not in small quantities, but in a continuous shower, which will last sometimes for days, choking up the narrow galleries, and forcing Lieutenant Warren to abandon the work, or to continue it at the risk of life. The work which has to be done is still very great. It is hoped that permission may be obtained to pursue the tantalizing discovery below the surface accidentally made by Mr. Warren at the northern edge of the platform of the dome of the rock within the Haram area in December last, and to explore elsewhere within that sacred enclosure. It has long been the desire of the committee to open a Palestine Museum. They are now enabled, by the arrival of several large cases from Lieutenant Warren, to carry this desire into effect for a short period. At the Dudley Gallery, Egyptian Hall, will be found all the objects of interest discovered by Lieutenant Warren in his shafts, including lamps, pottery, glass, coins, weapons, tessellated pavement, sculpture, sarcophagi, and geological specimens. The tracings of his work, and those of Captain Wilson, may also be seen there; with objects lent by Mr. McGregor ('Rob Roy') and other gentlemen.

SERVING HIM AS HE SERVED THE BABIES.—In one of the villages of Kentucky, recently, a Baptist minister and a young Presbyterian clergyman preached in the same house 'night about,' both preachers being present at each meeting. One evening the Presbyterian, after a discourse on infant baptism, proceeded to baptize several babies. The little candidates made a great outcry, which, of course was noted by the Baptist man. Next day a number of the converts of the latter were to be immersed in the river near by. At the appointed hour a large concourse gathered on the banks the Presbyterian being of the number, and standing close by the water's edge. After the candidates had been immersed the Baptist took hold of his Presbyterian colleague, and said: "Now sir, I will immerse you." The latter, amazed, demurred. "Come along; I am in a hurry!" replied the damp divine, and dragged his brother into the water. Alarmed and indignant, the young Calvinist declared at the top of his voice that he did not believe in immersion, was opposed to it, and—"The audience were much excited by the scene. The Baptist released his hold, and said, 'Young man, I will not immerse you to-day; but if ever again I see you baptizing little ones against their own will, and in spite of their cries and kicks, as I saw you do last night, I will dip you into the water as sure there's a God in Israel!'"

BERWICK.—The following is the postscript of a letter from Rev. E. O. Read, dated July 26, 1869:—"I had the pleasure of baptizing two young persons at Berwick yesterday. The day was fine—the congregation large, and the scene deeply interesting.—E. O. R."

EPISCOPAL.—Three bishops have commenced prosecutions against benefited clergymen of their dioceses, for alleged violations of the Church's

rule on ritual, as laid down recently by Lord Cairns in his judgment in the Judicial Committee of Privy Council.

A well-known Church Association in London has addressed a memorial to the Pope setting forth the claims which the archbishops and bishops of the English Church have to a recognition of their episcopal orders by the Western Church, praying that their validity may be acknowledged and that they may be admitted to the Ecumenical Council.

A METHODIST BISHOP'S TOUR ROUND THE WORLD.—Bishop Kingsley began last week an Episcopal tour round the world. Starting from New York to San Francisco, he holds conference at Colorado, Denver, Oregon, and California, leaves San Francisco Sept. 6th for China; attends conference at Shanghai, goes up to Peking, and visits missionary stations till December; sails for Calcutta, attends conference at Lucknow, and spends two months in India; goes to Egypt spends Easter at Jerusalem; visits Bulgaria, Germany, and Scandinavia, attending conferences in these regions, officially visits the Wesleyan conferences of France, England, and Ireland, and returns a year from next August.

Dominion and Foreign News.

Sir Francis Hincks arrived at Quebec by the "Nestorian," and will remain in Canada two months.

The Mayor of Quebec has been called upon by a citizen's villiant committee to resign but refused to do so.

It is reported from Ottawa that further negotiations on the subject of Reciprocity will be opened in Washington in September.

An accident has occurred on the Rideau Canal, by which two lives were lost, and six gates carried away. The disaster will cause a delay of more than a month for repairs. It was caused by some barges breaking away, and, owing to the great fall, carrying everything before them.

The Rev. Father McMahon was released from the Kingston Penitentiary, on 22nd by order of the Government. The Right Rev. Bishop Horan and James O'Reilly, Q. C., waited upon the wardens with the necessary documents.

The United States.

The new French Cable was successfully landed on the Duxbury, Mass., (a town about 30 miles south-east of Boston,) on Friday last.

The deaths last week in New York were 762. Cholera has made its appearance in the harbor and in Jersey City. A few new cases are reported in New York.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By Atlantic Telegraph.

ENGLAND.

WOMAN'S FRANCHISE.—We learn by telegraph that the first meeting of the Woman's Franchise Society was held in London on Sunday, 18th inst., and was attended by many distinguished men.

On the 20th Charles Wentworth Dilke, member for Chelsea, presented a petition signed by twenty-five thousand women of Great Britain asking for the franchise.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION.—Another dreadful explosion occurred on Tuesday, 20th inst., at St. Helen's, a few miles east of Liverpool, by which over 30 persons were killed, and 60 others more or less injured.

On Friday last fifty-eight bodies had been taken from the mine.

The British ship "Lord Sidmouth," from Quebec for Glasgow has been abandoned at sea leaky, crew saved.

Ismael Pasha unexpectedly sailed on Friday last, from Marseilles to Alexandria. It is rumored that a rupture with the Sultan is the cause of his departure.

On Friday the Prince of Wales unveiled the Peabody statue, near the Exchange, with imposing ceremonies. Mr. Motley, the Lord Mayor and Miss Bardett Coutts, were among the spectators present. An immense crowd witnessed the ceremony.

THE IRISH CHURCH BILL was taken up in the House of Lords, on Tuesday night, 20th inst., and a long debate ensued. A division was finally taken on a motion to restore the original preamble, and the Government was defeated by a majority of 78.

The London Press comments severely on the action of the Peers.

The "Daily News" characterises the House of Lords as "an irresponsible debating society," and says that it will not be allowed a third time to thwart the national will.

It is rumored that Mr. Gladstone will recall the bill from the Upper House, prorogue Parliament, and bring in a new bill at the Autumn session, which will compel favorable action.

In the House of Commons the Lord Mayor of Dublin, in full robes, presented a petition of citizens of Dublin, praying the House to support the endeavors now making to secure religious equality in Ireland.

Meetings in favor of the disestablishment of the Irish Church continue to be held in various parts of Great Britain.

A telegram later than the above states that the English Ministry has decided to preserve the Irish Church Bill, notwithstanding the heavy vote against it on Tuesday; and to night it was brought up in the House of Lords for further action.

The debate which ensued revealed the fact that a compromise had been affected—both parties seeming to be agreed that the differences concerning the preamble and 6th clause shall