

Sister J. was brought to experience the power and blessedness of God's saving grace, and became the subject of redeeming mercy. She was baptized by the Rev. W. Hobbs, and united with the Baptist church at Greenville and River Philip of which she remained a faithful member until called to join the church triumphant. She was enabled by God's grace and presence to bear her protracted illness with Christian patience, was always peaceful and happy. As her friends came around her she would speak to them of Jesus and his love. It was my happy privilege to visit our departed sister quite often through her sickness and I always found her patiently waiting for her heavenly Father to call her home. When asked respecting her hope, she would say "All is well, I know in whom I have believed." Her funeral took place on the 9th, the occasion was improved by the writer from Rev. xiv. 13. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me Write: blessed are dead which die in the Lord, &c."

River Philip, Nov. 9th.

DEACON GEORGE GIFFIN,

Died at Lewis Head, December 26th, 1869, aged 73. When Mr. Giffin was about 28 years of age there was a very extensive revival of religion at Milton, Queens County, being there the Lord gave him to see himself as a lost sinner. Shortly after this the revival spread along the Western shore, and a goodly number were converted to God. At this time Deacon Giffin was brought into the liberty of the gospel of Christ, and subsequently baptized by the late Rev. John Crago, the resident Minister of East Ragged Island. There was no Baptist Church at that time except at the Island, and Bro. Giffin joined in church fellowship with God's people at that place. When the church was organized at Lewis Head Bro. Giffin was chosen deacon. Deacon Giffin was an upright faithful Christian, holding Calvinistic principles according to the Word of God. He believed in the Sovereignty of God, and the Eternal purpose of God to save his elect. He trusted only to the righteousness of Christ for salvation. Deacon Giffin was ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in distress, and relieve their wants. He always endeavored to keep up family worship, and set before his children the necessity of serving God. His affliction was long and severe. For sometime before his death he was confined to his house and to his bed. Here the enemy tried him sorely, clouds obscured his spiritual sky, and the face of his Saviour was hid from him. Doubts and fears respecting the future rolled in upon him, and the enquiry of his heart was that of David, "Why hidest thou thy face in the day of trouble?" but when the Saviour had tried him he brought him forth more refined and better prepared for future happiness. After this he held sweet communion with Jesus until he passed away to join the Church triumphant. He has left a sorrowing widow and eight children, most of whom are members of the Church of Christ, with a large number of relatives to mourn their loss. His funeral sermon was preached by the writer from Micah. ii. 10, to a large and attentive congregation.

J. F. McKENNE.

East Ragged Island, March, 15, 1870.

Religious Intelligence.

BEECH HILL, KINGS COUNTY.—We are pleased to receive the following brief note from Rev. James Parker at Lakeville, Cornwallis:—

Mr. Editor:—Bro Charles Norwood has been labouring for a few weeks on Beech Hill, a section of the Third Horton Ch., assisted somewhat by Bro. C. Burgess of Windsor. God has greatly blessed their labours. It was my privilege last Sabbath to baptize twelve young persons as the result of their labors and the converting influence of the Spirit. Bro. S. B. Kempton was with us and preached a sermon full of gospel truth.

Yours truly,

JAMES PARKER.

Lakeville, Nov. 30th, 1870.

HANTSPOUT.—Rev. Jas. Murray writes, Nov. 26th:—I have baptized three in Falmouth. Our meetings, Sabbath School and Bible Class in Hantspout are very encouraging. Some are asking "What shall I do to be saved?" We hope soon to have good tidings for you. We are looking to God and crying the "sword of the Lord and of Gideon."

Mr. Spurgeon threatens "a crusade upon the doctrines of the Anglican church." He says in the *Sword and Trowel* "We would not stay political action, but after all, the religious question is the more important. If the Church of England were disestablished to-morrow, it would be equally needful to protest against her deadly errors."

Sir Robert Peel has given to the Baptists at Tamworth a large building for a tabernacle, at a nominal rent, and written a kind letter, which was read at the opening service.

Six of the Baptist churches in North London intend holding at the beginning of next year a six weeks' mission. Six days' missions have been held annually by these churches for some years past.

During a religious awakening in Mendon, Mich., three candidates were baptized whose ages were seventy-one, seventy-two and seventy-four years respectively. Such cases are of rare occurrence.

COOL.—The *Bath Chronicle* states that a clergyman in that city had just commenced his sermon, when a gentleman entered and stood respectfully and attentively listening inside the door. No sooner had the preacher's eye lighted on the new comer, than, dropping the thread of his sermon, he said to him, "Come in, my friend, come in, we are always glad to see those here late who can't come early." Thus addressed, the unknown individual stepped forward, and coolly took his seat, and then as coolly asked the preacher, "Would you oblige me with the text?" "Certainly," was the reply, and the request having been complied with the sermon proceeded.

Ten lodges of Freemasons have issued a sentence of excommunication against the King of Prussia and Crown Prince.

Domestic and Foreign News.

OTTAWA.—Of Saturday last the "Gazette" contains orders for the enrolment of the Militia on the 9th January next.

An order in Council is published, applying the Customs Law of Canada to the Province of Manitoba.

Revenue of Dominion for the month of November. \$1,684,679, 74; expenditure, \$802,577.84.—*Chron.*

On Sunday last some wooden buildings near the post office were found to be in flames. The fire speedily spread to Sparks street. The whole of the north side of Sparks street, from Howell's large dry goods store up to the "Times" Building, was destroyed by fire. There was a great dearth of water.

The Dominion Parliament is further prorogued to the 5th of January, but not for the despatch of business.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.—On Thursday night a Grand Trunk Railway Company passenger car, from Montreal for Portland, had high wines spilt on the floor which ignited by fire from a cigar. Twenty passengers who were in the car had a narrow escape.

A fearful collision occurred on the Grand Trunk Railway, three miles west of Brighton, on Friday night between two freight trains, by which three lives were lost, and both trains and their contents destroyed, except one car. The track for two hundred yards is a confused mass of burning cars, goods and horses. It is impossible to explain at present the cause of the accident. It is supposed that the night operator went to sleep at his post. He was on duty six days and six nights, the agent at that station having recently been arrested for embezzlement.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Legislature of Newfoundland has been summoned to meet, for the transaction of business, on January 26th. The census, just taken, shows the population of the island to be 140,000 of which 85,000, are Protestants, and 61,000 Catholics.

New Brunswick.

FIRES.—On Friday night two fires were burning simultaneously at St. John and Portland. The former at the corner of Carmarthen and Union Sts., used as a brush and furniture manufactory, and the latter at the foundry of Mr. James Harris. It is much to be regretted that these fires will throw quite a number of mechanics out of employment.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A brakeman Barry McFee, of Shediac, by some means fell from the top of a car at Dunsinane Station, and was run over by the next car, nearly cutting his body in two and causing instant death.

Prince Edward Island.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Mr. Jas. Arsenault, of Tignish, on the 20th ult., in trying to jump on his load of boards, frightened his horse and was thrown under the wheels. By their passing over him he was instantly killed.

The United States.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE.—On Wednesday last the following despatch was received from New York:—The Atlantic Cable has ceased to work, and the French cable only transmits westward. Notice is given that messages for Europe will not be received until the cables are repaired. This will cause great inconvenience. On Saturday it is said that owing to the press of private business over the French cable, the only one working, no news despatches were received after the morning.

New York, Dec. 5.—Gold 111½.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

Great uncertainty still continues as to the truthfulness and reliability of the telegraph reports received day by day. This is likely to increase rather than otherwise in consequence of the English Atlantic Telegraph cables being out of order, and it being found necessary to resort to the French cable to get news from Europe.

On Monday of last week, there was a great battle between the French Army of the Loire and the Prussians, when one thousand killed were left on the field by the fleeing French. At last accounts fourteen hundred wounded prisoners had been captured, and the number was constantly increasing, as the Prussians, were in close pursuit.

A subsequent telegram stated that a sortie from Paris, in the direction of St. Cloud, was made on Monday, but was easily repulsed by the Prussians, who suffered slight loss.

Prince Frederick Charles reports the complete defeat of the army of the Loire on Monday, 1000 French killed, 4000 wounded, and 1000 prisoners. German loss 1000 and few officers.

Amiens has been the scene of a desperate struggle and destruction of life. The history is a short one.

King William has forwarded the following despatch to Queen Augusta: *Versailles*, Nov. 26.—Yesterday General Manteuffel, with a portion of the first army, defeated the French a few miles from Amiens. The French lost 1000 in killed and wounded and 700 prisoners. The Prussian loss was comparatively unimportant.

On the 1st instant the telegraph said:—It is reported that the Prussians have suddenly evacuated Amiens, retiring on Paris. This movement is regarded at Lille as very significant.

A later message said the Prussian loss in the battle before Amiens was—74 officers and 13,000 privates and further the Citadel in Amiens had capitulated, after a short resistance, in which the Commander was killed and four hundred prisoners taken.

Paris is still suffering from being shut in from all the rest of the world except as they may communicate by means of balloons—a very dangerous, and uncertain mode of sending letters and papers. A balloon, probably from Paris, was seen late on Wednesday evening over the English Channel. It seemed to be trying to make a landing on one of the Scilly Islands; but a violent east wind prevailed at the time, and it was carried out to sea. Unquestionably it was lost in the Atlantic.

According to a despatch from King William to his Queen, the French were repulsed in three attempts at a great sortie from Paris on Thursday. On the other hand, the French claim the victory. The sortie was composed of one hundred and twenty thousand men commanded by Gen. Trochu, Ducrot, and Vennery.

A despatch from London on Friday last, said the advices from Paris, to 23rd ult., say the mortality is frightfully increasing.

A despatch to the "Times" says the army of the Loire has effected a junction with General Trochu's forces from Paris.

Germans under Prince Frederick Charles are retiring before the united armies.

It is said that Gen. Trochu has with him, outside the walls, 150,000 men, and 300 cannon.

All despatches agree that the loss on both sides was very heavy, but the French claim a great victory and say that the loss of the Prussians was much heavier.

On Tuesday it was said that the Prussians were within twelve miles of Tours where the Provisional Government were sitting.

The despatch of Saturday last from New York stated that:—The very latest London despatch says by sitting the confused and contradictory war despatches received up to a late hour this morning, the fact is undeniable that the French forces yesterday won a victory near Orleans; but the Germans certainly repulsed the French attack before Paris.

It is not true that the French army of the Loire effected a junction with Trochu, though the Prussian lines were repeatedly successfully pierced during the engagement. The bayonet charges of the French were exceedingly brilliant.

The reported defeat of Garibaldi is confirmed. Earl Granville's reply to Gortschakoff insists that the latter shall acknowledge himself in the wrong as a condition of holding a conference.

ENGLAND.—A telegram from London on Wednesday last said:

Queen Victoria visited Eugenie to-day, at Chislehurst remaining three hours.

The "Times" declares it highly probable that terms of peace have been settled between King William and Napoleon.

A Tory Administration, to succeed the present Ministry, is the talk of the clubs.

Cabinet complications thicken, and a dissolution of the Ministry seems inevitable. The "Times" suggests the immediate summoning of Parliament.

The peaceful solution of the Black Sea question, causes a healthy feeling in London money market.

Advices from Constantinople report that Ignatieff declares that Russian armaments are insignificant and merely defensive.

The British Cabinet have agreed that Prince Gortschakoff's last despatch should not be considered as removing the question of Russia's demand from the sphere of diplomacy.

Austria is not unfavourable to a Conference of the Powers, but presses the settlement of preliminary questions.

The British Government has bought up all the gun cotton in market. Lead has advanced 23 pounds per ton.

A protest was read on Sunday last, in all the Catholic Churches of England, against the Italian occupation of Rome.

ITALY.—The Italian Ministry is severely censured for authorizing the seizure of those journals which published the Papal Encyclical.

Marriages.

On 17th Nov., Lapland, by Rev. S. March, Mr. Zenas Horne, to Mrs. Emeline Emenon.

On the 30th Nov., at Bridgewater, by the same, Mr. John Horatio Osman of Halifax, to Miss Minnie A., eldest daughter of Captain Whitman Foster, of Bridgewater.

At Mahone Bay, Nov. 26th, by Augustus Shields, Mr. George Lantz of Clearland, to Miss Mary Dorey of Mahone Bay.

At Lawrencestown, Halifax Co., Nov. 26th, by the Rev. Alexander Stuart, Mr. John Bremner, Jr., to Henrietta Robinson.

At Nictaux, Nov. 28th, by Rev. James Parker, Mr. James Douglas of Caledonia, to Mrs. Elvora Baker, daughter of Mr. Elias Gates.

At Sandy Point, Shelburne Co., Nov. 10th, 1870, by Rev. J. F. McKenna, Mr. Edward Watts of Bath England, to Miss Augusta Downey of Sandy Point, second daughter of Deacon Benjamin and Lydia Downey.

Deaths.

At Mader's Cove, Lunenburg Co., David Roust in the 22nd year of his age.

At Wolfville, Wednesday morning, the 23rd inst., "Ready, waiting to depart," in the 89th year of her age, Harriet Ruggles, relict of the late Stephen B. DeWolfe, Esquire.

At Blue Hill, Dutch Village, Michael Kearney, senr., aged 88 years.

On the 13th Nov., at 29 Nelson street, Sunderland England, Mabel, infant daughter of Horatio Ralph, and Annie Vaux, late of Halifax, N. S.

At her residence, Kirkfield, Bothwell, Glasgow, on the 7th inst., at 1 o'clock, Agnes Morrison McPherson, relict of Chas. Stuart, Esq.

On the 30th inst., Patrick Hogan, son of Mr. Jas. Hogan, in the 26th year of his age.

On Saturday morning, after a protracted illness, John Bayley Bland, in the 77th year of his age.

At Round Hill, Annapolis Co., on Friday last, Elisha Bancroft, Esq., in the 76th year of his age. He leaves an affectionate widow, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, as well as a large circle of relatives and friends to deplore his death.

At Middle Sable, Shelburne Co., Nov. 10th, 1870, Mrs. Mary McAdams, aged 94 years. Her end was peace.

On the 21st of Nov., Mrs. John Churchill of Hantsport, aged 20 years. Mrs. Churchill never publicly professed to be a follower of Christ. Yet as she drew near the close of this was enabled to rejoice in hope of the life to come. She desired baptism and union with the church, but her weakness would not permit.

The day before she fell asleep she bestowed her parting gifts, among which were twenty dollars for Miss Norris' support in Burmah. She leaves a sorrowing husband and many friends. As we gathered around to perform our last acts of love, faith prompted the touching lines

"Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed."

J. M.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, Nov. 29.—Steamer Delta, North Sydney; Brig Italian Hero, (of Liverpool, GB); schrs Nimrod, McDonald Portland; Sea Slipper, Kenny, Boston; Bessie Gardner, Gardner PEI; Wave, Evans; Josephine, Farrell; Alma, Gault; DHP, Maskell, Grand River, PEI; Dusky Lake, Roberts, Ch' Town, PEI; J. P. Milledge, Benoit, Pictou; Chandor, Swain, Chatham, N. B.; Ada, Whitman, Cape Canso; Ninth of June, Boudrot, Glace Bay; Garnet, Hadley, Cape Canso; W. H. Hatfield Hatfield, Ship Harbor; Lydia, Delorey, Pictou; Ange-lique, Boudrot, L'Ardoie; Onward Sweet, Isaac's Harbor; Franklyn, Myers, Tanager; Emma, Barron, Port Caledonia; Mary Elizabeth, King, North Sydney; A. E. Dater, Payzant, Liverpool, N. S.

Wednesday, 30.—Brig Lander, Davis N. Sydney; schrs Sylvan, Martell, Gowrie Mines; Kate, Buffett, Burgeo; NF; Repeal, Rood, PEI; Annie, Corkum, Sheet Harbor; Temperance, Boudrot, Pictou; Aleyone, Rood P. E. Island; Mary, Paint, Cape Canso; schrs John Williams, Loy, L'Have; Lone Star, Myers, Maria Joseph; Henrietta, Galfant, Cow Bay; Candid, Kolp, Lunenburg; Mountaineer, White, Margaree; Rose, Grimes, Glace Bay; Caroline, Ernst, Mahone Bay; Mary Edith Thorburne, PEI; Armada, Ritey, L'Have.

Thursday, Dec 1.—Stmr City of Limerick, Phillips, New York; Briggs M. H. Morris, Marie Joseph; General Canrobert, Fougerson, Pictou; Catherine, Bouche, N. Sydney; Union T. Tuffs, do; Ella Vail, Grant do; schrs Laura Bell, Green, Labrador; Burbeck, Hurst, Bay of Islands; Silver Arrow, McDonald, Glace Bay; Vesta, Hall, Gowrie Mines; Victory, Vigneau, PEI; Almira, Pennington, Summerside, PEI; Eastern Star, Lunley, Bay St. George, N. F.; Consort, Boudrot, Summerside, PEI; Welcome Return, Leavers, Bay St. Lawrence; Wanderer, Ocong, Bay St. George, N. F.; Sarah, Murray, Summerside PEI; E. Hodgson, McLean, Colville Bay, PEI; Margaretta, Galfant, Colville Bay, PEI; Amateur, McDonald, Georgetown, P. E. I.; Swallow, Chasson, Guysborough; Lucetta, Ley, Mainadieu; Catherine Martell, Gowrie Mines; Isaac Goodwin, Goodwin, Boone Bay, N. F.; Musk-rat, White, Margaree; Bayes, LeBlanc Charlotte-town, P. E. I.; Panda, O'Neil, Port Mulgrave; Prowess, Dinkenson, Margaree; Durham, McKenny, Grand River, P. E. I.; Guardian Angel, Higgins, Bedeque, PEI; Isabel, Chinn, Bay St. George, N. F.; Camilla, Townsend, Louisburg; Belle Barry, Barry, Chester; Princess Royal, Boudrot, Arichat; E. E. Annie, Keating, Port Hood; Liberty, Pope, North Sydney; D. Grant, N. Sydney; Debel, Westhaver, Mahone Bay; Villager, Ritey, Glace Bay; Two Brothers, Ernst, Mahone Bay; Rebecca Ann, Florian, N. Sydney; Anna Maria, Landry, do; John Laughlan, Livingston, do; Guinada, McDonald, do; Leander Corkum, Corkum, N. Sydney; Speedy, LeBlanc, do; Mary, Day, Cape Canso; Seaflower, Boudrot, N. Sydney; Snow Squall, do; CB; Harmony, Bagnell, N. Sydney; Harriet, Bushel, Arichat; Lavina Elizabeth, Hawes, Sheet Harbor; Aleyone; Rood, Summerside, PEI; Mary Mart, Townsend, Port Caledonia.

Friday, 2.—R. M. S. City of Baltimore, Delamotte, Liverpool; bta Branch, Card, Malaga; Aricha, West, LeBlanc, Little Glace Bay; Zebra, Hawbolt, Beaver Harbor; Leading Star, Publicover, Ecum Secum; Lord Barry, Griffin, Orwell Bay PEI; Young Watch, Boudrot, Arichat; Powwow, PEI.

Saturday, 3.—Steamer M. A. Star, Doane, Yarmouth, etc; brig Wild Hunter, Henderson, London, 35 days; Maria, McDonald, Kingston, 18 days; schrs William Parsons 2nd (Am), McMillan, Gloucester, Mass., bound to Boone Bay, N. F.; Anna Belle, Leslie, Spry Harbor.

Sunday, 4.—Steamer Commerce, Doane, Charlottetown, P. E. I., via Port Hawkesbury; barque E. W. Cahoon (of Port Medway), Fancy, St. Ubes, 39 days.

Monday, 5.—Steamer Carlotta, Colby, Portland; brig Fawn, Doat, Kingston; schrs Clara, Curtis, Channel, N. F.; S. E. Teel, Port Medway; Annie A. Teel, Teel, Port Medway; Self, Stewart, Sheet Harbor; Six Brothers, Cook, Sheet Harbor; Aggie Davidson, Brady, Summerside, PEI; Tracy, Jane, Pettipas, Boston; Foam, Henley, Charlottetown, PEI, via Spry Harbor; Eunice, Dexter, Sheet Harbor, N. S.; J. W. Mullock, Rafuse, L'Have; Francis Harriet, Montague, Tusket; Handy Andy, Shenkie, L'Have; Acars, Morash, Port Medway; Celerity, Gressor, L'Have; Rover's Bride, Galt, L'Have.