

chosen deacon and ordained. He was always ready for every good work. His house was a home for the stranger as well as for friends. He afterwards removed to Diligent River, assisted in organizing the Baptist Church here, which he joined and of which he was a worthy member till taken to the church above. In 1864, he was appointed keeper of the light house and performed its duties faithfully till death. From a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs some three years ago he never wholly recovered and 9 days previous to his death he had a second attack which ended his earthly career. In his last sickness being asked if he could trust all to Jesus he replied "Christ is my only hope," and would often repeat that verse of Watts, "When I can read my title clear." He was calm and sensible till the last and passed away without a struggle to be forever with the Lord. The Church has lost a worthy member, and the community an upright citizen. At the funeral Rev. David McKee, delivered an appropriate discourse at the house; Rev. Duncan McKinnon, Presbyterian, and Rev. David B. Scott, Wesleyan, assisting in the services. A very large and intelligent part of the community of all classes and denominations attended the funeral. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." The remains were interred at Diligent River, where Bro. McKee preached another able discourse:—*Com.*

Parishboro, Feb. 12th, 1874:

GEORGE GILROY, SENR.,

died at Oxford, Jan. 14th, 1874, aged 61 years, he was born at Little Forks, (now Athol) where, under the ministry of Rev. Dr. Tupper, when about 20 years of age he was believed to have been made the subject of saving grace, but never publicly owned the Saviour by being baptized and uniting in church fellowship with his people. Often has he acknowledged to the writer, and also others, that he knew and believed it to be his duty, but being of a diffident disposition he deferred it from time to time, as too many others do. Mr. Gilroy, in the support of the ministry and erection of places of worship took a prominent part being largely instrumental in building the Baptist Chapel at Athol, and also that at Oxford, being one of the board of trustees in both instances. His house was the home of the Pastor, and the traveling minister, and as was remarked by the pastor at his funeral, it might be emphatically said, he "used hospitality without grudging." His death was sudden and unexpected to his family and the community. He attended to his ordinary affairs until the day previous. He leaves a sorrowing companion, one son, J. H. Gilroy, Esq., of Illinois, and two daughters. The funeral occasion was improved in a very appropriate and solemn discourse by the pastor Rev. G. F. Miles from John xiii. 7, Rev. D. McKee being present and taking part in the services.—*Com. by Hans Mills.*

For the Christian Messenger.

THE ENGLISH CHILDREN.

SIR,—I have just heard from Mrs. Birt that she proposes leaving Liverpool for Nova Scotia with about 100 children on the 7th April.

The last party turned out so well that there are already many enquiries about these children. Application should, therefore, be made to me at once; and I cannot too strongly urge on intending applicants that the younger the children are when taken into families the greater will be the influence obtained over them, and they will thus, in the long-run, be of far more real use. It is probable that Mrs. Birt will bring out another large party of children before the close of the summer.

I remain, obediently yours,

J. WIMBORNE LAURIE.

Oakfield, March 12th, 1874.

Religious Intelligence.

OSBORNE, SHELBOURNE CO., March 4th, 1874.—*Dear Bro. Selden.*—With much pleasure do we hail the arrival of the *Messenger* every Friday morning. It comes to us full of good news, freighted with glad tidings.

We rejoice in the progress of God's work and our hearts are filled with thankfulness because of the prosperity of Zion. Our desire is that the place of her tent may be enlarged, and her cords may be lengthened and her stakes strengthened.

It may be interesting to the many friends of the cause in this place to know that the Lord is reviving his work here.

Since coming to this people we have been cheered and encouraged in our labor. The

Lord has blessed the word preached. Our meetings, *generally well attended*, gradually increased in interest and power until it was thought advisable to hold extra services and to make more earnest effort in the good work. We believe in, and can testify to the power of prayer. The Lord has been faithful in sending answers to our petitions.

The Church has been largely revived and sinners are seeking the Saviour. Two have been received for baptism and eight others have publicly declared their desire to be "followers of the Lamb." Still more are anxiously looking for Jesus. We are looking for, and fully expect a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May God grant it. Our house of worship is now old and by far too small for our use. We hope to be better accommodated before another winter.

We have now the foundation laid for a house 52 x 36 feet. The frame is on the ground and material for finishing the outside expected in a few days. We shall, if all be well, begin to build about the first of April.

We ask the prayers of the faithful in Israel for our success.

Yours fraternally,

G. B. TITUS.

ONslow, March 7th, 1874.—I am indeed happy to be able to join with the many who have recently given testimony through the *Christian Messenger*, of the presence of the Divine Spirit in a special manner with his people. Although the prayer meetings held by the Baptist Church, Onslow East, have not been more numerous than during the year that is past, yet of late they have been more largely attended and with evident manifestations of greater good. Nor has the heavenly blessing delayed. Two young persons—the experience of whose minds was little known—have professed to have found pardon through Christ. May this be but the beginning of a consecration of heart among the young people of this place, who form so large a portion of those who from Sabbath to Sabbath meet to worship God, is our earnest desire and fervent prayer.

JOHN COOMBS.

P. S.—I attended the other evening one of the series of prayer meetings now being held by the Baptist Church in Truro. It was deeply solemn. God is doing a good work there.

J. C.

GREENFIELD, QUEENS CO.,—March 6th, 1874.—When Churches are revived the good news finds a hearty welcome amongst the readers of your valuable paper. The Temperance Cause too is worthy of a small space. The friends of Temperance in Greenfield seem to be doing a good work, the members of the Division are zealous and trying to advocate their principles. The Rosette Band of Hope, held a public Temperance meeting on the 5th inst., in the Hall, which was well filled. The audience was entertained by Dialogues and Recitations, and speeches by Messrs. Gorham Freeman and William Keady. The whole was interesting and we believe that the friends, returned home highly pleased. It is truly gratifying to know that the young are being taught principles that will do them so much good. May God in his infinite mercy bless and prosper them, and may many more be led through their influence to join their ranks, and finally be of the happy band that shall meet in Heaven.

ROBERT HARLOW.

MILLS VILLAGE, QUEENS CO., March 7th, 1874.—*Dear Bro. Selden.*—You will be glad to learn that the Lord is still continuing his work of grace here, and that last Sunday nine others made a good profession and followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. We had a beautiful day and a great number were assembled on the margin of the river to witness the scene. Six of those baptized were heads of families, the partners of five of whom were already united to the church, thus making a complete and happy union, others have expressed their desire to follow and we expect to hear from several at our monthly conference this afternoon.

Bro. Shields is greatly assisted in his labours by Bro. Thos. Munro who accompanies him from place to place. This venerable brother has had forty five years in the service of the Master and has always a word in season.

We are greatly rejoiced to read in the *Messenger* of the great work doing in Wolfville and other parts of the vineyard and our earnest prayer is that the Lord will continue to prosper Zion.

REVIVAL CONTINUED AT GASPEREAUX.

My dear Editor.—It is now some hundred years or more since the waters of the Gasperaux River were first visited for the purpose of Christian Baptism. Many has been the occasion since, when, with willing hearts, God's dear children have there signified their faith in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and their own death to sin and resurrection to newness of life in Christ, by being buried with him in baptism.

Many of the fathers have passed away, and more are nearing the boundary of their earthly existence, but the Great Head of the church still preserves a seed to serve Him.

An aged brother standing by the side of the writer said, "my father was baptized there," pointing to the water, "I was baptized there, some of my children were baptized there and now some of my grandchildren are baptized there."

Yesterday was another of those memorial days to which many will look back for long ages to come; thirty eight were baptized by Bro. E. O. Reid (in all, since the revival commenced over eighty) surely we may say,

"Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song."

The day was all that could be asked for. Not a cloud nor a breeze of wind to obstruct heavens light or break the stillness of the hour. The flowing river rushing on to its destiny—the ocean's depth, its rippling current glittering in the sun-beams falling upon it, were well calculated to impress the thoughtful mind with its own destiny—eternity; borne thitherward, under the smiles of the Sun of Righteousness, by the irresistible current of time.

It is a source of pleasure that the seal of Divine approbation should so soon be set to Bro. Reid's return to his former field of labor. May he, by the grace of God, gather an abundant harvest of souls for his Master.

March 16th, 1874.

BAPTISM AT PORT WILLIAMS.

Rev. S. B. Kempton baptized twelve willing and joyful converts to-day at Port Williams, an interesting portion of his important field. The audience was very large; and deep solemnity was depicted on every countenance, indicating that the Spirit of God was at work in many hearts. A few appropriate remarks were made at the water's edge, acknowledging that the ordinance of baptism was humiliating to human pride, but supported by the command and example of the Saviour, who in the case of his own baptism silenced the objections of John by saying, "Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness."

Bro. Kempton is a faithful and devoted servant of the Saviour, and judging from appearances he has gained the entire confidence and esteem of the church, as well as the approval of the Master.

SPECTATOR.

March 15th, 1874.

GOOD NEWS FROM KENTVILLE.—The organization of a Baptist Church at Kentville, appears to have been especially called for. Meetings have been held in the vestry with very encouraging results since. On Sunday last six were baptized and received into the fellowship of the Church by the Pastor, Rev. James Parker. "The time to favor, yea the set time is come." May there be much pleasure in the prosperity of the little one.

P. S.—I have heard that Rev. D. Freeman also baptized at Canning. Surely this is a "day of salvation."

REV. ISA. WALLACE informs us that he is now at Berwick engaged in holding some special services, and the prospect is brightening. During his visit to Kempt, Queens County he baptized sixty-four persons on a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus. We trust that a large blessing may still attend the labors of our brother. He adds "I hope to visit Halifax before long."

MILTON, QUEENS CO.,—March 10th, 1874.—We learn that ten persons were baptized at Milton, Queens Co. on Sabbath 1st inst., making forty-two baptized in the month then ending."

MARGARETS BAY.—Yesterday I baptized four, and received them into the fellowship of the 2nd Margarets Bay Church. Our prospects are as "bright as the promises of God."

March 16, 1874.

WM. E. HALL.

THE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH of this City

will give revival influences. Meetings have taken place almost every Sunday evening since the new year. Last Sunday evening three persons were united to the church, two of them put on Christ by baptism, and the third, who had been immersed by a clergyman of the Church of England some years since, at Pugwash, was received and united with the church. Our churches are not *Ana-baptist*, as some say. This case furnishes an illustration. The candidate, according to her own statement had received the ordinance from a christian minister as an act of faith. By whom it mattered not. She was satisfied, and so was the church.

At the close of the Prayer Meeting, in an overflowing vestry, Judge McCully the Senior Deacon, presented the Rev. Mr. Avery, the Pastor, with a purse of \$120.00 and upward—the amount of a collection taken up principally on the previous Thursday evening. A few suitable remarks accompanied the presentation, which called forth a reply from the Pastor, and a relation of the Providence which had directed his steps to Halifax. Meetings continue to be held every evening in the vestry. The interest remains unabated.

MONCTON, N. B.—*Dear Brother.*—God in great mercy has visited us in Moncton. We have received 52 into the church on the last two Sabbaths, 18 by baptism and 34 by vote, who have been members of churches in other places. We hope the work has only just commenced. Pray for us dear brother, that God may convert hundreds here yet who are walking about our Zion.

A. W. BARRE.

Moncton, March 16, 1874.

At Truro also we hear nine persons were baptized last Lord's Day.

Parliamentary.

OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE was opened on Thursday last by Lieutenant Governor Archibald. In the Council Chamber was a brilliant assemblage of Military and Civil officials and quite a large proportion of ladies. On the House of Assembly presenting themselves, His Honor read the following

OPENING SPEECH.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

In meeting you on the present occasion, the first on which I have had the honor to address you from this place, it gives me great pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the progress and prosperity of the Province during the past year.

The visit of His Excellency the Governor General to this Province forms one of the interesting events of the year. The hearty welcome extended, by the entire community, to the Representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, gave expression to the attachment to the person and throne of the Sovereign, which has always distinguished the people of Nova Scotia. In the fortnight which His Excellency spent among us, mingling freely in our Provincial society, and ingratiating himself as he did, with all classes of the Community, His Excellency acquired much knowledge of the character and habits of our people, and of the resources and capabilities of the Province. I am happy to be able to assure you, that the visit has left upon His Excellency's mind a most favorable impression of the present condition and future prospects of this portion of the Dominion.

The wave of financial embarrassment which recently swept over the neighboring States, and which has left evidence of its violence in the prostration of many industrial enterprises among our neighbors, and in the great suffering and destitution now prevailing in the larger cities of the American Union, although slightly felt by us, has, fortunately, not seriously affected our prosperity.

Every branch of Provincial Industry, thanks to Divine Providence, has, during the past year, been marked by a fair measure of success. A bountiful harvest has rewarded the labors of the husbandman, the Fisherman has reaped a profitable return for his perilous toil, the Ship-builder has added greatly to a Mercantile Marine, which was already the largest, in proportion to population, of any in the world—while the high rates of freight which have prevailed during the year have made a large addition to the income of our people; the beneficial effect of which has been felt on the general industry of the Country.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

The Public Accounts for the past year, together with the estimates for the current year which have been framed with a due regard to economy, will be submitted for your consideration at an early day.

It having been determined by the Central Board of Agriculture, to hold an Exhibition at Halifax, in October next, you will be asked to provide as liberal a sum; in aid thereof, as the circumstances of the Province will justify.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

In other Provinces of the Dominion in which County Courts have been in operation for several years, experience has proved their value in facilitating the administration of justice. A measure, having for its object the organization of Courts of a similar character in this Province, will be submitted for your consideration.

Your attention will also be invited to the extension of our Railways, with a view to the more speedy construction of the important works contemplated by the Act of 1872 to "encourage the building of certain Railways."

The Dominion Government having, by an Act passed in May last, assumed the surplus debt of the Province of Ontario and Quebec, the allowance to this Province should have been increased in the same proportion upon the sum as fixed by the Dominion Act 1869 "Respecting Nova Scotia" amounting to about \$77,000. per annum, instead of which the additional subsidy was erroneously based on the "British North America Act 1867" involving a loss of about \$10,000 a year to this Province, the claim for which, already pressed upon the attention of the Dominion Authorities by two Members of my Government, is recommended to your earnest consideration.

You will be gratified to learn that several sections of the Annapolis and Yarmouth Railway are under contract, upon which a large amount of work has been done, and measures are in progress, that will, I trust, ensure the completion of that important undertaking at no distant day.

I have particular pleasure in calling your attention to the very considerable increase in the coal product of the year, an increase which indicates the prominent part our mines are to occupy in the future of the Province and of the Dominion.

Your attention will be invited to several valuable measures calculated to promote the Public good, all of which I commend to your consideration, with the confident assurance that your best exertions will be used to promote the interests of the Country.

After the usual formalities, a copy of the Speech was handed the Speaker, and the people's representatives returned to the HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The election Returns from Victoria and Hants were laid on the table, and Messrs. D. McCurdy, and H. L. Yeomans, were duly sworn and took their seats.

Mr. Johnson introduced the bill pro forma "a bill to protect the rights of married women."

Mr. Gayton then moved the Address in reply to the Opening Speech, and made a speech in reference thereto, approving of what it contained, and commending it to the approval of the House.

Mr. McCurdy seconded the address in a few appropriate remarks, expressing especially the hope that every encouragement would be given to railway extension, east and west.

In the absence of Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Holmes requested that the Address would be allowed to lie over till the next day.

The House then adjourned

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., MARCH 18, 1874.

T. B. Wood is appointed Chief Justice of Manitoba.

The Governor General won the silver medal of the Ottawa Curling Club on Tuesday the 10th, by one point. His total score being twenty-one points.

Trouble still continues among the members at the Quebec Bar. Members met yesterday and decided not to plead before the Assize Court unless the other Judge be appointed.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—The most violent snow storm of the season prevailed throughout Simcoe County last week. The travel on the roads was almost suspended.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John is being supplied with fresh cod-fish from Halifax, taken there by railway.

Mr. McGowan, of Memramook, is in Fredericton, urging upon the Government the necessity of bringing out colonists from Ireland to found an Irish colony.

The Orange Bill, which passed in the New Brunswick House of Assembly a few days ago, after a warm discussion, was, as in former years, thrown out by the Legislative Council.

The Chignecto Post states that the Bridge over the Kennebecasis was carried away on Saturday by a freshet.

INFANT SMOTHERED.—A Mrs. Apt of Portland St. John, going a few miles into the country took her babe, wrapping it up carefully at her breast. On opening the wrappings the child was found to be dead.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Island Legislature was opened on Thursday the 5th inst. The speech of the Administrator of the Government notices the Union of the Island with the Dominion, and the visit of the Governor General. The efforts to make a settlement of the land question is alluded to with a hope that it may be settled satisfactorily. A bill is