

in all civil affairs. Here, in a little State, the fundamental principles of political and ecclesiastical liberty practically prevailed, before they were even thought of in any of the schools of philosophy in Europe. At that time people predicted only a short existence for these democratic experiments. But not only have these ideas and these forms of government maintained themselves here, but, precisely from this little State have they extended themselves throughout the United States. They have conquered the aristocratic tendencies in Carolina and New York, the High Church in Virginia, the theocracy in Massachusetts, and the monarchy in all America. They have given laws to a continent, and formidable through their moral influence, they lie at the bottom of all the democratic movements which are now shaking the nations of Europe. (13.) Thus he began the first civil government on the earth which gave equal liberty of conscience. (14.) To conclude then. The Baptists are a people very fond of religious liberty, and very-unwilling to be brought under bondage of the judgement of others. (15.) As regards their form of government, they are, as every one knows, Independents who perform the rite of baptism, like the Primitive Christians, by immersion. (16.) Their origin is hid in the depths of antiquity. (17.) They have preserved pure the Gospel through all ages. (18.) They are the only denomination of Christians who have not symbolized with the Church of Rome. (19.) And let it never be forgotten of the Particular Baptists of England, that they form the denomination of Fuller and Cary, and Ryland and Hall and Foster; that they have originated one among the greatest of all missionary enterprises; that they have enriched the Christian literature of our country with authorship of the most exalted piety, as well as of the first talent and the first eloquence; that they have waged a very noble and successful war with the hydra of Antinomianism; that, perhaps, there is not a more intellectual community of ministers in our island, or who have put forth, in proportion to their numbers, a greater amount of mental power and mental activity in the defence of our common faith. And what is better than all the triumphs of genius or understanding, who, by their zeal and fidelity, and pastoral labor among the congregations which they have reared, have done more to swell the lists of genuine discipleship in all the walks of private society, and thus both to uphold and extend the living Christianity of our nation. (20.)

1. Moshlem's Ch. Hist. (Maclean's) Vol. 2, p. 127. 2. Dr. Ypeij. Prof. Theol. Groningen and Dr. J. J. Dermont, Chaplain to King of Netherlands in Hist. of Dutch Baptists. 3. Moshlem. 4. Zwingle, the Swiss Reformer. 5. Cardinal Hosius, Chairman at Council of Trent. 6. DeFeetly—the same who in 1644, entreated the House of Lords that Milton might be cut off as a pestilent Anabaptist. 7. Moshlem. 8. Westlake's Gen. View. 9. Strypes Hist. 10. Bishop Latimer, Lent Sermons. 11. Moshlem Eccl. Hist. cent. 16, Sec. 3, part 2, ch. 12. Bancrofts Hist. U. States. 13. Gervius, German Phil. 14. Southy. 15. Bailly in 1639. 16. Dr. Bunsen, on signs of the times. 17. Moshlem. 18. Hist. Ref. Dutch Ch. Ed. Brede, 1819. 19. Newton. 20. Dr. Chalmers, in Sermon on Rom. vi. 9-15.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

ONSLow, March 20th, 1876.—The prosperity of Zion is always cheering, and awakens in the hearts of God's people praise and thanksgiving. I rejoice greatly in the good work which is going on in many of our churches, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and hope that it will continue and increase till all our churches are similarly refreshed.

We have not as yet to report any special manifestations of Divine power among us, but hope the day is not distant when the "Arm of the Lord will be revealed" in the salvation of souls. But we are living in harmony and love, and our meetings in some sections are quite interesting. Pray for us. The friends in West Onslow have recently erected a very neat and commodious parsonage, into which we have entered, and in the erection of which, great self-denial, energy and perseverance have been displayed. The land and much of the work and labor is the gift of our indefatigable friend, Silas Clark, Esq., whose zeal and benevolence is well known in this community. Others have earnestly seconded his efforts; and brought them to a successful issue.

On Friday evening last, March 17th, a large number of the members of the

Onslow church and congregation assembled to welcome the pastor and family to their new home, and manifest their sympathy and good will towards them. A sumptuous feast, good and interesting addresses from J. D. McNutt, Esq., Chairman; Mr. Hugh Wilson; Revs. Messrs. Chase and Grant (Presbyterian); William Cummings and Wm. Blair, Esqrs., and appropriate remarks from the pastor in response to an address presenting him with a purse, and useful and valuable articles to the amount of \$120, tended to make the evening unusually enjoyable. Our prayer is that the donors may be ten-fold rewarded with spiritual blessings, and that the cause which thus they seek to promote may be abundantly prospered in their midst.

Yours in Christian love,
STEPHEN MARCH.

ANNAPOLIS.—Mr. Editor.—Perhaps some of your readers would like to know how the cause of God is progressing in this locality. Union meetings were held during the first week of the year, and there seemed to be so much interest manifested, that it was thought best to continue them, so they were kept up nearly every evening till the 10th of March. Nothing occurred, so far as I am aware, to interrupt the harmony existing between christians of the different denominations, taking part in the services. The meetings have been largely attended, the prayers earnest, the appeals pointed, and generally great solemnity pervaded the exercises. With what results? It is not well, always, to speak too confidently as to results. "Time will tell" is a common expression, but "eternity" will tell, in these cases, far better. The general impression is, that much good has been done here, by these efforts. Backsliders have been revived, and reclaimed, and some sinners profess to have found the Saviour. As to numbers I am not able to speak. Frequently from 30 to 40 have arisen, at one time, to request the prayers of Christians and a deep feeling seems still to rest upon the minds of very many in the community. Six have been baptized and received into the fellowship of the little Baptist Church. One has been accepted, whose baptism, on account of illness, has not yet taken place, and others are expected to come forward at no distant day.

Twenty-five have been added to the Church since the organization, fourteen by baptism and eleven by letter.

We ask the prayers and sympathies of all the faithful.

I wish also, in this connection, to acknowledge the kindness of the friends towards myself personally. You are aware that there are but few Baptists in this neighborhood, but they are generous and willing to do according to their ability. A number of them took us quite by surprise on Feb. 3rd. We were endeavouring to fit up a house, which we had just secured as a temporary parsonage, and the friends dropped in upon us very unexpectedly, and after an hour or so of very pleasant intercourse, left us again, \$43.37 the better for the short visit. May the Lord reward them for their kind remembrance of

Yours in the Gospel,
T. A. HIGGINS.

SUSSEX, N. B.—The good work of the Lord is still going forward in Sussex and vicinity. The little Baptist church has had an addition of upwards of sixty members during the last six months—most of them by baptism and a very large percentage of them are men and women in the prime of life—and a noble band of Christian workers are these dear brethren and sisters; they no sooner enter our ranks than they begin to labor for others, and God is blessing their efforts. How encouraging for a pastor to have such a band of helpers! May God stir up all young converts to labor for Christ!

J. F. K.

March 20, 1876.

HANTSPOUT, N. S., March 27th, 1876.—The work still continues, and we are to have the special meetings continued—this being the 13th week. I baptized five persons on Sabbath the 19th, and three the 26th.

It is indeed remarkable to see the crowds which flock to "the house of God." Oh! that God may bring all our congregations to Christ.

Respectfully yours,
J. C. BLEAKNEY.

BERWICK.—Bro. Wallace adds in a postscript that he baptized one last Sabbath and gave the right hand of fellowship to four; and that prospects are brightening for a rich harvest.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—At a meeting of the submarine Committee, in the House of Commons on Friday, Mr. Power, M.P., said the establishment of telegraphic communication between Magdalen Islands and the mainland would be of great mutual benefit. Fishermen of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island would know when fish had struck in and could at once proceed and be likely to secure good catches. Communication would also prove of great benefit to the shipping interest.

On Friday the House of Commons in supply voted for Indians of Nova Scotia, \$4,500; New Brunswick \$4,500; P. E. Island, \$2,000.

Mr. Goudge complained that sufficient school accommodation was not provided in Nova Scotia, for the Indians, and suggested that some one beset from the Department to see how things generally were administered in that Province.

Hon. Mr. Laird promised to give the remarks of Mr. Goudge his best attention.

The heaviest snow fall of the season in Quebec and Ontario occurred on Monday and Tuesday of last week. At Cote des Neiges there were drifts twelve feet deep, and in the streets of Montreal the snow was over breast high.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Foley, of the *Journal of Commerce*, were on Friday committed to the Court of Queen's Bench for trial on charge of assault with intent to commit murder. Bail was refused.

A train of eighteen cars left Montreal on Wednesday with the greater portion of the goods for the Montreal section of the Philadelphia Exhibition.

An item of \$35,000 was passed for building the Sydney Marine Hospital, Cape Breton.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—In the House of Assembly on Friday last, the grant of \$1000 was made to the Halifax Deaf and Dumb Asylum. In the discussion which arose on the motion it was affirmed that the sum was only a fair remuneration for the N. B. pupils attending there; a motion was made in amendment that \$650 be given. After debate the House divided 12 for the amendment, 23 for the government. The Crown Land scandal is closely scrutinized. The opposition expect to make it a vote of want of confidence.

UNITED STATES.—The adverse report on the nomination of Dana as Minister to England, was laid over for future action by the Senate in executive session on Thursday.

By the explosion of about 400 pounds of powder at the manufactory of the Brooks Company, in the Northern section of New York city on Wednesday, four men were instantly killed and six or seven seriously injured.

A boiler in the rolling-mill of the Union Pacific Company, at Laramie city, Nebraska, burst on Wednesday last, killing the fireman and seriously wounding ten persons.

The Opera House Block, in Scranton, Pa., was burned, loss \$150,000.

The bookkeeper of the Marine Bank of New York city is a defaulter to the extent of \$40,000, and has escaped to the West. His accomplice has been arrested.

The storm on Saturday was very destructive in New England, dams, mills, and bridges were swept away by the flood. Seven lines are reported lost in eastern Connecticut, and a large number of mills and bridges are utterly ruined.

ENGLAND.—The Royal Titles bill, making Queen Victoria Empress of India, passed its third reading in the House of Commons on Friday night, by a vote of 209 to 134.

In the Commons, Disraeli stated that Cave's report on Egyptian finances, at the request of the Khedive, would not be published.

Professor Fawcett gave notice in the Commons on Friday evening that if the Royal Titles Bill received the assent of both Houses he will move an address praying the Queen not to assume the title of Empress of India.

The English Government telegraphed to Lima that the captain and mate of the British ship "Talisman," imprisoned by the Peruvian Government, must be immediately tried, or England will demand their release.

In the House of Lords on Friday night the Royal Titles Bill passed its first reading.

Snow fell on Monday quite heavily in the south of England.

Four hundred wind-bound vessels left the river Mersey. Of these 193 were bound to foreign ports. The vessels formed a procession sometimes 10 abreast, and occupied two hours in passing a given point.

There was a panic and a decline of from five to seven and a half per cent. in Egyptian securities on Friday last, in consequence of Disraeli's statement that the Khedive desired Mr. Cave's report not to be published because Egyptian finances were in an unsettled state, and the report was of a confidential character. Government securities generally are weaker, probably in sym-

pathy, though some attribute the fact to Disraeli's expression last evening, during the debate on the Queen's title bill, that Russia's conquest of Tartary is well known throughout India, and that the Queen's assumption of the title of Empress of India would be received as a sign of determination to maintain our Indian Empire.

The British flying squadron has sailed for China.

Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice were to leave Windsor on Monday for Portsmouth. They go to Cherbourg in the yacht Victoria and Albert. Earl Derby, as Secretary of State, will accompany Her Majesty throughout the tour.

FRANCE.—The French Chamber of Deputies, almost without discussion, agreed to the abolition of a state of siege.

Ex-Empress Eugenie and son have arrived at Eisenach, en route for Weimar. They visited Wilhelmshoe on Thursday.

In France the budget revenue is estimated at \$534,400,000, and expenditure at \$533,400,000. Of taxation proposed the treasury will have completely repaid the Bank of France by 1879. This will set free \$30,000,000 yearly.

It is said that 60,000 chassepot rifles, captured from the French in late war, have been sold in Berlin to the Serbian Government.

In both branches of the French Assembly motions were read proposing a general amnesty for all acts committed during the reign of the Commune. There was considerable tumult among the members.

It is stated that the congregation of Rites has reported against the canonization of Joan of Arc.

The office of the *Republique Francaise* has been robbed of 55,000 francs.

An inquiry into the election of Mun, clericalist deputy, to ascertain whether there was undue interference on the part of the clergy, was ordered by the French Chamber of deputies.

An effort is to be made in the French Assembly to secure liberty of public meetings.

The *Post* learns that the Carlist refugees in France may possibly form a foreign legion for service in Algeria.

The *Pall Mall Gazette's* Paris special says Flouquet's motion for the immediate raising of the state of siege, was to come up in the Chamber of Deputies on Saturday. The Ministry do not oppose the proposition and the motion will prevail.

Almost the entire Left have resolved to support the Ministry for the present.

GERMANY.—The *Pall Mall Gazette's* special from Berlin reports that the powers are exchanging communications with a view to assisting Turkey out of her financial embarrassments, and designating some expert western statesman to take charge of her finances.

RUSSIA.—It is reported that the Russian Czar intends to relinquish the throne shortly.

SPAIN.—The *News* has the following details from Madrid: Alfonso was received with real enthusiasm. On leaving the church of Atocha he reviewed the troops. The march past occupied six hours. A procession with banners inscribed "Catholic unity" was prevented from entering the Puerta del Sol. This prohibition was much applauded.

Recruiting for Cuba is actively progressing in Spain. Every soldier who served under Don Carlos is allowed to enlist.

It is thought the Spanish army will be reduced to 100,000 men.

It is expected that the Spanish Government will send an energetic reply to the Pope's protest against the religious toleration clause.

Two thousand delegates from nearly all the Provinces of Spain have arrived at Madrid to present homage to King Alfonso.

Nine hundred troops will go to Cuba on the 31st.

TURKEY.—Heavy storms impede the operations of the Herzegovina insurgents. The insurrection is expected to break out with renewed violence as the Serbian volunteers are coming in in considerable numbers. The Turks only partially succeeded in provisioning Nisic, and were obliged to withdraw, losing 120 men.

It is estimated that Serbia will have 30,000 men disposable in case of a war.

ITALY.—There was a heavy snow storm at Rome on Monday; also, at San Sebastian, Spain. A fearful hurricane occurred in the Provinces and along the coast of the Mediterranean; great damage was done.

A protest has been received from the Vatican against the article of the Spanish constitution, sanctioning religious toleration. The protest declares the article violates the right of Catholicism and annuls the concordat.

The new ministry announces a scheme of electoral and administrative reform, an extension of the right of suffrage, the abolition of forced paper currency and a system of compulsory education.

The eruption of Vesuvius continues. Prof. Palmieri reports on Sunday that the smoke was still abundant, and reflected at intervals the glare from the fire within the crater. No lava has appeared as yet.

MARRIAGES.

On Monday, 21st inst., by Rev. P. G. McGregor, Mr. Cameron Robinson, of Oldham, to Miss Margaret Bond, of Rawdon.

On the 22nd inst., by the Rev. J. F. Avery, Mr. Wm. H. Isnor, of Dartmouth, to Annie, eldest daughter of Benjamin and Jane Hubley.

On the 20th inst., by the Rev. James Thomas, Mr. Charles Cooper to Miss Maria Clike, both of Halifax.

At Gates Mountain, March 16th, by Rev. W. J. Blakeney, Mr. Alfred Rier, of Nictaux, to Miss Annie Bishop, of Greenwich Square.

At Wood's Harbor, on the 19th inst., by Rev. W. H. Richan, Mr. Alexander Goreham and Miss Emma Nickerson.

DEATHS.

At Milford, on Feb. 7th, 1876, Abraham Thomas, aged 54 years. He had been a great sufferer. But the Saviour, whom he had honored and trusted for many years, did not forsake him. He was calm and peaceful, even when his bodily pain was intense. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their great loss. The Milford Church has lost a deacon and faithful friend, and many are saying "his place will not be easily filled." May the Lord comfort the hearts of the mourners.

Suddenly, at Granville, Annapolis Co., on Thursday morning, 16th inst., Havilah, wife of Mr. Nathan Chute, aged 50 years. She embraced religion during the pastorate of the Rev. J. Chase, and united with the Bridgetown Church thirty-five years ago. Her kindly disposition constrained her to render her assistance wherever sickness or death had entered the homes of neighbors and friends, both far and near. She was a genuine Christian. Whilst many mourn their loss, they are comforted by reflecting on her present state of happiness at God's right hand. "Her warfare is accomplished."

On Wednesday, March 22nd, Joseph G. McGill, a native of Shelburne, N. S., in the 74th year of his age.

At Sand Point, Guysborough, on the 11th inst., aged 50 years, Captain Alex. Fox.

On the 23rd inst., Mary, widow of the late Lieut. James Cragg, R. N., in the 94th year of her age.

At Wood's Harbor, on the 24th ult., in the triumph of faith, Mrs. Martha Nickerson, a consistent member of the Baptist church, leaving a husband and five children.

On the 24th March, at the Poor's Asylum Ann Gleason, aged 65 years.

At Mahone bay on Wednesday, 22nd March, Mrs. Sarah Irvine, aged 93 years and 5 months.

On Sunday, 26th March, John Wilson Young, aged 70 years.

On March 22nd, at New York, in the 24th year of his age, James Brenton Gordon, only son of James Gordon, Esq., of this city.

On Saturday the 25th inst., Lucy, wife of Edward Perrow, aged 31 years.

SHIPPING LIST.

Arrived.

TUESDAY, March 21st.—Barquentine Ethel, (of Liverpool, G. B.) Debriz, Greenock; Am. schrs. W. T. Smith, Keane, Gloucester, Mass.; Ellen Francis, Pratt, do.; schrs. Roderick McRae, LeBlanc, North Sydney; Dolphine, Romkey, West Dublin; Ida May, Hebb, Mahone Bay.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd.—Am. schfr. Sarah P. Ayer, Oakley, Western Banks; schr. Hero, Countaway, Chester.

THURSDAY, 23rd.—Stmr. Edgar Stuart, Doane, Western ports; brig. Woodcock, Matson, Cienfuegos; Am. schrs. Victor, Latham, Western Banks; schrs. John Burney, Furney, Shelburne; J. L. Vogler, Smith, LaHave.

FRIDAY, 24th.—Brigs. Kate Upham (of St. John, N. B.), Brown, London; M. H. Morris, Patterson, Cienfuegos; Lena, Davidson, do.; Eagle, Swaine, Boston; schrs. Edith, Snow, Port LaTour; Vesta, Richards, LaHave; Frank Newton, Burns, Lunenburg.

SATURDAY, 25th.—Brigt. Peter Roberts, Martell, Boston; schrs. Speculator, (of St. John, N. B.), Munson, New York; schrs. Rebecca Ann, Spencer, Boston; Umpire, Hopkins, Barrington; Henrietta, Perry, do.; Vantage, Corkum, LaHave; Lizzie Tupper, Haves, Spry Bay.

SUNDAY, 26th.—Stmr. Delta, Warden, New York; schr. Maggie Marsters, (of Windsor), Marsters, New York; Am. schrs. Annie Hooper, McLeod, Grand Banks; Etta S. Tanner, from the Banks; schr. Bonnie Belle, Giffin, Cow Bay, via Isaac's Harbor.

Cleared.

TUESDAY, March 21st.—Steamers Nova Scotian, Richardson, Liverpool, G. B.; Newfoundland, Mylius, St. John's, Nfld.; Bermuda, Angrove, Portland; brig. Fortuna, Hawes, Porto Rico; schrs. A. C. Watson, Starkey, Portland; W. T. Smith, (Am.), Keene, Grand Banks; Leon, Porter, Kinney, Barrington.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd.—Barque Morning Star, Turner, St. John, N. B.; schrs. Kate, Chadsey, Lockport; Maud, Croucher, Western Banks.

THURSDAY, 23rd.—Schr. Hattie M. Lyons, Forrest, Grand Banks; Victor, (Am.), Latham, Western Banks; Kate Clark, Gupta, Grand Manan, N. B.; Shelburne, Walters, Shelburne; Young Romp, Falt, LaHave; Ida May, Hebb, Mahone Bay; Sturgeon, Corkum, Chester.

FRIDAY, 24th.—Steamer Lady Head, (Govt.), Matson, Philadelphia; brigts. Ellie E. Butler, Williams, Jamaica; Champion, Fanning, Porto Rico; schrs. J. W. Kenney, Kenney, Barrington; Busy, Hyson, Mahone Bay; Silver Moon, Kenney, for the Banks.

SATURDAY, 25th.—Schr. Ocean Lilly, Reddy, B. W. Indies; Blue Jacket, McKenzie, Western Banks; Lion, Kinney, Barrington; J. Fraser, Smith, do.; Vesta, Richards, LaHave; Frank Newton, Burns, Lunenburg.