

pleasing to know that we have lived together in peace, and the most perfect harmony continues to exist between us. Permit me to say that Mrs. Read highly appreciates the kind feelings expressed in your address toward her, and greatly desires your continued prosperity in the divine life. "And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

(Signed)

Your late Pastor,
ELIPHALET O. READ.
Gasparauz, Jan. 15th, 1876.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

HALIFAX.—A Baptismal service was held in Granville Street church on Saturday evening, when Rev. J. F. Avery baptized five persons who had been received by the church meeting in Gerish Hall of which he is the pastor.

On Sunday evening Rev. E. M. Saunders administered baptism to one person who had been received by the church at the previous Friday evening conference.

In the North Church also on the same evening, Rev. J. W. Manning baptized four persons on a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus.

From Sussex, N. B.

Dear Brother,—

I am sure you will be glad to learn that the good work of God is going forward in this place more gloriously than ever. During the holidays the extra meetings were discontinued; but the interest in many hearts did not diminish. The cry of many souls still continued to go up to the eternal God for a fresh outpouring of his Spirit in our midst, and some at least, felt like Jacob of old—"I will not let Thee go except thou bless me." There were some, whose hearts were burdened day and night for the salvation of souls—and who were constrained to cry, "Send by whom thou wilt; but O, send salvation!"

During the visit of Mr. Earle in St. John a few of the leading men of this town sent a written request to him to come and spend a few days in Sussex. The most of these men did not profess to be Christians. This fact strongly influenced him in deciding to come. He said to me, when I told him who they were that had sent the request, "This looks like the hand of God. I must pray and think about it more before I can decide. If I go to Sussex I must say no to Halifax, Yarmouth and Fredericton, say nothing of other places in the United States."

After he finished a two weeks campaign in the city he came to Sussex and preached four sermons—remaining a part of two days—many came to hear and many were deeply convicted of sin. Mr. Earle left on Wednesday evening last, and since the meetings have been held twice each day; and with great power. "The power of the Lord has been present to heal," and quite a number of souls have been enabled to rejoice in the assurance of pardon. The larger proportion of these are young men. God be praised for leading the strong and vigorous to his fold! Several whose heads show that they have passed the meridian of life have cried out "men and brethren; What shall we do?" "There is a sound of an abundance of rain." May God send down a copious shower of grace upon this lovely vale, till all its channels shall be filled to overflowing with the waters of salvation.

"Salvation, let the echo fly,
The spacious earth around;
And all the armies of the sky
Conspire to raise the sound."

This has been a glorious day in Sussex; sermon this morning by Rev. Mr. Boothby from Maine: "Enter ye in at the straight gate." The Lord was present to bless. Bro. B. preached again this afternoon in the Free Christian house, near the village of Sussex. Text, "Without excuse." The meeting was awfully solemn and glorious. God is about to send a rich blessing upon brother Phillips, the Pastor of the Free Christian brethren in this vicinity. He is a dear brother and earnest worker for Christ. This evening a very large congregation assembled in Sussex; prayer meeting at six o'clock; and preaching at seven by the writer of this note. "They hated me without a cause."

This was followed by a social and inquiry meeting, and oh, what a scene! Angels in heaven rejoiced over many repenting sinners. The cry of the penitent and the songs of the new converts mingled together and ascended to the throne of God. Aged, middle aged, and young were seen bowing together to plead for the mercy of God. "Bless the Lord, O my soul etc." But more anon.

Yours in Christ,

J. F. KEMPTON.

Sussex, N. B., Sub. Eve, Jan. 30th, 1876.

BEAR RIVER, N. S.—Mr. Editor,—It may not be uninteresting to the readers of the Christian Messenger, to learn that we are receiving refreshing showers of mercy, in this our part of the vineyard. God has in his mercy been pleased to visit us again with a refreshing shower, so that the church is being graciously revived, backsliders reclaimed and sinners brought to God.

With the week of prayer we commenced a series of meetings the Good Spirit accompanying us, the work went on: the still small voice was heard in the meetings saying "go forward;" the throne of Grace was besieged, the mercy seat supplicated, and God has in his own good time—according to his promise—opened the windows of Heaven and poured us out a blessing, and we have been made to say "Surely God is good."

To-day twenty willing converts followed their dear Redeemer in baptism, and ten more have been received by the Church for baptism, and still the glorious work is progressing. Soon we expect to hear others testifying for Christ and rejoicing in the hope of a rest beyond the grave.

M. C. A.

Jan. 30th, 1876.

A telegram to the *Herald* says Rev. Mr. Cox baptized 12 converts last Sunday; and Elder Tozier of the Advent Church here, baptized 13 within the last week.

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO.—Rev. W. H. Porter writes: "We have been holding some special meetings during the last week and this, with some good results. Last evening we baptized a recent convert, who leaves to-day for a distant part of the country. Some others have found peace in believing, who will probably soon follow. And yet others are anxiously enquiring."

Mrs. Porter's health has been very delicate during the winter.

Bro. Goodspeed is still laboring with much success and acceptance at Woodstock.

Revival influences are being felt in many places around us. At Caledonia, a notably wicked place, a Licentiate from this church—a young Bro. of much promise—has been laboring for a few weeks past, with a success that is astonishing. I think that nearly 100 have professed conversion, chiefly by the means, under God, of his simple Bible readings, and comments. The Lord is putting great honor, in these days, upon his own Word.

The good times coming, I have no doubt, will be ushered in, by, if not a lesser regard to the human, in the churches' instrumentalities, a far greater regard for, and dependence upon, the Divine, the Word of God, and the Spirit.

The *Messenger's* glad tidings, we welcome with undiminished pleasure, and remain

Yours as ever,

W. H. PORTER.

PORT MEDWAY, FEB. 1876.—Dear Editor,—We have been laboring with the dear people of Port Medway and Mill Village, since the first of August last, and with grateful hearts we have to acknowledge that scarcely a day has passed without our receiving some token of their good will. The parsonage at Port Medway was taken by surprise, some weeks since, while its occupants were taking tea—so quietly had the affair been arranged that no member of the family had the slightest intimation of the thing until the house was filled with people, and the tables, shelves and chairs filled with very useful and necessary articles. They were presented, on behalf of the church and congregation by our honorable brother Deacon George Manthorne. People have proved themselves cheerful givers. May the Lord reward them.

Some special meetings have been

held with the church at Port Medway. The Lord was with his people, and we are still looking to him for an increase. "O! Lord revive thy work."

Two of our number have recently been called away by death. Captain Foster Burke departed this life on the 13th of October 1875. Early in life he made a public profession of religion and united with the Baptist Church of Milton, Queens Co. During the last few weeks of his sojourn on earth he gave abundant evidence of his perfect preparation for the "inheritance that fadeth not away." Our departed brother leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter, the wife of Rev. Edward Whitman of Lockport. May the Lord graciously sustain the bereaved ones.

We have also to chronicle the death of Sister Susannah McVicar, widow of late Dea. John McVicar, who died December 3rd, 1875. Our sister was one of the first members of our church, her name appearing in an original list with eleven others all of whom however have now joined the church above. Some years ago she was deprived of her health, her faculties becoming so much impaired that she could not remember the faces or names of nearest relations, but one name she never forgot, the name of Jesus was precious to her memory to the last, and now she has gone to be with her beloved forever. May the Great Head of the Church raise up others to take the places of those who are passing away.

A. H. L.

THE REVIVAL IN WINDSOR.—Dear Editor,—You will be rejoiced to learn that the work of grace is still progressing in Windsor. Prof. Welton was enabled to remain with the church during the past week and fresh outpourings of the Spirit were manifest upon his labours.

Yesterday he baptized twenty-three converts which with the fifty-three of the preceding Sabbath make a total of seventy-six. The interest appears unabated; the power of the Spirit, is strikingly displayed and many more are anxiously enquiring "what they must do to be saved."—The meetings are largely attended and Christians have their faith daily strengthened by answers to prayer, they seem like the disciples of old to be of one accord in one place beseeching God and admonishing sinners that souls might be won unto Christ. We can only say "It is the Lord's doing and is marvellous in our eyes."

Through your columns I would gratefully acknowledge the universal kindness I have experienced from the members of the church and congregation during my stay with them. On the last Sabbath in January a special collection, amounting to seventy dollars was made for my benefit as a thank-offering. Such a liberal donation in addition to salary, for so limited a period of labor merits and receives my sincere thankfulness. "May the Giver of every good and perfect gift," for whose sake we believe they gave, richly reward them.

Yours truly,

E. W. KELLY.

Feb. 7th, 1876

THE MORMONS.—We clip the following from the *Advent Herald*:—It would be a strange sight to see the Mormons moving from America to settle in Palestine, yet Dr. Manning, the general manager of the London Tract Society, writes from Utah that "the project is a serious one and is not unlikely to be consummated. One of the last acts of the late Geo. A. Smith, First Vice President of the Mormon church and State, was to visit Palestine, in company with the Mormon Superintendent of public works, treasurer and superintendent of emigration. They were received by the Turkish Viceroy, who doubtless has no special prejudices on the polygamy question. It remains to be seen whether such a project can be carried out, even if it is undertaken."

There is a Society lately formed in Edinburgh under the style and title of "Purity of Worship Association." It is about to proceed on a prosecuting career. Any minister of the Scotch Established Church who introduces innovations—instrumental music, for example—will lay himself open to be proceeded against with the funds of this Association. Ritualism in all its forms and disguises is to be summarily dealt with by the Association. The result, we rather think, will be that what is sought in this way to be the more widely advertised and propagated.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION.—The *Globe*, referring to a report recently cabled that the British Government had disallowed a clause in the Supreme Court Bill relating to appeals, says the statement is utterly without foundation.

The supplementary accounts of Ontario were presented to the Legislature on Monday last. The total amount asked is \$196,493. Among the most important items are \$5,000 for the employment of a staff of short-hand writers to report the evidence of trials at Assizes and Chancery sittings. The very large sum expended in criminal prosecutions during 1875 has rendered necessary a vote of \$23,000 in addition to original proposition. \$4,970 are required as allowance for two new collegiate institutions and the new Ottawa Normal School.

The first annual payment of the proposed retiring allowance to the Chief Superintendent is \$4,000, equal to his full salary.

Apparently reliable information has been received at Ottawa that, in view of the proposed settlement of French claims in Newfoundland by the Government of Great Britain, the Government of the Island had been urged to take into anxious consideration the question of confederation with the other North American Provinces.

The railroad around Quebec are completely blocked with snow.

Two men and four horses broke through and disappeared under the ice on Saturday evening between Montreal and LaPrairie.

In the British Columbia Legislature the Premier adjourned the House till April 6th, when the policy of the new Government will be announced.

The farmers of St. Martin brought in 660 bushels of good potatoes for the poor of Montreal on Monday last. They were handed over for distribution to commissioners of City Council.

P. E. ISLAND.—LAND AWARDS.—Two of the Land Commissioners have been declared invalid by the Supreme Court. The awards thus set aside were those upon the estates of Hon. Ponsonby Fane and Miss Sullivan. The decision has surprised the country, but it is not final, as the cases will be carried to the Dominion Court of Appeal. An early session of the Provincial Parliament is urged in several quarters, in consequence of the decision of the Judges.—*Charlottetown Times*.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Anson Bevier a young man of 25 years of age, who had just started as a shop-keeper in Portland, St. John, was arrested last week on a charge of stealing six boxes of cigars, a quantity of tobacco, a watch-chain and some spoons from Mr. A. J. Armstrong, of Kings-street, St. John.

A horrible murder of Thomas O'Neil and his daughter, Mrs. Flougeale was committed by her husband John Flougeale, on Thursday last. The man has borne a very bad character.

UNITED STATES.—All the leading coal companies in Pennsylvania have agreed to stop mining operations from Feb. 7 to March 11.

General Sherman has announced that he never was, is not, and never will be, a candidate for President of the United States.

One of the heaviest gales felt in New York for several years, commenced on Wednesday morning from the North-West, with snow squalls. The weather cleared but the gale continued, and trees, signs, flags, awnings, etc., suffered considerably. The gale extended from Florida to Maine, and from the Atlantic to beyond the Mississippi.

An engine with snow-plough, on the Midland Road, ran off the track near Westfield, knocked down a bridge over the Willive Mac River and went into the river. Five men on the plough escaped with bad bruises. Four men on the engine were badly scalded, including the Superintendent.

J. L. Termer has confessed to the robbery of a bank in Quincy, Illinois, about one year ago, of \$130,000 in bonds and \$34,000 in cash.

William McKee, proprietor of the St. Louis *Globe* (Democrat) was convicted of complicity in the whiskey frauds.

At East London, N. Y., on Monday, a well-to-do farmer, in a moment of passion, murdered his aged father and mother, and seriously, if not fatally, stabbed his wife, and subsequently put an end to his life by hanging.

Six horse thieves were hanged by a vigilance committee in Kansas last week. President Grant was to be called to testify in regard to Babcock's character at the trial in St. Louis which was to commence on Monday last.

Five weeks' suspension of labor in Pennsylvania coal mine began on Monday morning, throwing out of work sixty thousand men and boys.

Mexico.—The Revolution is rapidly gaining strength, especially in the Northern States, in favor of Porfirio Diaz for President.

ENGLISH.—The statue of Lord Palmerston, near Parliament House, Westminster, was unveiled on Wednesday. There was no ceremony.

Sir John Glover has returned from Paris to London, his proposition to buy

the French fisheries of Newfoundland having been declined.

F. R. Plunkett, Secretary of the British Legation at Yeddo, has been appointed Secretary at Washington.

Negotiations of French capitalists in Egypt, for railway and other monopolies, have failed, leaving the way clear for English proposals.

Rev. Alexander H. Maconochie, curate of the noted London High Church, St. Albans, Cooke-street, Holborn, with one hundred prominent ritualist clergymen, publishes a disclaimer of their connection or sympathy with any movement looking to subordination of Anglican ritualists to the Papacy.

Cardinal Manning will go to Rome to defend the proposed union of a portion of the English ritualistic clergy with the Roman Catholic Church, which the Pope favors but the sacred congregations oppose.

Mr. Disraeli, replying to a deputation of shipowners, promised that the Government would give early and unbroken consideration to the Shipping Bill.

Nearly one hundred persons were poisoned at Eagly, near Bolton, by drinking impure milk.

It has been ascertained there were two hundred and sixteen men in the Jabine mine at the time of the explosion of fire damp. Fifty altogether were rescued alive, and it is feared all the others have perished. Twenty-six dead bodies have been recovered.

FRANCE.—The mission of Montreux to Egypt for the purpose of fostering French influences is regarded as a failure.

GERMANY.—Explosion of fire damp took place on Friday in Jabin colliery, Belgium. Men were at work to the number of 230; only 26 were taken out, two of whom were dead. The earth is falling in in immense masses. Consternation prevails throughout the district.

SPAIN.—The war in Spain continues to show success for the Royalists. The Carlists have destroyed their cartridge factory at Vera, and many have fled into France, Don Carlos among the number.

Gen. Tristany denies the reports of his desertion from the Carlists.

Many Spanish families are fleeing to France.

The Carlists continue to shell San Sebastian.

The Senatorial elections in Spain have resulted favorably to the Government.

The Alfonsists have abandoned Lenaca and Eschalar, and are falling back on Urdai Maya and Elizondo.

Official despatches from Madrid, states that the Alfonsist forces have gained almost entire possession of Biscay and Alava.

The new Captain-General of Cuba has sent in his resignation to Madrid because of antagonism to efforts to satisfy the claims of the United States.

TURKEY.—Advices from Herzegovina states that measures taken by Imperial powers to induce insurgents to cease hostilities will most likely be unsuccessful.

It is reported that the Turks were repulsed at Gradatz on Sunday, losing eighty killed, and met with a reverse near Kleck with the loss of fifty men.

ITALY.—Indications of an eruption of Vesuvius are increasing.

RUSSIA.—The Russian authorities in Turkestan have called for more troops in order to suppress the rebellion there. Gortschakoff has informed the Herzegovinians that they must be satisfied with Andrassy's proposed reforms, and need not expect support from Russian neutrality now observed on the Bosnian and Croatian frontier.

Russia has cautioned the Sultan against going to war with Montenegro.

Finland is to build a canal from the White Sea to the Baltic.

Brodski, the Odessa merchant, has been directed to reside at Kaluga, near Moscow. He will not be permitted to return again to Odessa.

PORTUGAL.—The Portuguese Chamber of Peers has abolished slavery in St. Thomas and the Gulf of Guinea.

INDIA.—A despatch from Agra says Prince Louis of Battenburg was on Thursday severely, though not seriously injured, by a fall from his horse while pig sticking.

The report of the engagement of Princess Beatrice with Prince Louis is unfounded.

The *Times* of India fears a general rising throughout Beloochistan.

MARRIAGES.

At the residence of Daniel Dimock, Esq., East River, Chester, by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Mr. John P. Thomas, of Annapolis, to Miss Ada Millett, of Chester.

On the 26th inst., by Rev. D. A. Steele, James Moran, to Sarah Ann Gough, both of Leicester.

At Bridgewater, on the 3rd inst., by the Rev. P. M. Morrison, Andrew Gow, Esq., Agent at Bridgewater of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, to Miss Louisa, daughter of the late John N. Hebb, Esq., of Bridgewater.

At Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co., on Wednesday, the 26th ult., by the Rev. Robert Stewart, J. G. H. Parker, Esq., to Miss Lizzie, only daughter of the late Dr. John Primrose, of Lawrencetown.

January 6th, 1876, by the Rev. Isaiah Wallace, Mr. Charles E. Crabbe, to Mrs. Lavinia Spicer, both of Harbourville, N.S.

February 2nd, by the same, Mr. George W. Loomer, to Miss Annie Lutes, both of Berwick, N.S.