

church met to vote upon the candidates, and determine who of them should be baptized. Of the one hundred and four it was voted to receive sixty. At half past eight we met around our beautiful baptismal pool, fed by springs and shaded by overhanging bamboos and banyans, and there buried these recruits from the host of Satan one by one into the likeness of their Saviour's grave, raising them up in the likeness of his resurrection. Notwithstanding the number of candidates and the presence of many spectators to whom the scene was wholly new, the entire procedure was quiet and orderly. The baptisms were administered half by one of our native preachers, and half by the writer.

Shortly after the baptisms we met again in the chapel, where brief and pungent sermons were preached to an overflowing house by brother Partridge and two native brethren. In the afternoon we met around the Lord's table; the new converts were welcomed into the church with appropriate words, and the right hand of fellowship from one of the ordained native brethren; after which we commemorated the Lord's Supper in company with almost two hundred Chinese Christians. This service was followed later in the afternoon by a meeting for bringing in contributions to the treasury, when almost every one brought his offering. This was the last general service of the week. The regular order of the week had been so far invaded by the blessed harvest work of the examinations, that it was necessary to detain the preachers during Monday for consultations about their station work; but Monday afternoon they too went away, as the bulk of the people had already done; and by Monday night our "compound" had resumed its wonted quiet.

The number of applicants for baptism at this communion was probably almost as large as the number during the whole of any previous year; the number baptized was three times as large as at any previous communion, and exceeded by ten the entire number baptized last year. This year there have been thus far one hundred and twenty persons baptized. Not less than one-third of those received last Sunday were from villages where a year ago Satan had undisputed sway. Five of them are the first fruits of Po Tai, a region where work was begun by Bible-women not more than eight months ago. Great interest was quickly awakened, and a preacher was sent. He and the Bible-women have had an abundance of willing people to instruct in the rudiments of the gospel, and it is beyond doubt that these five souls are only the first sheaves from the harvest of that region; and the harvest is already ripening.

WHAT IS NEEDED NOW.

Among all our needs in this Mission, (and they are many), there is none so imperative as the need of training, for some of our young men, who may thus be prepared to go out and preach in places like those mentioned above, where there are great opportunities. We do not ask for a theological seminary or a training school; all we ask is means with which to give some of our young men their rice while they are here studying for a few months before being sent out. We have in the churches a good number of young men who would make zealous and useful preachers, if they could be started with say eight or twelve months' study here with the missionary.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

MAHONE BAY.—Life and Death.—Dear Editor,—As the friends of Jesus are always pleased to hear of the glorious victories achieved by Him, you will doubtless feel glad to learn (as we who have witnessed, and rejoice) that "the hand of the Lord is with us," turning the hearts of sinners "from the power of sin and Satan unto God."

Some few weeks ago I began a series of meetings at New Cornwall, and had not laboured long before it was evident that "Jesus was passing by," and that "our time was the time of love." In His compassion for sinners, He said to them, "Live!" and some, who were "dead in trespasses and sins," have "heard the voice of the Son of God," and, by his converting power, have been made "alive" unto Him forevermore.

I have baptized and received into the church, ten persons, mostly all of whom are heads of families, and I expect to baptize more next Sabbath. The church is greatly revived, and the good work still goes on.

Truly, we need more of the grace of the Lord Jesus within our hearts. The tidings of "sinners coming home" should indeed be carried upon the wings of every hour; for Death, like a mighty war-chariot, as it rolls on, tramples many in the dust; and the cry of the sick and dying is heard in every land.

During the last few weeks, diphtheria

has been raging in Bridgewater and in this place, causing many to mourn over the loss of loved ones departed. Mr. Alexander Sutherland, of Port Medway, who came to this place a short time ago with his family, was taken sick with this disease, and died suddenly, on Monday, the 22nd of October, in the 44th year of his age. Yesterday I buried his eldest son, Willard, who died with the same disease, aged 13 years. May God sustain the sorrowing widow and mother, and enable her, by grace divine, to "look to the hills from whence cometh our help." Several others in this village are now very low with the same sickness.

Last week, a lame man, named Benjamin Baker, of this place, wandered about in the woods, and has not been heard of since. A number of men have been searching for him ever since the sad news reached their ears, but they were not successful in finding him. No doubt by this time he has perished.

May the Lord prepare the dying for glory, and the living to magnify His holy name.

Yours very truly,

JOHN WILLIAMS.

Mahone Bay, Nov. 1st, 1877.

HEBRON, Oct. 30th.—Our second year of labor with the church in this place opens encouragingly. On Sunday, Oct. 14, one was received by baptism, and, on the 28th, five more. During the past year we had six baptismal seasons, though only nine in all were baptized. We are expecting a more abundant harvest this year.

Notwithstanding the hard times, our financial report for the past year was so encouraging that the church, at its annual meeting, added \$50.00 to the salary expected for the past year. Thus encouraged by the mercies of God and the favour of the brethren, we desire to labour with greater diligence.

A. COHOON.

UPPER WILMOT.—Rev. W. E. Hall writes:—"God is still blessing us as a church, and on Sabbath, the 21st ult., we again visited the baptismal waters. We are looking for greater things."

Rev. J. W. S. Young writes the Visitor:—"There have been eighty-two persons baptized in Jacksonville during the revival in connection with the interesting meetings in the two churches, and the converts seem to be growing. The revival at Eel River, Lower Woodstock, is still progressing, on the Sabbath the 14th inst., six were baptized, and on the 24th inst., five persons, in all twenty-one thus added to the church in three Sabbaths."

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—It is stated at Ottawa that Sir E. Selby Smyth will succeed General O'Grady Haly as commander of the forces at Halifax next May.

The Ottawa St. Andrew's Society here last night the subject of processions was discussed and condemned. A resolution was then adopted that on the Society's next anniversary the members attend church individually, without badges, banners or bands.

At a meeting of capitalists at Quebec it was decided to establish a beet sugar factory at that city.

The sudden death of Hon. A. B. Foster is attributed to railroad troubles.

A dissipated woman named Trowells was burned to death at Montreal on Thursday morning by a fire in a small wooden house in St. Dominique Street.

An important judgement was given in the Court of Review, that salaries are only privileged claims upon merchandise and effects contained in the store, shop or workshop in which services are required.

The last upper Canadian mail steamboat was to leave on Saturday.

By fire in a boarding house on Friday morning in Alexander street one man was suffocated and several parties seriously injured.

The movement in staple articles has been fairly active during the week, but the volume is scarcely as large as previously.

A cargo of ice arrived in Montreal from the States. The consignees maintain it should come in free. Customs ask 17½ per cent. duty.

On Friday night a shot was fired through the window of a house on William St. The inmate had a very narrow escape.

Two respectable women were sentenced to one month in jail, at Toronto, on Thursday for stealing flowers from graves in the cemetery.

A colored woman carried a rock into Court to throw at the judge when sentenced.

The Gale on Friday night last did much damage to shipping on the lakes; at Port Hope the schooner *Alma*, with coal, was driven ashore and is likely a total

loss; the *Eliza*, White, struck a pier and was dismasted; the schooner *Almeda*, of Buffalo, ran ashore at Port Glasgow and had her deck broken—she will probably break up. A three masted schooner, supposed to be the *J. C. Woodruff*, went ashore outside of Port Colborne piers to night; steam barge *Swallow* of Detroit, missed Port Stanley pier and went ashore on Saturday. She lies easy in five feet of water.

At one o'clock on Friday morning, at Montreal, the inhabitants of Alexander Street, in the heart of the city, were awakened by wild shrieks of a woman. A young girl daughter of a boarding house keeper, was seen standing at the second story window giving vent to frantic cries of fire. There was considerable delay in sounding the alarm, and it was fully 15 or 20 minutes before the fire brigade arrived; in the meantime Miss Burke had taken a leap for life, and falling some 20 feet below the sidewalk, sustained serious if not fatal injuries. On arrival of the fireman, they bravely entered the house at the risk of their lives. The dead body of a boarder named Christian Ramoussen (a Dane) was found in the closet door, of which it is supposed he mistook for an exit to the hall. In a further search, Mason Burke, aged 16 years, son of the owner of the House, was discovered in an almost lifeless state from the effects of smoke; he was taken out and has remained in a semi-unconscious state since, but it is hoped he will recover. The inmates of the first floor escaped without difficulty. Origin of the fire is supposed to have been by rats eating matches.

It appears from the Liverpool G. B., *Albion* of the 15th ult., that the steamship *Sarmatian*, on her last trip from Quebec, carried upwards of 900 quarters of fresh beef and a large quantity of mutton, 6165 tubs of butter, 6,627 boxes of cheese, 1675 cases tinned meats, 250 barrels of apples, 85 packets of Canadian hops, 36076 bushels of wheat, 11,188 bushels of peas, and a large general cargo, comprising bacon and hams, tierced beef, agricultural machinery, boots and shoes, timber, &c.

Since Hon. John Young's arrival home from Australia he has received 140 diplomas for exhibitors at the Industrial Exhibition, held in May last, at Sydney, New South Wales. Ontario, as a matter of course, bears the lion's share of prizes, but the Maritime Provinces are represented in the list by the following:—

Nova Scotia.—Dartmouth Ropework Company, Halifax; Oxford Manufacturing Company, Oxford.

New Brunswick.—George Fleming & Son, J. Harris & Co. and Wilson, Gilmour & Co., St. John.—*Chronicle*

A severe shock of an earthquake was felt at Montreal, Ottawa and various other places a little before 2 o'clock on Sunday morning. It is said to have done much damage in the destruction of crockeryware.

Chief Justice Draper died on Saturday evening, aged 87 years. He was born in Surrey, England.

It is rumored that the Quebec Local Government is in financial difficulties.

It has been definitely determined to run Hon. Mr. Laurier for Quebec East.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The work of relief in St. John seems to be gradually diminishing. There are now about 120 applications, daily, at the Rink, for aid in various forms, but a great many of these are not receiving assistance, as it is found in such cases that some member of each family has employment.

In Portland there were only 4 applications received on Tuesday morning. The total number of applications is 145, of which some 75 or 80 have been visited.

We are glad to hear of a movement in the line of Temperance in St. John, by the formation a Reform Club. Some gentlemen from Portland and Bangor, Me., and a lady from Brooklyn, N. Y., are the principal promoters. In four days 157 signed the pledge and joined. At a meeting in Y. M. C. A. Hall, 81 persons joined.

At Studholm, last week, a man named Patterson accidentally shot himself with a gun while returning from the woods.

On Saturday last a fire at Moncton destroyed a new large two-story house belonging to Mr. Cleaveland.

Fredericton has again suffered from fire. The large Exhibition building was burnt to the ground on Tuesday last. The strong wind carried the burning shingles over a large part of the city, and there was danger of a general conflagration. Three or four houses besides the big building, were consumed. It is believed to have been the work of an incendiary, one man was arrested on suspicion.

The *Gleaner* reports a shipment of 200 bbls of Bay du Vin oysters to Great Britain, the first ever sent from a Miramichi port.

P. E. ISLAND.—The fire bell at Charlottetown was badly broken, after being violently rung for about three-quarters of an hour during a fire last week. The break extends about 2½ feet and completely destroys the sound of the bell.

On Tuesday of last week a young man named Thomas Cartmill fell between two freight cars of a train on the Prince Edward Island Railway and was killed. His body was horribly mangled.

UNITED STATES.—President Hayes visited Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, and was accorded a most enthusiastic reception; 50,000 people turned out to greet him.

The day express East on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad collided with a freight train East of Ridgeway on Thursday. The engineers and firemen on both trains and one brakeman were killed. Another brakeman was fatally injured. Several passengers were injured, but none seriously.

A storm, the severest known in New York for a long time, prevailed on Friday last. The gale blew at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

CENTRAL AMERICA.—At Panama a priest named Felix Pajez fired at President Barrios, of Guatemala, on the 29th inst. with a pistol, but missed the President who grappled with the assassin, and a servant of the President shot the priest dead. The President had just quelled an outbreak which the priest is supposed to have instigated.

A serious tidal disturbance occurred at Esmeraldas and Bonaventura, West Coast of Columbia, on the 11th, and a shock of earthquake on the Isthmus next day. It is believed that a serious earthquake at the South and East will be heard from.

The Island of San Andreas, Caribbean Sea, was swept by a hurricane on September 27th. A large amount of property was destroyed. There is great distress.

ENGLAND.—Count Buist, Austrian Ambassador in London, reports Lord Derby informed the foreign Ambassadors that England so far has had no opportunity of making any proposal with a view to mediation between Russia and Turkey.

Thirty-nine Canadian masons who arrived in London last week have placed themselves under the protection of the strike committee.

The cotton mill owners of Ashton, Staley Bridge and Morsley have resolved to give a week's notice of a five per cent. reduction in wages.

HOLLAND.—The new cabinet has been formed at the Hague with Baron Von Heeckeren as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

FRANCE.—The *Moniteur* believes the prospect for the adoption of a conciliatory policy has improved in consequence of proceedings in the Cabinet Council, but does not think formation of a new cabinet will be announced before Nov. 7th.

The *Republique Francaise* describes the crisis as very grave, and says it must be terminated or we shall be drawn into the most terrible of catastrophes—civil war.

The *Le Constitutionnel* says M. Grevy has come to Paris with the strong and sincere wish to effect an honorable compromise between the Republicans and the Conservatives. With this object he is not indisposed to see President MacMahon in company with Duke Audifret Pasquier, President of the Senate.

The *Reppel* says in case of MacMahon's retirement, Grevy will be supported as his successor by the Republicans.

TURKEY.—The following are extracts from a review of the Asiatic campaign in the *Times*, on Friday last, from the pen of Capt. Norman, lately correspondent with Mukhtar's army, and expelled for unfeigned criticisms:—"Deviloun Crest of Rang, two thousand feet higher than the surrounding plain, presents every facility for the most determined resistance. If Mukhtar Pasha can reach this in safety and throw 25,000 men into the very formidable works, that, under the able direction of his gallant Hungarian Chief of Staff, General Kohlman, have been recently constructed. Deviloun should defy a frontal attack; and at this season a flank movement over the mountains 8000 or 9000 feet above the sea presents almost insurmountable difficulties. Referring to the reports from St. Petersburg of negotiations for the surrender of Kars, Captain Norman says, 'I cannot credit the rumors that the Commandant has entered into negotiations for the surrender of that fortress. I am aware from personal observation that a very large supply of ammunition for both small arms and artillery were thrown into the place during July, August and September, and that Commissariat store houses were completely replenished. It was dangerously denuded of troops during the occupation of Aldja Dag; if Mukhtar was enabled, subsequent to his defeat on the 14th of October, to leave the garrison of the same strength as he did in April, there should be no fear for its safety. If, however, he was unable to do so, it is more than probable that it will fall by *coup de main*, but it will not be starved into submission."

On Wednesday, Chevet Pasha advanced to retake Teliche, he was defeated after several hours engagement at Ratornir, and fled in great disorder.

Plevna is completely invested. Twenty thousand refugees, women and children, are still at Constantinople.

Negotiations with Kars' garrison are broken off and bombardment recommenced. The district of Kagysman is placed under Russian administration. The corps of Generals Heyman and Tergukasoff effected a junction, and are near Hassan Kaleb.

The Russian success in the rear of Plevna is evidently producing consternation in Constantinople.

The Porte has issued to the populace an official assurance that Plevna is amply provisioned and can hold out for months.

An attack by the Russians on Teliche simultaneously with the capture of Dubruk on the 24th ult. was repulsed with the loss of 1000 men; loss at Dubruk, 3000. Every brigade and regiment commander was killed or wounded.

It is officially announced at Constantinople, that 226,797 men are to be immediately called out for active service. The majority of these are of the reserve draft, and will leave 333,412 registered members of reserve.

RUSSIA.—The official returns of the Russians killed and wounded and missing from the commencement of hostilities to the 25th of October is 61,942.

Moukhtar and Ismael Pashas have retired to a strong position near Hassan Kaleb. The Russians are posted behind Keprikoi.

The Turkish loss at the capture by Russians of the position near Gorney Dubruk on the 24th was four thousand killed besides wounded and prisoners. The Russians only succeeded in storming the position at the third attempt. They accuse the Turks of twice luring them under a destructive fire by displaying a white flag.

The Russians are fortifying positions at Dubruk and Teliche, as they are threatened with a combined attack by Osman and Chevor Pashas.

The Russian troops around Plevna are estimated at 150,000, with fifty siege and 500 field guns. The siege of Kars is opened. The garrison consists of ten thousand men well provisioned and with plenty ammunition.

An effort is being made to gain possession of the Plevna and Radava road. The Roumanian force made reconnaissance along the Danube in the direction of Bahova. At Valeni they found a detachment occupying some earthworks. After a brief cannonade the Turkish magazine exploded and the garrison retreated in the direction of Bahova. The Roumanians occupy the redoubt.

It is reported that the Russians are forming an army of seven thousand, which is designed to cross the Balkans and advance upon Adrianople without waiting for the fall of Plevna.

A Russian despatch on Saturday says, the Grand Duke Nicholas inspected the positions occupied at Gorny Dubrik, from which the Turks on approach of the Russians on the 31st ult., withdrew during the night to Plevna. Thus this important point has passed into our hands without fighting.

A Russian official despatch says that the number of prisoners captured at Dubrik and Teliche was 7000, including 2 Pashas, 200 officers and an English colonel in the Turkish service. After the victory at Dubrik and Teliche, the Russian scouts approached Radormirze, and Chevet Pasha with 12 battalions fled from there without waiting to destroy the bridge.

It is said the Czar has notified Prince Milan that Serbian co-operation is unnecessary.

AFRICA.—The King of Abyssinia again threatens to invade Egypt with 120,000 men.

General Gordon is expected at Mossawa, to negotiate with him.

Local News.

Judge Wilkins, who has received leave of absence, left in the Nova Scotian last week for England.

Wm. Liechman, while attempting to get into a boat at Richmond station fell and broke the bone in his left foot.

Dr. Lewis, of Dartmouth, burst a blood-vessel, one day last week, but is recovering.

The annual meeting of the Halifax and Dartmouth Sabbath School Association in the Free Baptist Church, Starr Street, on Tuesday last was well attended.

Sheriff Bell, Vice-President of the Association, presided and the Rev. Mr. Lowden conducted the devotional exercises. The Secretary, Mr. Sherburne Waddell, read the quarterly statistical report and the annual report.

The office-bearers elected for the ensuing year, were:

President—David Blackwood.

Vice-President—W. B. McNutt.

Secretary and Treasurer—S. Waddell.

Committee—J. Grierson, W. H. Webb,

M. M. Lindsay, W. Roche, Jr., E. D.

King, Joseph Bell, Charles Robson, J.

W. Whitman, R. J. Sweet.

Dr. Burns read an able and instructive paper on the Apostle Paul, shewing his character and work, worthy of being imitated by Sabbath School teachers.

The Bellerophon, iron-clad, with the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Astley Cooper Key, K. C. B., and Argus, paddle corvette, left on Friday for Bermuda and the West Indies.

Ripe Raspberries—a second crop—are reported as having been picked from the farm of Mr. Spinney, Meadowvale, Annapolis Co., on the 27th of October.

The *Monitor* says:—"There is not a scattering one here and there, but the bushes are well loaded."

At Port Hood a serious, if not fatal, accident occurred on Friday, 19th inst., three young men were practising throwing the heavy hammer; by its taking a wrong direction, Willie James, four years of age, son of J. H. Murphy, Esq., was struck on the head and very badly injured, his skull being broken.