

*She sleeps,—though violets wake,
And lilies yield their breath
To the ripe spring, whose touch is life,
Whose presence is not death.
But a hint of sweeter flowers,
Whose rich recovered bloom
Garnish the vales of Paradise,
Unmindful of the Tomb.*

*She sleeps—no more of pain,
No waiting for the hour
That shuts out earth, and opens life
In gorgeous Eden's bower.
So we hide away our sorrow,
And leave our treasure where
All pleasant things rekindle
Trust in our Father's care.*

C. A. LELAND.
Melvorn Square, May 5th, 1877.

EARNEST H. CROSBY,

died at Clements West, Annapolis Co., May 23rd, Earnest H., eldest and only son of Josiah P. and Maria A. Crosby, in the 23rd year of his age. Deceased was a young man of exemplary character and much esteemed by all who knew him. He made a public profession of religion when quite young, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Free Christian Baptist Church at Beaver River, from which place he removed here with his parents about five years ago, and has ever since maintained a consistent and upright walk; he was much attached to the cause of temperance and was a zealous member of Raymond Division, by whose members he was borne to his last resting place, and received the solemn farewell. He had chosen as his life work, the avocation of Teacher, and while at the Normal School, at Truro, preparing for that very useful calling, took a heavy cold, which brought on disease of the lungs; this, together with another ailment with which he had been afflicted from childhood, in a few short months, terminated his existence in this world. He died in hope of a glorious immortality in that world where no disease or death invade, but where the leaves of the Tree of Life give perfect health to all the inhabitants thereof. The funeral occasion was improved by a sermon from Rev. J. M. Parker from Eccles. ix. 10. To the afflicted parents and sisters of the departed who have thus been bereft of their only remaining son and brother, having buried their youngest little more than a year ago, a dear little boy, we tender our deepest sympathy and affection, and trust that these sad bereavements may be blessed of God by bringing them all into his heavenly kingdom, where they may be a united family to praise his holy name for ever and ever.

MRS. JOSEPH WHEELLOCK.

We are grieved to announce among our list of deaths this week the name of Mrs. Jos. Wheellock, of Bridgetown, the mother of our esteemed missionary, Mrs. W. F. Armstrong. For the past year her health has been failing, but hopes were entertained that the return of Spring would restore her. Such, however, was not the Lord's will concerning her, and though natural grief must have its way, all her friends rejoice in the assurance that she has entered into the rest prepared for her by her Master. In a note lately received she says, "I am still an invalid, and seldom get out; trust there will be resting 'Bye-and-Bye.' May we all meet in that peaceful Haven." We deeply sympathize with the bereaved relatives and friends.

For the Christian Messenger.

Notes from the Third Baptist Church.

On Thursday, it being NATAL DAY, it is proposed to celebrate the day, when the Britons came over, by laying the Corner Stone of our New Church.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. The Sabbath School assembles at the hall, thence they will walk to the lot on Brunswick St., and open the proceedings by singing. After a brief address or two, a lady will lay the corner stone, and the "Bees" will all commence to build, the secretary will enroll the names, and the list will be published in the next issue of "Buds and Blossoms."

Our friends are invited to cheer and help us that day by their presence.

Should there be a difficulty in attendance, remember if you like, a brick can be laid for you by proxy.

BAPTISMAL.—Rev. B. Smithers held an open air baptismal service at Preston on Sunday afternoon. There was a large number present, participants in the service, and spectators. There were seventeen candidates for immersion.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Ordination of Mr. Wm. Henry Young.

We copy the following item from the *Washington Republican* of June 6th:

The public "setting apart" or ordination of Mr. Wm. Henry Young, son of Dr. Young, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, took place last evening at the first Baptist church. The pulpit was handsomely decorated with vases of flowers, bouquets and palms. The services were conducted by ministers in accordance with the direction of the council, who, after examination of the candidate in the morning, unanimously agreed as to his fitness for the ordination. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Brantley, of Baltimore, and the ordination prayer and presentation of the Bible by the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Cuthbert.

The charge to the candidate was made by Rev. Dr. S. P. Hill. The right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. J. T. Judd, of Harrisburg, Pa., who was a college-mate of Mr. Young. The other exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Mason, of the Calvary Baptist church; Rev. Mr. Meador, of the Fifth Baptist church; Rev. Dr. Huntington, professor of Greek at Columbian University; Rev. Mr. Ingersoll, of the Second Baptist church, and Rev. Mr. Beale, pastor of the Georgetown Baptist church. The music by the choir was most excellent, and the services were of unusual solemnity.

The Lord is still carrying on his work at DeBert River. Six were baptized yesterday. The converts are doing well, and we hope will prove a source of strength to the church. I wish to express my gratitude to those brethren who so kindly came to our assistance. In this respect we have been highly favored.

Yours truly,
M. P. FREEMAN.

The Rev. W. M. Edwards baptized eight persons in the Miramichi river on June 3rd.

Rev. J. C. Moore reports as follows: Yesterday June 3rd, it was my privilege to lead a father and daughter down into the baptismal waters in the presence of a large congregation. This makes thirty that I have baptized since last fall. There has been no very special revival, but a gradual ingathering. To God be the praise and glory. I expect, God willing, to baptize two more next Sabbath, and perhaps others. Will my friends pray that God will sustain and continue to bless me and the people of my charge, and save poor sinners?

Yours, &c.,
J. C. MOORE.

Hillsborough June 4, 1877.

W. P. Anderson, Licentiate, from N. S., has been engaged to preach to the church at North Esk, Miramichi, and also to the church at Little South West, in the same district.

PITT STREET BAPTIST MISSION.—We are pleased to notice the completion of repairs on the Chapel of this Mission. Nearly \$200 have been expended, rendering the room convenient and inviting. Last Sabbath evening the house was reopened by interesting religious services. Rev. J. D. Pope preached an able and instructive sermon, from 1st Timothy vi. 19, "That they may lay hold on eternal life." There was a large audience in attendance and much interest manifested. Most acceptable service was rendered by the Leicester Street Choir, under the leadership of John March, Esq., J. Edgar March presiding at the organ. May abundant success attend this effort to extend the cause of Christ in St. John.

The Baptists of Birmingham, England, have had sites for three new chapels presented to them. The sites are admirably adapted for the erection of chapels, and are situated in suburbs of Birmingham in which no Baptist cause at present exists. The trustees also contemplate the erection of a central chapel, to take the place of the present structure in Cannon-street, and anticipate that by these means they may be able to erect five or six chapels, of the value of some £50,000 or £60,000, and which will prove to be a great strength to the denomination in Birmingham.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Recent changes in the Cabinet are gazetted to-day.

At a meeting of the Lincoln Conservative Association, held on Thursday, it was deemed advisable to enter no protest against the return of Capt. Norris.

The statement of imports of the Dominion for the last four months shows an increase of \$1,663,926 over the corresponding period last year.

There is considerable excitement here over the troubles at Oka, caused by the arrest of a number of Indians by the Provincial police. The Indians are armed and bloodshed is expected.

About four o'clock this morning Rev. Mr. Logan, residing priest at Oka, discovered fire in the stables, which had gained considerable headway.

He said about 30 armed Indians were parading around the church, who pre-

vented any assistance that might have been rendered by him and others. The church, the priest's residence and stables are in ruins. The steeple, which contained three bells, fell with a tremendous crash.

Movable fixtures, valuables and furniture were saved, except the church organ. The granary contained about one thousand bushels of grain. Stables, coach houses and carriages were a total loss.

The library contained about 1,000 volumes, part in the Indian language, all of which were consumed. The nunnery escaped. The church was about one hundred years old. No insurance. Fire supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The *Star* says the Oka Indians have been arrested and maltreated for having in the first place taken wood for industrial purposes, and in the second, for having enclosed land of which they claim the absolute ownership. Without any semblance of law and upon the warrant of an irresponsible country magistrate, armed men were brought 200 miles to spread terror and desolation among the community of simple, homeless people, whose only crime is that of seeking to make an honest living upon their own land.

No further trouble is reported at Oka. The Indians are now quiet.

A large number of citizens assembled in Montreal on the 6th inst., to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the Provincial Deaf Mutes' Institute. The edifice to be erected is situated on the Cote St. Luc Road. It is the gift of Mr. Thomas McKay, a wealthy and esteemed citizen of Montreal, who has always manifested a deep interest in the unfortunate mutes. A beautiful silver trowel was presented to Mr. McKay wherewith to lay the stone, and the completion of this ceremony was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The building, planned to accommodate 100 pupils, will be furnished with every appliance for carrying out its noble purpose. Addresses were made by several gentlemen, referring in appropriate terms to this example of Christian benevolence as well worthy of imitation.—*Chronicle*.

Lord Dufferin leaves to-morrow for a cruise in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Mr. Laurier, M. P., will deliver a lecture on Liberalism at Quebec shortly. It is expected that his audience will be the largest ever assembled there.

This evening, June 13, at Montreal, over 200 Allan ship laborers struck on account of the reduction of wages. Another gang was put on, but they were interfered with. The water police were called out to enable them to put a quantity of perishable articles on board the Sardinian. A row is feared, as many friends of the strikers are anxious to interfere.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The train for Bangor, June 15th, was stopped between Vanceboro' and Macadam, by the rails spreading and blocked the road so that the down train could not reach St. John tonight. A locomotive was sent from St. John to render assistance.

A fire broke out between two houses owned by Samuel Wier at Straight Shore, Portland, on Friday, and they were destroyed; six others were damaged. Twenty families were turned out into the street.

A lad, six years old, named Ryan, was run over by a double team, heavily loaded, and his recovery is considered doubtful.

The Moncton *Times* says that the school-house in New Horton School district, Harvey, was burned down on Saturday evening last. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

UNITED STATES.—Fletcher Harper, the last survivor of the four who built up the immense business of the firm of Harper Brothers in New York, died recently at an advanced age. James and John were the first to learn the printers' trade and to commence business. Afterwards, Joseph Wesley, and still later, Fletcher, entering the House as apprentices, became in due time connected with the firm. Fletcher did the talking for the firm, and to his energy and foresight much of its large success was due. The business is now carried on by sons of those who established it, and is one of the most extensive and successful publishing houses in the world.—*Recorder*.

The twenty-second annual International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association opened at Louisville, Ky., on the 6th inst. J. S. Maclean, Esq., was a delegate from Halifax; and distinguished Y. M. C. A. members from all parts of the United States and Canada were present. Officers were elected for next year as follows:

President, John V. Farwell, of Chicago; Vice-Presidents, T. J. Wilkie, Toronto, Ont.; J. C. C. Black, Augusta, Ga.; Wm. P. Armstrong, Selma, Ala.; W. K. Jennings, Pittsburg, Pa.; Rev. W. Lipse, Omaha, Neb.; Geo. Young, Montreal; H. M. McDonald, of Princeton College, N. J.; E. S. Field, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. H. Chelver, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Secretary—T. C. Horton, Indianapolis. Assistant Secretaries—E. C. Chapin, Davenport, Iowa; J. L. Palmer, Little Rock, Ark.; W. A. Davis, Montgomery, Ala.; W. E. Lewis, Waco, Mass.

A violent tornado passed over Connecticut Valley on the 14th inst. The highway bridge over the Connecticut river

was blown away and completely destroyed. There were 16 people on it at the time, and two were killed and a number hurt. The bridge was 124 feet long, resting on light stone piers and cost \$25,000. Another bridge was also blown away. Trees were snapped off and uprooted, buildings blown down and great damage done to the crops.

General Grant is receiving quite an ovation during his visit to England. Receptions, dinners, and fetes follow in quick succession. Evidently, he is quite the rage among the British aristocracy at present, and it must be gratifying to his countrymen to know that he is so well and courteously welcomed.

ENGLAND.—The Russians began the bombardment of Rostchuk on June 12th, and continued the entire day. The Turks returned the fire with interest, but the damage done on either side is not known.

It is reported in London that Schouvaloff repeats his assurances that the Russian Government has no intention to interfere with British interests in the East. But it is beginning to be generally understood that Russia is endeavoring to subsidize the press, and that she is evidently preparing the public mind for her forthcoming occupation of Constantinople.

In the House of Commons, June 14, Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question of Mr. Gourley, stated that Russia's reply to England's intimation forbidding the exercise of belligerent rights in the Suez Canal, was to the effect that Russia would neither blockade, interrupt, nor menace the navigation of the Canal in any manner. He added that the replies from the Porte and Khedive to the British communications on the subject had not yet been received.

The Foreign Office has decided that any British officer in the service of a power which enters into hostilities against another with which England is at peace, must resign either his foreign appointment or his commission in the British service.

A despatch to the Russian Telegraphic Agency states that Russia is disposed to respect route to India, and consequently neutrality of the Suez Canal and Egypt depends on military eventualities.

A royal proclamation, declaring the neutrality of Portugal in the Russo-Turkish war, is issued. Germany will not issue a special proclamation of neutrality.

The Surveyor General of Ordnance visited Woolwich arsenal on June 13th, and spent several hours in the inspection of the stores provided through the extra exertions of the last few months. At the depot in the Dockyard there is placed in readiness for active service complete field equipments of tents, wagons, ambulances, medical stores, &c., for 22 regiments, with an immense reserve of stores only requiring a short period to be brought forward for use.

A despatch from Berlin to the *Post* says that the Russians have organized fifteen field hospitals, containing altogether 20,000 beds, to be distributed over Roumania and adjoining districts. This provision for the sick and wounded is thought to be sufficient for all emergencies.

The *Times*'s despatch from Constantinople says the Porte is expected to reply to the English notification regarding the Suez Canal, that it considers the Canal Turkish property. At the same time she recognizes the great importance of the Canal to the whole world, and will try to prevent it becoming the scene of hostilities by occupying each end with troops, so as to prevent the entrance of any Russian ships.

A special despatch from Paris says that Saturday's sitting of the Chamber of Deputies was one of the most violent ever witnessed; it extended over five hours and a half. During that long time there was one prolonged roar of vociferations. At one time, when Gambetta said that "power was in suspicious hands," the Minister of Public Works sprang with a threatening air towards the tribune, and members of the Right and Left dashed forward. Ushers had to separate the hostile armies. It really seemed as if there would be a hand-to-hand fight. All instinctively waited for reports of revolvers.

A despatch from Berlin says the relations between Germany and France are considered exceedingly critical. The general opinion is that the condition of the whole continent was never so critical since Sedan. To the already dangerous Eastern complications the French crisis is now added, and it is feared Europe at any moment may be plunged into a gigantic war. Eyes are turned to Paris in anxious expectation of events that may force Germany and Italy to act at once.

TURKEY.—The Turks are rapidly retreating before the Russians in Armenia, and are evidently determined not to risk a general engagement if possible.

The Turkish army of the Danube is reported in a bad way for want of organization.

The session of the Turkish Parliament will be closed on the 22nd instant. The Russians are retiring from the direction of Erzeroum in order to prosecute the siege of Kars. It is stated that Dervish Pasha will supersede Mukhtar Pasha.

Servia continues warlike preparations. A rupture between the Porte and Greece is considered inevitable.

A vessel which was about to discharge a cargo of 150 barrels of gunpowder at

Crete, has been captured by Turkish war vessels.

Moustapha Tewfic Pasha has been appointed commandant of Kars.

Two captains of Russian torpedo boats recently sunk at the Sulina mouth of the Danube, one an Englishman and the other an American, are expected in Constantinople to-day as prisoners of war.

A despatch from Erzeroum states there was a great battle all along the Turkish line between Kars and Erzeroum. The imminent fate of the Turkish arms in Asia Minor hangs upon the events of the next ten days.

The Turkish newspapers, referring to the peace rumors lately current, are strongly adverse to peace and dismiss the subject as unworthy of discussion.

The Sultan is staying at the Ministry of War, awaiting news from Kars, where a great battle is progressing.

A Constantinople despatch says there is excitement there in consequence of a decree of the Sultan ordering all subjects to be ready for immediate military service. The Sultan's Cabinet consider the situation very critical and at an extraordinary council on Wednesday decided to press war taxes and enforce the call for men and material.

ITALY.—The Canadian pilgrims had an audience with the Pope June 15th, and asked his benediction for their countrymen and the people of Liverpool and New York who gave them a friendly reception. The pilgrims presented the Pope with a magnificent mitre, studded with gems, a silver vase and \$20,000. The Pope expressed joy at the escape of the pilgrims from the great perils of their voyage and at the many signs of devotion from a country where the faith, after surmounting so many dangers, still remained so strong and vigorous. He concluded by giving his blessing to the pilgrims.

At the municipal elections in Rome the Liberal and Radical coalition triumphed, not a single clerical candidate being elected, the latter being defeated by over a thousand majority. The whole influence of the clergy was exerted on the masses of the population. This is the most crushing blow the clerical party received in Rome for many years.

RUSSIA.—A St. Petersburg despatch says a new internal loan of \$160,000,000 will be brought out soon, simultaneously in the capital and Provinces, and be taken up at once.

The Circassians in the Russian service, numbering six cavalry regiments, having refused to operate against their Mahomedan brethren, have been sent from the main column towards Bayazeid.

It is reported that Prince Gortschakoff in his reply to England disavowing his wish on the part of Russia to take possession of Constantinople, declares the city ought to belong to none of the European powers.

An imperial ukase dated Ploiesti, 7th inst., is promulgated empowering the finance minister to issue a foreign five per cent. loan of \$75,000,000, in bonds of \$100 each, payable and redeemable by annual drawings at the rate of one per cent. of nominal capital, for which a special fund will be provided.

PRUSSIA.—The *Times*'s despatch from Berlin says that a gentleman calling himself Baron Kraut, a Hessian nobleman, was arrested a few days ago at Ploiesti by Russians, and after a short trial was shot.

The correspondent of the *Times* at Berlin sends the following:—"Orders have been issued by the Russian Government to accelerate as much as possible a levy of 218,000 men. Despite this, the opinion continues to prevail here that Russia wishes to settle with Turkey on the basis of her nominal integrity in Europe, and that some such settlement will be advocated by powerful persons at Constantinople, if the Russians succeed in crossing the Danube and assuming an energetic movement in Bulgaria.

A Bucharest despatch says the delay of Russian troops in crossing the Danube is having a bad effect on the army.

Local News.

THE DEAD ALIVE.—It will be remembered that some time ago, two men belonging to a Herring Cove fishing schooner, left their vessel in a dory to look after their trawls. After they left the vessel thick fog came up and some hours having passed without their returning, guns were fired to let them know the whereabouts of the schooner. When the fog cleared off no sign of boat or men could be seen, and after cruising about for a whole day the schooner returned to port. It was believed that the boat had been run down by a passing steamer, as the whistle of one had been heard during the fog. The two men were given up as dead. On Saturday, however, the mother of one of them received a letter from him, stating that they had lost their vessel in the fog, and had been picked up by a brigantine bound to the West Indies, where they had arrived both safe and well.—*Chron.*

A GREAT HUNTER.—Mr. Robert Marsh, of Five Islands, has killed during his life sixty-two bears, besides a large number of Moose, Cariboo, and other wild animals. This gallant old Nimrod is now entering on his 88th year and is confined to his bed. His stories of escapes and hardships are decidedly interesting.—*Truro Sun*.