

For the Christian Messenger.
Tabernacle Notes.

I am rejoicing in the love expressed by my church towards me a few weeks ago. It was resolved "that our pastor be granted 6 months leave of absence, to visit England and for rest, provided we can raise \$200 extra to aid him."

How our hearts were encouraged the week after to receive a most fatherly letter, from Brother J. W. Bars of Wolfville, who had been watching the Church and its action. The \$5 enclosed seemed to say to us all, "it's right, go forward, the money for this, as for other purposes will come, how and whence it maybe you know not! but 'in some way or other the Lord will provide.' I do not know how. The fund is progressing, but I should not feel at all sorry to hear the committee say, 'we have received other letters, the amount was not large, but it is encouraging.'"

You will be glad to know that for 3 or 4 months I have obtained Bro. Kelly formerly of Windsor, now at Newton. He will come 1st Sunday in June. I hope to sail the 20th of this present month, (D. V.) I must insert the "God willing," for since leave of absence has been granted a gathering has appeared which would have enforced rest and change, had it not been previously planned. Here I think we can see the wonderful hand of God, in leading us to make all needful preparation. Dr. Parker speaks most hopefully as to the result, and does not think it need interfere with my arrangements. I ask the Lord's praying ones to remember me, and ask that it may not be long or very painful, and tend eventually to a full restoration of health and strength for future work in the vineyard.

It is intended to continue the publication of *Buds and Blossoms* during my absence, and it will contain a monthly letter, from me to the church and readers. I should be glad if friends would interest themselves in extending its circulation.

Letters to be addressed to Mrs. Avery, 18 Moren Street, who will be glad to send a specimen copy for 5 cents to any address.

J. F. AVERY.

In Memoriam.

MRS. PHEBE PARKER, widow of the late Rev. James Parker, of precious memory, died at New Minas on the 15th of Feb., 1878, aged 63 years. Sister Parker was the daughter of the late Jacob Furlong, of Lawrencetown, and at an early age was baptized by Rev. N. Vidito, into the fellowship of the Paradise Baptist Church. She was married to the Rev. James Parker, on the 12th of July, 1842, and was his true and devoted companion for over thirty-four years; surviving him only about nineteen months. As a Christian, a mother, and a wife, Sister Parker's memory will be cherished by all who knew her. Her piety was not ostentatious, but reserved, yet powerful and influential. In every movement that was more especially the work of woman in connection with the church, she took an active part, and shrank from no toil or personal discomfort. However praiseworthy her efforts were to promote the cause of Christ, it is at home that as a wife and mother the noble excellencies of her character were seen. As a mother she displayed excellent traits of character, governing by mild and persuasive influences that moulded the hearts of her children into obedience and love, and habits of correct deportment, which were noticeable to every observer. Her prudent and judicious industry cannot be too highly extolled. Never did a mother plan better, or put forth more self-sacrificing effort to add to her home comforts than she. Truly "she ate not the bread of idleness," but "looked well to the way of her household." Her husband praised her justly. All who knew Bro. Parker knew he trusted in her most fully, and turned from his arduous and often perplexing duties to the love and home comforts that were always for him. How often have his most intimate friends heard him express the sentiment that, next to God, he owed his encouragement and satisfaction and success in his work to the cheerful support and loving stimulation of his wife. She was in the highest and noblest sense a "help-meet" to him. As a wife and mother, she lived for her family, and when God in his

Providence laid His hand on her life companion, she took her place by his side, and by the most faithful and constant care attended to his every want, and seemed to have no thought for herself. Day after day and night after night, for long months, did she administer to his wants, and ceased not till death made her work no longer necessary, and then the necessity for her ever taking exertion being removed, she drooped and failed, until in one short year and a half she, too, died of the very disease her companion died of, a martyr to her devoted attachment to her husband. They were united in effort and heart while living, and in death were not divided, and we feel confident that in a better and purer world they have together entered into a higher and holier existence.—Com.

MRS. GEORGE B. SULIS.

At Smith's Cove, Digby Co., March 16th, Mrs. Catharine Isabel, wife of Capt. Geo. B. Sulis, and daughter of Dea. John S. Sulis, aged 32 years. By her death, a husband and three little boys, with a large circle of relatives and friends, are called most unexpectedly to mourn. But by the grace of God they mourn not as those who have no hope. She united with the 2nd Hillsburgh Church in 1863, and although she occupied no very conspicuous place there, she found the consolations of the gospel sufficient for a dying hour. She sleeps in Jesus, while she still lives in the affections of her numerous friends.

ANNABELL ODELL.

On the 17th of March, death visited another family in Smith's Cove. Annabell, daughter of Mr. Jesse Odell, died in the 16th year of her age. It was her high privilege to find a Saviour precious in the time of physical decay and death. Her dying testimony for Christ greatly comforts the sorrowing family.

MRS. J. W. MCGREGOR.

Again, on the 22nd of March, death claims another in this place. A young wife and mother is taken. Sina, the beloved wife of Mr. J. Wells McGregor, aged 28 years and 6 months, fell by that insidious disease, consumption. In early life she had found the Saviour and taken upon herself his name. Through many trials, among them the loss of a young husband, the late M. Denton, and two children, she had been graciously sustained. It was hers most happily to prove that,

His grace shall to the end
Stronger and brighter shine.

Hers was a very suffering, yet happy, death-bed. She was greatly and deservedly beloved.—Com by Rev. Jos. H. Saunders.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

OHIO.—Dear Editor,—Great results have followed the revival meetings held at Cheggoggin. Triumphs of mercy have been wrought in that community by the power of regenerating grace, by which means many have been constrained to yield to the claims of King Jesus. Since my last communication, twenty more precious souls have followed their Lord in baptism. Since this work began, fifty-four have united with the church by immersion, and five by letter and experience, and still there are others rejoicing in hope, expected soon to follow.

This work of grace has been deep, and reached a class other revivals passed over and left untouched. About half the number received into the church are heads of families, which has increased considerably the pecuniary support of the church. The two churches I have been laboring with, by revivals have become strong enough to support a pastor alone, which arrangement has been made. I am engaged for the whole time with the Ohio church, and Bro. Parry with the church at Cheggoggin.

J. W. WEEKS.
March 29th, 1878.

All the friends of Home Missions will be pleased to know of the work of grace at Lower Sable, Shelburne Co. We began special services in the Methodist House, March 22nd. It was soon apparent that the Spirit of the Lord was mightily working in us "to will and to do of his good pleasure." Yesterday I baptized six fine young men and two women, and received nine into the church after our usual manner. I also

baptized one young man there about the last of December. Quite a number more have expressed a joyful hope in the atoning blood. Our meetings go forward this week also. Most of the converts thus far are young men just about to try the stormy sea once more. How blessed for parents to feel, "If my dear sons never come back I shall meet them in Heaven."

This little church has been long without a pastor; and had it not been for the subsidy guaranteed by the Home Mission Board, I would not have been able to take the oversight which I have joyfully held for the Master.

I also baptized two young ladies at Osborne, March 27th.

E. N. ARCHIBALD.

MABOY, C. B.—Dear Editor,—The Master is still smiling upon us. I baptized eight last week, more are expected. Two deacons were elected and ordained, and the Lord's Supper administered (the first time for many years).

E. T. CARBONELL.

REVIVAL IN THE DIGBY CHURCH.—The Lord is displaying his saving mercy in the Broad Cove Section of the Digby Church. On the 24th of March, 24 were baptized. It is supposed that as many as 40 have been converted. The good work has been appearing for about eight weeks. Of those baptized 14 were married people—some of them quite advanced in life. Among them were a sister and two brothers whose ages were respectively 71, 63, and 60 years. These were not brought up to the Baptist faith, and up to a short time since had no very favorable views of believers' baptism as the only true and scriptural way. There is nothing like the Holy Spirit's work to put us right in this as in every other particular. Our learned brethren are writing extensively and sharply; there is much hair splitting, a deal of which is supererogant. All Christendom agrees that Baptists are right—in this—they all practice as we do, or accept our baptism as valid. It is not therefore worth while to contend about that on which we are agreed. When all hearts are regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and the Bible is accepted as a guide, this question will be settled without comment or controversy. In this revival the footprints of man are scarcely seen. Our brother Rev. G. H. Goudey paid us two short visits and preached five good faithful sermons. I have been able only to hold seven services since the work began. Those who have been brought to the knowledge of the truth are laboring faithfully for the salvation of others, and the Lord is blessing the people.

Yours very truly,

J. H. SAUNDERS.

Digby, April 5th, 1878.

TRYON, P. E. I., March 27th, 1878.—Dear Bro. Selden,—Having been refreshed again and again myself by reading revival intelligence in the *Messenger*, I send you a few such lines. The merciful Lord has again prompted me to pray, and has heard our prayers in Tryon, where we enjoyed so gracious and extensive a revival last winter. We have had a delightful series of special meetings. Many of our members have been quickened, a few restored, ten happy converts baptized, more to follow. Our Wesleyan neighbors have also been holding special services for about three months, some very happy, hopeful conversions, with a large increase to their roll of probationers. How evidently and gloriously God is working, both in the temperance reform and in the displays of his saving grace.

A. CHIPMAN.

NORTH RIVER, COL. CO.—A deep religious interest has pervaded the minds of the people here this winter, quite a number have been hopefully converted, and others are expected.

The people do not forget to give tangible expression of their sympathy. On the 14th ult., a very large company, some of whom were from Truro, gathered at the house used by us as a parsonage, and after spending a very pleasant evening, the chairman, Bro. C. Douglas presented us with a touching address, followed by a noble donation, accompanied with the words "more to follow." Rest assured we tried to express our gratitude. Bro's. Goucher, and Crandal were present and made excellent speeches followed by others. Bro. Goucher closed

by invoking the blessing of God upon us all.

Our prayer is that the richest of temporal and especially of spiritual blessings may be theirs to enjoy.

But while souls are being born to God, and we are enjoying comforts at the hands of our friends, death is still doing its work.

On the 19th of February last, Margaret, beloved wife of Mr. Alexander Nelson was called home at the age of 60 years. Sister Nelson had for years been confined to her room by illness which she bore with christian fortitude. She leaves a circle of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. A large gathering met with us to pay the last tribute of respect. We trust the whole will seek comfort from Him who has promised to comfort those who mourn.

Yours truly,

H. B. SHAFFNER.

April 5th, 1878.

Ordination at Cavendish, P. E. I.

A Council assembled in the Baptist Meeting House, at Cavendish, on Thursday, the 28th March, to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. J. B. Woodland to the work of the ministry and the pastorate of the Cavendish Baptist Church.

The following brethren reported themselves as delegates:—

Cavendish.—Dea. Arthur Simpson, George MacNeill, Walter Simpson, D. Smith, Richd. Clarke.

Charlottetown.—Rev. D. G. Macdonald; Bro. Currie.

North River.—Rev. C. C. Burgess.

Belmont.—Dea. Samuel Simpson.

Bedeque and Tryon.—Rev. Alfred Chipman.

Owing to the bad state of the roads and long distance to travel, other brethren invited were unable to be present.

The Council organized by appointing Rev. D. G. Macdonald, Moderator, and the undersigned, Secretary.

Prayer by the Moderator. The candidate related his Christian experience and call to the ministry, and replied to questions by the Moderator on Christian doctrine and church polity to the great satisfaction of the Council, it was then unanimously resolved that the ordination be proceeded with.

The public services were carried out in the following order at 3 o'clock, P. M. Reading the Scriptures and Prayer,—Rev. A. Chipman.

Sermon by Rev. D. G. Macdonald. Text: Psalm cxxvi. 6, "He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The candidate then gave a statement of his conversion and call to the ministry, and also of his views of Christian Doctrine and Church Polity.

Ordaining prayer, by Rev. D. G. Macdonald.

Charge to the Candidate,—Rev. A. Chipman.

Charge to the Church,—Rev. C. C. Burgess.

Benediction by Rev. J. B. Woodland.

ARTHUR SIMPSON, Sec'y.
(Christian Visitor please copy.)

BRIDGEWATER.—Rev. L. W. Weeks writes March 3rd, "Have baptized sixteen here to date, expect more shortly."

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

ON TUESDAY the House sat for some time in the morning session with closed doors.

The Cape Breton Coal and Railway bill was brought forward by the Attorney General. Several members objected to it being entertained on account of the want of time to consider it.

In the afternoon the expenditure on the King's County investigation was denounced by Mr. Woodworth.

The bill on Eastern Railroad Extension was read a second time. The House in Committee passed several.

The Committee on Crown Lands reported. Report laid on the table.

ON WEDNESDAY a further discussion arose in reference to the payment of the laborers on the Eastern Extension. The report promised that the government would use its influence to secure the payment of the laborers' wages. It was adopted.

The afternoon session was filled up by Reports of Committees on various matters and reported a number of bills, one of which was an amendment of the license law which was passed.

The Prov. Secretary moved a resolution to the effect that as no expenditure of railway subsidy had been made in Cape Breton, the debts of the counties of that Island should be reduced by the interest on the amount of subsidy payable towards railway construction (\$280,

000), provided for by Act of the Legislature, in proportion to the respective indebtedness of the four counties, which was subsequently put and carried.

Mr. Thompson moved a resolution with reference to the Whitehead Railway, and the desirability of encouraging it, proposing that the House ask the Dominion Parliament to encourage the scheme.

Attorney-General moved that it be deferred for the present; which passed. The House met again in the evening when Mr. Holmes introduced a series of resolutions involving want of confidence in the Government. This was under discussion till adjournment at 8.30.

ON THURSDAY there was a morning session.

Mr. Black moved a resolution for aid to the Pugwash and Spring Hill Railway, asking the House to recommend that work to the favorable consideration of the Dominion Government. The motion passed.

The Provincial Secretary introduced a resolution respecting the difficulty between the W. & A. Railway and the W. C. Railway, recommending the Local Government to open up communication with the Dominion Government with a view to securing an amicable arrangement between the two companies.

Prov. Secretary laid on the table the supplementary estimates amounting to \$6,500, which were adopted.

The House met in the afternoon for the purpose of bringing the session to a close.

The committee on the King's County Investigating Committee held a sitting and continued till 3 o'clock when His Honor, the Lieut. Governor appeared in the Council Chamber and after assenting to all the bills passed, prorogued the parliament by the following

CLOSING SPEECH.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

1st. It affords me much pleasure to release you from further attendance on your Legislative duties.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

2nd. I have to thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the public service for the present year. You may rest assured that every effort will be used to ensure the economical and judicious application of the funds placed at my disposal.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

3rd. Among the important Acts passed by you that for amalgamating the offices of Provincial Secretary and Provincial Treasurer, will, I am confident, promote economy in the public service, while, from the experience of other Provinces where a similar system prevails, I am equally confident that the efficiency of the service will not be impaired.

5. The Act which places the Public Charities under the control of one Central Board will, I feel assured, tend to promote a uniformity of system, and economy in the working of these institutions.

5. The Amendments you have made to the County Courts Act in relation to the practice and procedure of these tribunals, will, I have every confidence, promote their efficiency, and be for the interest of suitors and the public generally.

6. The measure for assimilating the law relating to Elections in the matter of Electoral Districts, will, I feel assured, tend to simplicity and improve the law in that respect.

7. In parting with you, allow me to hope that happiness and prosperity may attend you individually, and that the interest and welfare of the Province may continue to advance.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Horses are being purchased in large numbers for England. Car-loads of 18 or 20 in each are being sent over the Grand Trunk for shipment. The country is being searched for suitable animals.

Considerable excitement exists among cattle dealers in purchasing prime stock for immediate shipment to England. Large cargoes have arrived safely, not a single animal having been lost on the voyage, and good paying prices were invariably realized. On Monday 200 head of cattle and six hundred sheep were to be shipped to London and Liverpool. Exporters believe that before long the trade will have so increased that daily shipments will be required to keep the English army and navy supplied with beef and mutton.

It is expected that the Governor-General will take his departure shortly. An auctioneer has received instructions to hold himself ready to conduct a sale at auction of his effects at Rideau Hall, including horses, carriages, &c., early in May.

Parliament has been occupied with the question of Protection. Remarkable differences of opinion exist as to who will suffer and which of the provinces will benefit by a protective tariff.

Montreal is showing a large number of failures among its merchants and