

if you should choose to come and evangelise them, I assure you we will put no obstacle in your way, for it may truly be said of them that their name is legion, and something else might be said of them, too—only they have not gone out. (Laughter.) We have much said about home rule, and we should be very glad if they would stay at home, and rule there, and not come over and rule in our New York, and elsewhere. Our missionaries on both sides of the Bay of Bengal, our missionaries in Burmah, and in Assam, and in the Telugoo region, are labouring, as I said under the auspices of the British flag; and it is a very memorable thing, I think, and it is a thing which I hope may be remembered, and I hope it may be had in the book of remembrance of God, that where the English language goes, whether it be spoken by one branch of the English speaking race or by another, there is liberty to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. (Applause.) I trust that this fact to which I have alluded in regard to the missionary labors of America and of England may be regarded as a representative fact in another direction—as illustrating a larger fact perhaps—that it is the business of the English-speaking people, a hundred million in number, to evangelise and to save the world, and that it is the business of the English-speaking nations to work together. And I hope it may further be regarded as suggesting the fact that the English-speaking races are one, and that whoever violates the unity of the English-speaking races is an enemy, not only to those races but to the whole human race. (Applause.) There has never been an armed difference between America and England in which each of the armies was not shedding the blood of their brothers and pouring out the blood that ran in their own veins; and may we not pray to Almighty God that the last war which took place between England and America may always be known in history as the last war. We remember a great many things over on the other side, having nothing else to do. (Laughter.) And then some things we try to forget, but then it is a very strange thing that Divine Providence has given us a very scanty organ of forgetting. If there have been times when those of England wished ill to the American Republic; if there have been those whose desires have suggested their hopes and their beliefs that the bubble was up, why we will leave them in the worst possible company: we will leave them to themselves. And as to those who thought otherwise, and, in especial, I may say, as to those men of Lancashire, who, in the days of the cotton famine, said, "We will clem a while longer, but you shall not lift up your hands against our brethren of America." When I think of these, I could pour out my heart like water, and I could kiss the ground on which those men trod. (Applause.) I suppose that there is room for people to bear and to forbear with one another, and I suppose that there is a very good opportunity for people to learn from one another. I am sure my brethren have a good deal to learn from you. I am impressed with many features of the unparalleled excellence of the English civilisation. First of all I am impressed, as I long have been impressed, with the very great eminence of the judiciary of England. (Applause.) I do not know why I should be withheld from saying what I have often said before both by voice and in print. I do not know why I should be withheld from saying this from the fact that there is present this evening one of the most eminent and justly celebrated of English judges. (Applause.) And I am afraid—for you know we are all very rich and radical people—I am afraid that we think so much of the eminence and the authority, and the wisdom, and the impartiality of the judiciary of England, that we sometimes think that even if that irreparable and inexpressible event, the removal of the wigs of the judges, should take place, Westminster Hall would still send out a voice that would be heard with reverence over the civilised world. And then the Post Office, and the Police, for I can bear a very high testimony to them in saying that I have not been molested during all the time that I have been in England. (Laughter.) As I said before, we must bear with each other. You must bear with your more youthful brethren over on the other side. If sometimes we make

mistakes—if sometimes we only say, "your reverence," when we ought to say "your lordship's worship," or something of that kind—for these are very nice points, as you are aware—why you must remember that, perhaps, if you were over on the other side, you would say "colonel" when you ought to say "general." I think there is one hymn that is equally adapted to be sung on both sides of the Atlantic. I allude to that beautiful hymn—

When I can read my title clear

—(laughter)—and so on. I think that the announcement which is made by the secretary of the amount raised this year of £50,000 sterling, or more, would sound better in our currency. It sounds better to say a quarter of a million dollars. (Laughter.) That is one great advantage which we have. One of our friends in America, who has lived both at the east and at the west, says that a western man is only a Yankee enlarged. Well, I would not say exactly that, but I would say that an American is simply an Englishman who has had a fair chance. An American is simply an Englishman who has not had a State Church on top of his head—(great applause)—and a house of peers on top of that, and a great deal of other rubbish on top of that. I say when I consider the numbers of the Baptists of England, and when I consider their contributions for this year to the foreign missionary cause, I can but think that they are noble; and I trust that the Almighty God will enlarge your desires and your hearts, and your acts, and your purposes, and that your missionaries, and the missionaries from the American side may go forth until, the one going, perhaps, to the east and the other to the west, they shall meet on the opposite side of the globe, and from all the world there shall go up the anthem of "Hallelujah to Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever."

#### RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

HALIFAX, NORTH CHURCH.—Rev. J. W. Manning baptized four persons on Lord's Day last, at the close of the evening service, in the presence of a large congregation.

GRANVILLE STREET was supplied on Sunday, morning and evening, by Rev. Edw. Whitman, of Hantsport.

Rev. E. M. Saunders was at Wolfville last week, filling the office of Visitor to the College to which he was appointed last year by the Governors, and on Sunday he preached at Hantsport.

#### TABERNACLE NOTES.

The Tabernacle Flower Mission.—We purpose as soon as the supply of flowers shall justify us in so doing, making a weekly distribution at one or more of our public institutions, especially at the Hospital, and in the wards of the aged and sick at the Poor's Asylum. And to the aged and poor around.

And we thus early mention our design, that those who would like to aid us in ministering to the comfort and pleasure of others, would now make preparation by planting a few extra flowers, and writing in a plain hand, texts of Scripture which we purpose to tie to each bunch of flowers before distribution. Flowers can be sent in bulk in a hamper or box. They will then be assorted and arranged into small bunches by our helpers, and taken by loving hands to the sick and suffering. I know by personal experience how kindly such offerings are received, and still treasure a faded flower stained text that was thus placed by my bedside by a stranger (during my visit to England,) who did it for the Lord's sake.

I am hoping that the Railway authorities will give flowers for the mission a free pass, and thus our country friends can greatly assist. Reader will you not make some contribution towards this good object of bringing the freshness and fragrance of the country within the reach of our city and afflicted poor. It means will allow, or some friend should offer, we would like to give something in which to keep the flowers in water, for in the hospital the patients would need something of this sort to preserve them a few days. Remember, sometime you might be glad of some kind friend thus to cheer you by a flower, when sick and away from home.

The Tract Fund is open to contribu-

tions. During the past week we have been glad to hear from Mr. Bloom the agent of the Baptist Tract Society in London, that a grant of 50 shillings for plates has been made to increase the variety of tracts.

Since the commencing of this work in January, 1881, 25,500 pages of good sound doctrinal tracts have been printed and circulated. And as the Lord may help us to means, it is intended to increase and enlarge this branch of service, and to publish a variety of good gospel tracts. Brethren you can help us and help yourselves in this matter, for you can get tracts cheaper than any where else, and free grants will be continually made as funds will allow. This work is taken up for the Master's sake, and we hope soon we shall be able to report through the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER that we have help and helpers in this undertaking. Send stamps for specimen tracts.

The Tabernacle services still continue encouraging, and there have been drops of mercy to cheer and revive our souls.

Our good Brother Swaffield in our special meetings lent the pastor effectual aid, and the divided labour was light and pleasant. Since then our brother has gone nearer Paradise and we hope the Lord will abundantly bless him, and his ministrations in the valley; may it long prove to be a valley of sunshine and shadow, and may the latter not arise from the church, but rather be the shadow of the great Rock under which it is sweet to sit.

This is our 7th or Sabbath year with the Tabernacle Church, and according to the ancient law, there ought to be material increase, 'such as springeth of itself.' Brethren remember us in your prayers and giving, for the past years' record much hard labour sweetened by the blessing of God; will you not help us to raise a memorial to arise and build?

J. F. AVERY,

Mizpah Cottage, Kempt Road, Halifax, N. S.

ST. JOHN, N. B.,—*Germain St.*—Rev. W. M. Weeks baptized 8 candidates on Sunday.

Zion Church,—Rev. W. P. Everett, pastor of Zion Church baptized one candidate, in Germain Street Church baptistery, on Sabbath last.—*Visitor.*

WOODSTOCK, N. B., May 9th.—*Mr. Editor.*—There are quite a few here that now hail with pleasure the coming of the MESSENGER, and I can assure you that the paper is fast winning friends in this vicinity. Rev. Thomas Todd is in town, making preparations for building a fine house on the lot of land now owned by him close beside the handsome residence, orchard &c. of L. P. Fisher, Ex-mayor, in one of the most attractive and inviting parts of the town. Rev. Geo. Howard was here the other day and seems pleased with his new field; says that the cause is progressing. At the last session of the Carleton and Victoria Quarterly meeting, there was a committee appointed to visit and ascertain the condition &c. of many of the churches that are now without preaching, group them together, and supply them as far as possible with preaching. Some of the churches are now being supplied, meetings are being held in the interest of the Convention Fund—and the cause generally is increasing.

Rev. G. N. Ballentine exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. Cahill; each preached with acceptance to the other's congregation. This I think will not only benefit the ministers but the churches, because it shows that they are in sympathy, and have that brotherly feeling that should characterize ministers, especially of the same faith and order. Rev. Charles Henderson is in town, and reports things looking encouraging. He labours at Andover, Grand Falls and some other places in that vicinity. He has recently baptized some and others will probably follow. Rev. Thos. Todd preached morning and evening in the Methodist Church of this town, Rev. Mr. Collipits being laid up with a sore throat. Rev. G. N. Ballentine with some assistance will start for Grand Falls, Victoria Co., to assist Rev. Chas. Henderson in holding missionary and other meetings. May God aid and bless them with his presence. Our pastor has just finished one year's labor in this place. He has endeared himself to the church and congregation, and to-day we can thank God that alto-

gether our church is united, our congregations larger, and our prayer and social meetings better attended than they have been for the last six years. The Baptist cause throughout the county is looking stronger, and the interest manifested is greater than for some time. The ministers are all united, and work together in harmony, assist, encourage and protect one another. How different the result is when the younger and less experienced feel that they have the assistance and sympathy of those of more mature years, so that when their judgment fails, or their ideas are wrong, that the arms of love are ready to lead them to the path of duty.

BAPTIST.

SUMMERVILLE, HANTS.—The good work still advances in Summerville. Seven more were baptised by Pastor Weathers, on Sabbath, May 8, and they and two others, admitted by letter, received the hand of fellowship at close of the morning service, making an addition of 29 since the revival commenced. Among those baptised last Lord's day was a worthy son of the former pastor, the late Rev. Benjamin Vaughan of precious memory, and two Sabbaths previously a daughter of the present pastor was baptized. Brother Weathers is greatly encouraged. Brother Wallace we hear is still assisting him.

NORTH BROOKFIELD, QUEENS CO.—Rev. G. A. Cleveland writes May 9th, 1881.

—*Dear Brother.*—Since I last wrote you, two others have been baptized and received into the fellowship of the Brookfield Church. We are still hoping for new and yet larger accessions to our number. The church has "adopted the Convention Scheme," and is trying to reach, if possible the "One Dollar per member," though the scourging which our county has suffered in financial matters during the past seven or eight years, makes the attempt more difficult for us, than it might be for churches of equal numbers in other places.

CAPE WOLF, P. E. I., April 25th, 1881.—Yesterday was a good day with us. We had the privilege of baptizing a Bible Christian minister, Mr. Robert Kinley, after which he gave his reasons for becoming a Baptist. We also baptized another, a young man of rare promise, who may yet be a herald of God's mercy. Tokens of rich blessing are lifting up many hearts.

E. N. ARCHIBALD.

LAWRENCE TOWN, ANnapolis Co.—Rev. H. B. Shaffner writes on the 12th inst: We had the pleasure of baptizing six at Albany on Sunday last, and they with three others by letter joined the Church, making thirteen during the year; and more expected.

CHESTER.—Rev. J. W. Weeks writes May 9th. We were permitted to baptise six more happy converts yesterday. Truly the Lord has been with us. Our meetings are impressive, and precious seasons to us. Forty-nine have been baptised and received into church fellowship since the work began.

#### DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—It is definitely stated that the Grand Junction Railway has been purchased by the Grand Trunk for \$1,000,000.

The total number of cases of contents or loss of letters containing money sent through the post office in the Dominion during the fiscal year 1880, was 319, of which 111 were registered and 231 unregistered.

Various rumors are afloat as to the changes expected in the Cabinet. It is said that Hon. James McDonald, is to become Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, and Hon. Mr. Mosseaux is to be appointed Minister of Justice. In connection with this it is said that Mr. Simon H. Holmes Premier of Nova Scotia, will run for the vacancy in the Commons for Pictou and Mr. Holmes taken into the Cabinet.

The discussion against the legality of the Scott Act is to be submitted to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council—a very exceptional privilege.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—*Woodstock.*—A boy named Ganong was killed in Henderson's furniture factory whilst putting a bell on a wheel. He lived but a few minutes. He was 14 years of age, and was the only support of his mother.

Tomatoes and other vegetables are to be canned in Fredericton. Denis Duban was drowned on Saturday week while river driving at Point Wolf.

During the storm at St. John on Thursday, hailstones as big as pigeons eggs fell. The old Methodist Episcopal Church was struck by lightning and the basement shattered.

The Bank of Nova Scotia has opened an agency at Newcastles.

UNITED STATES.—At Cincinnati on Thursday last, the thermometer rose to 90.

The paper mill at Niagara Falls was burned on Wednesday, loss \$200,000. The bridges were saved. Sixty hands are thrown out of employment.

Mrs. Garfield the President's wife is dangerously ill, suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

The appraiser of the estate of the late Mark Hopkins, of the Central Pacific Railroad, has filed an account, placing the value of the estate at \$20,700,000.

Six deaths from sunstroke occurred on Friday last in New York.

ENGLAND.—John Bright, in a speech in the House of Commons on Thursday night, said that if a great fleet assembled at Cork or Galway and offered a free passage to the whole population of Connaught, it was probable that all, certainly half, would find their way to the United States.

ITALY.—King Humbert has accepted the resignation of the Ministry, and has asked Signor Sella, leader of the right, to form a Cabinet.

AUSTRIA.—The Vienna Press says that a merchant of Lemburg received a telegram from Kieff on Thursday stating that the whole Jewish quarter, known as Podol, had been burned. The damage is estimated at 30,000,000 rubles. Crowds of refugee Jews are crossing the Austrian frontier at Pedaulczyska.

TUNIS.—The Bay of Tunis telegraphed to the Porte on Thursday as follows: "A French General had come to my palace with a body of cavalry and submitted a treaty recognizing a French protectorate to me for signature, stating that he would not leave the place without an answer. Seeing that I was under the pressure of superior force, a French army being near my residence I was obliged, for honour's sake and for the prevention of bloodshed, to sign without examining or discussing, but declaring that I was constrained by force."

#### News.

APPOINTMENTS.—Cape Breton Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace.—Dr. McLellan, teacher, of Low Point.

The cargo of cotton damaged on board the steamer Widdington was sold at auction on Friday. 50 bales of the dry-est brought \$36 per bale, and the balance, about 700 bales, brought \$31 per bale. Messrs. Gault Bros. & Co., of Montreal, were the purchasers.

THE ART EXHIBITION is to be held in Halifax under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Academy in the first week of July, in the Assembly Room, Province Building.

THE GRAVING DOCK Committee of the City Council, and other citizens met on Friday afternoon in the Mayor's office, to discuss the Dry Dock question with Mr. Turner. It was decided that his Worship the Mayor should enter into an agreement with Mr. Turner, under the city seal, to make a final agreement to subsidize the Halifax Graving Dock Company, on Mr. Turner depositing \$25,000 within three months, which amount is to be forfeited if the company is not formed within three months.

At the Exhibition, the Ropework company are going to make an exhibit of their mode of making rope. They will erect machinery on the grounds.

Messrs. Weeks and Foster, who recently purchased the gold mining property owned by the Westminster Co. at Lawrence town, have come upon a bed of fine sand largely charged with quick-silver, and coarse and fine gold.—*Recorder.*

David Swineham last week at Windsor was convicted of cruelty to his horse, on the 2nd of April and fined \$12.40 under prosecution by the S. P. C. A.

Gaspereaux have been caught in large quantities during the last few days at the mouth of the Gaspereaux River, Kings Co.

Pictou exports largely in leather to Newfoundland and England; R. Campbell and Son, have sent off \$34,500 worth this year.

A young man named, Orson Robar, of New Cornwall, was drowned in the Ingram River, St. Margarets Bay, on Friday. He was river driving for N. L. Todd & Co.

Two prisoners Randall and Miles, confined in the Liverpool jail, and awaiting the trial on a charge of burglariously entering the store of I. Newton Mack, of Mill Village, succeeded in making their escape from that institution on Thursday morning last.

The steamer Valetta, which was caught in the ice on the coast at North Sydney on Tuesday, arrived on Monday of last week. She had a very rough time.

The Scott Act was adopted by a large majority—about four-fifths, in Colchester County, on Friday last.

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