

who had been estranged from the flock. There has also been a revival at this last place, and in the adjacent settlements, under the labours of our Methodist brethren, and several have been converted to the Lord.

For the Advocate.  
PUNCTUALITY.

BRO. McLEOD.—I wish to offer your readers some thoughts on Punctuality—I mean that punctuality which refers to the fulfillment of rules, promises, or appointments. Its importance is known from the fact, that there is not a relation in life that does not demand it. In the family it promotes peace and good temper; it affords opportunity for every necessary duty. The want of it infringes on duty, and often altogether excludes it; and almost always renders devotional exercises a burden, rather than a season of joy and praise. In business, it is the hinge. It gains time. Men who do not observe punctuality, are generally in a hurry; they have no time to speak to you, because they are going elsewhere, and when they arrived they are too late. Its observance gives weight to character. If a punctual man makes an appointment with me, I know he will keep it, this makes me punctual; and thus punctuality propagates itself. Appointments made are debts. And credit is lost by their non-payment. A mechanic has a large circle of customers, if he fails to fulfil his engagements, whatever his facilities may be for conducting his business, it will fall off. Another, with much less means, having a character for fulfilling his engagements, will extend and increase his business. Mechanics and trades people are generally so anxious to secure custom, that they often promise when they know they cannot perform, and thereby lose what they seek to obtain. In religion nothing can be done without punctuality. It is sometimes manifested by late attendance at the place of worship. The minister and congregation are disturbed, and the services interrupted, because somebody lacks punctuality. The want of it is a sin. It is the neglect of known duty; and it is often attended with ruinous consequences in this life. Witness Pharaoh, Saul, Zedekiah, and many others. It is a serious cause of open backsliding in the church of God, and the neglect of fulfilling vows and promises made to God, and each other, has proved the distraction of souls. We have the precept and example of God for punctuality; his mercies and his judgments have been according to his word, and no one thing of all that he has declared shall ever fail. At the time appointed it will speak, and not lie.

Reader, you intend to be a Christian. When? Do you say some future time. God says NOW. NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION. To-day if you will hear his voice, harden not your heart. BE PUNCTUAL. Remember, NOW. To-morrow may be too late. THIS NIGHT, thy soul may be required of thee. W. C. E.

Bible Association.

At a Meeting of the Committee of this Association on Wednesday last the following Rules and Regulations were fully adopted. We publish them for general information. Other business also, designed to forward our objects was attended to; and in due time will be published. We now wish the friends of the Bible cause, and this Association to interest themselves immediately in its behalf. We hope Ministers will not be behind.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FREE BAPTIST BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

- I. That this Association be called "THE FREE BAPTIST BIBLE ASSOCIATION," in connection with "The New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society," for the purpose of promoting the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in New Brunswick, and at home and abroad.
- II. That conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles, and Testaments to be circulated by this Association, shall be without note or comment, and those in the language of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.
- III. That all persons subscribing Five shillings or upwards per annum or Three pounds or upwards at any one time, shall be members of this Association.
- IV. That the business of this Association shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Committee consisting of not less than Fourteen, two thirds of whom shall be members of the F. C. Baptist Church in New Brunswick, and that five of these constitute a quorum.
- V. That every Free B. Minister who is a member of this Association, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings of the Committee.
- VI. That the Association appoint the officers annually, and that the officers meet once every quarter, or as often as business shall require, on some day to be fixed by themselves.
- VII. That the Committee associate with themselves, any number of subscribers, located in different places in the Province, who shall solicit Subscriptions and donations, and also inquire whether there are any individuals or families within the limits of this Association, who are in want of Bibles or Testaments. And it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith, at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.
- VIII. That the funds of this Association shall be applied, after all incidental expenses are paid, in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments at prime cost, to be sold to the poor; and that any surplus which may arise be remitted, at the discretion of the Committee, to the New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society, in aid of the general purposes of THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.
- IX. That the Secretary draw up an Annual Report of the operations of this Association, with a list of the members, &c., which, with the Treasurer's Account, shall be furnished the Secretary of The New Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society. And that each member of the Association be furnished with a printed copy of this Report, &c.

The following Subscribers to the Bible Association have been obtained since our last:—

BY JAMES LAKE,		
Reuben Spragg,	Springfield,	£0 5 0
Robert Scribner,	Do.	0 5 0
William Chauker,	Do.	0 5 0
Noah Scribner,	Do.	0 5 0
BY ELDER J. PERRY,		
William Perry, Sen.,	Johnson,	0 5 0
Mrs. Wm. Perry,	Do.	0 5 0
William Perry, Jun.,	Do.	0 5 0
Henry A. Perry,	Do.	0 5 0
George Perry,	Do.	0 5 0
Thomas O'Donnall,	Do.	0 5 0
George P. Brown,	Do.	0 5 0
Charles H. McKenzie,	Kingston,	0 5 0
		£3 0 0

BAPTISMS.—On last Sabbath we baptized five persons, on the profession of their faith, who, with three others who had been previously baptized, we united to the church under our pastoral care in this City. A deep religious interest seems to be awakened in various parts of the City and vicinity, and we earnestly pray it may continue to increase until it shall cover our whole Province.

We understand the Pastors of the Baptist Churches in Germain street and Carleton baptized several on Sabbath also.

REVIVAL IN FREDERICTON.—We are informed that a great work of Revival is now going forward in Fredericton, in connection with the Methodist Church in that place. About one hundred and fifty have professed to experience religion; fifty of whom are children of the SABBATH SCHOOL.

JUBILEE FUND.—On last Sabbath evening we presented the objects and claims of THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, to our church and congregation in this City; and a collection was taken up for the Jubilee Fund, amounting to Five pounds eleven shillings and three pence, and one gold ring.

The small size of our paper is a great inconvenience to us. Much that we wish to publish, we cannot for want of space. The continuation of our article on Religious Declension and Revivals, and other matters have to be deferred till next number.

Several letters ordering our paper, requesting back numbers and on other matters, have been received, some of which have been attended to, and others will be immediately.

CHINA.—The Rev. J. J. Roberts, a native of North Carolina, who has been residing some years in China, writes a remarkable letter to a friend in California relative to the Chinese rebellion. He says:—

The chief leader in this affair turns out to be, as I learned at Hong Kong, a man whose surname is Hung, name Saw-Chuen. He came to Canton and studied Christianity for several months, some five or six years ago. And, instead of raising a rebellion with the design of upsetting the government, he seems rather struggling for religious liberty, and is upsetting idolatry. He is a man of no extraordinary appearance, about five feet four or five inches high, well built, round faced, regular in his features, rather handsome, about middle aged, and of gentlemanly manners. While here, he applied himself to the study of the Scriptures, daily committing them to memory; and maintains a blameless deportment. He requested to be baptized, but left for Kwangsi before we were fully satisfied of his fitness. When he first came to us he brought some pieces of poetry and other essays, which he had written respecting the Christian religion, the knowledge of which he professed to have derived, first, from a tract received at one of the examinations in Canton, and secondly, from a vision he had while sick, which he said corroborated the doctrines learned out of the book, and hence he believed in the true God, and came to Canton expressly to be instructed, and to learn the will of the Lord more perfectly from his own Word. \* \* \* I am informed that about 100,000 are now numbered on the side of the chief: that he is popular among the people, treating them with respect, generosity and kindness.

A native of the Sandwich Islands, being a witness before the Lord Mayor's Court at London, was questioned as to his knowledge of an oath. He replied, "A man who tells a lie will have nothing but pain, hereafter. (Pointing to the fire.) The spirit of a good man will leave his body and go to heaven. The truth is always told when the heart is warm (purely directed.) God is Jehovah in Heaven. The body dies, goes to dust. The soul lives after death. It never dies. The oath I take is like a prayer, calling upon God to look and see that what I say is true."

MORMONISM IN ENGLAND.—A late letter in the Christian Advocate and Journal states that this miserable delusion is prevailing extensively among the lower classes in England. In the half-yearly report of the London Conference of this sect, dated June, 1852, 35 different branches are enumerated, including 160 Elders, twenty-one priests, 28 teachers, 67 deacons, and 2,852 members. A Mormon official paper published at Liverpool, professes to circulate 23,000 copies.

General Intelligence.

THE LEGISLATURE.—The proceedings in the House of Assembly thus far have been generally of a routine nature, that body having been principally engaged in receiving petitions, which as usual, are numberless, and for all kinds of services. The Road Committee have agreed to recommend the same appropriations as last year, viz., £15,000 for the great Roads, £15,129 for the Bye-Roads, and for the special grants £5,000.—N. Brunswick.

FRIDAY, March 11th.  
A Petition was presented to-day from Saint John, by the Provincial Secretary, for the suspension of the Liquor Law, and a petition for its repeal. A petition for the repeal of the law was also presented by Mr. Porter, from Charlotte County. The Provincial Secretary gave notice that he would move for the House to take action on these petitions at an early day.—B.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday morning, a workman named David Laskey, in the Ship Yard of Messrs. Sims, opposite Indian Town had both his thighs broken, and also the right leg below the knee, by slipping into a saw pit and a plank falling upon him. The right leg has since been amputated.—New Bruns.

ALMOST A TRAGEDY.—SHOOTING OF A YOUNG MAN BY A YOUNG LADY IN A BALL ROOM.—The Bangor Mercury says.—"A shooting case occurred at Grey's tavern at Pea Cove in Oldtown, on Tuesday evening. A dancing company had assembled, and as William Bowman of Upper Stillwater was dancing down the side of the hall where a young lady of Upper Stillwater and her brother were sitting, she rose and discharged both barrels of a double-barreled pistol at him, the ball of one of which took effect in the back of his shoulder and the other entered the wall. The young lady who was dancing with him was somewhat burnt in the face by the powder. A great excitement ensued. The young lady was perfectly calm, and stated she intended to kill him.—that she came for that purpose. She said the reason she did not shoot him in the drawing-room, was because she could not get near enough to him. The reasons for the act she said were well known to all present. If she could but only have killed him she said she should have been perfectly satisfied. The impelling cause of this desperate attempt to take life and wreak vengeance is well known in the vicinity where the parties reside, and is one which almost always lies at the bottom of such acts. He was arrested the day before for breach of promise and obtained bail. The young lady is said to be reputable, and the sympathy of those who know her is decidedly in her favor. After the act she went away with her brother and no attempt was made to arrest her."

The girl who shot her former lover in the ball room at Oldtown, Me., was arrested on the 3d instant, on the complaint of Bowman, whom she had wounded. At the hour appointed for the examination the complainant failed to appear, and she was discharged. She openly proclaimed that it was her intention to kill Bowman, and it is said that the wound he received will lame him for life.

The Bangor Mercury states that the shooting lady at Oldtown, upon being discharged, received nine cheers and \$25 from the crowd present.

RAPPED OUT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. A respectable Long Island farmer, having become interested in the spiritual delusion, got entrapped by a "medium,"—a Mrs. French of Pittsburgh,—who obtained so much influence over him, that he was induced to turn all his property into cash and even force his wife to give up her interest, and having obtained about \$13,000, paid it over to the witch, who immediately took French leave, and he has attempted to kill himself, and is now in the New York Lunatic Asylum. He has a wife and two interesting daughters.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT NEW ORLEANS.—£1,000,000 worth of Property Destroyed!—New Orleans, March 2.—A most destructive fire has occurred here.—It broke out on Wednesday, P. M., in the upper part of the Alabama Cotton Press. The flames spread rapidly and gained tremendous headway before the engines arrived. The fire destroyed nearly all the contents of the press, and a large quantity of cotton piled in the stores. The cotton destroyed is valued at one million of dollars, mostly insured.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Free Baptist Church in Springfield, that the sum of Sixteen and ten pence, sent by them to me in July last, for the General Conference Fund, was through a mistake of the Committee placed on the Minutes of Conference to the credit of the church in Middleland.

WM. PETERS,  
Tr. G. C. Fund.

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MARRIAGES.

- On the 16th Feb., by the Rev. Jacob Gunter, Mr. James M. Vanwart, of Hampstead, Q. C., to Miss Mary R. Brown, of Queensbury, York.
- On the 23d Feb. by the Rev. B. Merritt, Mr. William Vanwart, of Wickham, to Miss Mary Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. Asa Smith, of Hampstead, Q. C.
- On the 24th Feb., by the same, Mr. Charles Vanwart, to Miss Sarah Jane Clark, both of Hampstead, Q. C.
- On the 10th inst., in St. John, by the Rev. E. McLeod, Mr. Ruben Ebbett, of Gagetown, to Miss Eliza Jane Penney, of Hampstead, Q. C.

DEATHS.

- On the afternoon of Sunday the 17th ult., at his residence in Eastport, Me., Charles D. Rice, M. D., late of Woodstock.
- At Chebogue, on the 26th February, Mr. Caleb Cook, senior, aged 81, an old and highly respectable inhabitant of Yarmouth.