

## THE INTELLIGENCER.

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## The Struggle.

walls. Well, let us go on my brethren; the friends of God are united every where, and we rejoice in each others success; we do in yours, and you in ours. The obstacles we have to overcome will but burnish our armour and sharpen our swords against the common enemy.

yours, &amp;c.

Wm. H. LETTERFIELD.

## New-York Correspondence.

Snow Storm—Death of Dr. Choles—Turning point in the history of the U. S.—Destruction of a Press by a mob—A riot at Bethany College—“Complicates”

NEW YORK, JAN. 7, 1856.

Mr. Editor.—On Saturday evening was the severest snow storm experienced for many a year in this city. The city Railways are not yet opened since the storm and many streets are so blocked up with snow that there is no passing through them with any kind of vehicle. Yesterday the churches were thinly attended, owing to the difficulty of walking, and some churches were so blocked up with the drifts, that they could not be got open for the morning service.

Rev. Dr. Choles, a distinguished Baptist minister of Newberry Port, on a visit to this city, died suddenly last Saturday (I believe) and is to be buried to day from the Amity street Baptist Church. (Dr. Williams.)

It may be well to keep up a brief notice of affairs in Kansas, as it is far from impossible that they may be a turning point in the history of the United States. I have no doubt but that we are on the eve of more than ordinary events in the progress or retrogression of the great principles of civil and religious liberty in our nation, and as Kansas for a season at least is likely to be the battle field for the liberty and slavery interests in this nation, as I have before said it is well to keep before your readers a brief notice of the progress of the events there taking place. On these matters I will strive not to overtax the patience of your readers.

I have placed before your readers an account of the causes leading to the present struggle there, the threatened attack on Lawrence, the retreat of the “Border Ruffians” and their return on election day to some of the border towns in Kansas, and their destruction of the ballot boxes on the day the people were polling their votes on the question of adopting the state constitution. Since that, a week since, they have mobbed the office of the Register, one of the Free state papers, in the town of Leavenworth. Col. Delahay, the editor, was at Lawrence attending the nominating Free State Convention, the day the ruffians threw his press into the river. This is only a specimen of the iron rule where slavery exists so far as freedom of speech is concerned. It is presumed the present severe weather is the principal safe-guard of the lives and property of the inhabitants. The contest for Speaker in Congress has not yet come to an end, and the prospect of electing a free-state man is no better than we desire, but we think it is not growing worse.

Bethany College in Virginia, a slave state, is the Institution of the “Disciples” or “Campbellites” so called from their able leader Alexander Campbell who is president also of the above named College. In that institution has been recently given another remarkable proof that slavery in this country is as fatal where it has power to free speech, as in Russia or Japan. Out of about 120 students some twenty seemed to favor freedom, though not speaking particularly on the subject of oppression in this country, while the hundred go heart and soul for slavery. Mr. Burns of Canada West, one of the students, preaching in his turn, recently alluded to the principles of liberty in a way which the pro-slavery students took offence, though they were accustomed to praise the “peculiar institution” every opportunity. In consequence they raised a mob, thought it was sabbath evening, and Mr. B. and his wife escaped with difficulty with their lives from the building where he delivered the obnoxious sermon. The results are that the faculty were now forbidden the discussion of the subject of slavery in the college, and some dozen students in favor of freedom have left the institution on account of the “gag laws.” They have written a manly protest against this act of tyranny, and have published the facts through the Northern papers. There is no sect in our country which has made more pretensions to free speech than the Disciples, but the leading men have now bowed the knee to our cruel mob.

A similar occurrence with above, took place in the same Seminary, over which Dr. Lyman Beecher then presided. The Dr. is now most thoroughly committed against the “peculiar institution,” and one of his children Mrs. Stowe, has done as much as any other for its overthrow. We hope that despite all efforts to the contrary, the occurrence in Bethany College may yet be the means of doing something for the overthrow of oppression. One painful fact connected with this occurrence is, that Mr. Campbell himself was not reared among slave-holders, but in Scotland. One would think if there were a drop of the blood of Bruce or Knox in his veins it would show itself in blushes of shame at such servility. From the Seminary in the occurrence alluded to, many students left and took their way to Oberlin College then just beginning which has gone on in prosperity till its ordinary attendance is a thousand students; while the other never has received from the blow it then received.

Yours, G.

H. T. Love, not Lorie is the name of the cor. secretary of the A. and F. Bible Society.

## A Maine Law Judge.

The friends of temperance and law are highly gratified by the appointment of Elisha Capron, Esq., as City Judge, in the place of Judge Stuart, resigned. Mr. Capron, besides being a fine lawyer, is a thorough friend of the Prohibition Law, having produced one of the ablest opinions yet given in favor of its constitutionality. He was also the prosecuting attorney in the Astor House case. A fearless and just man, we trust his influence in the important post to which he is called, will be speedily felt. Would that all our judges were like him!—N. Y. Evangelist.

great moral reform. The success which has attended it so far is a sufficient guarantee for the future, and it is not the people of New Brunswick only, or any other single Province, or of America that are demanding this reform; the leaven is spreading among the nations, and England—great in war, but greater in peace—is rapidly approaching toward the adoption of a Prohibitory Law.—

We are highly gratified to know that a considerable portion of the secular press of New Brunswick is with us in this great struggle. The Fredericton Reporter, the Woodstock Sentinel, and the Journal, the St. Stephens Patriot, the Westmorland Times, and the Miramichi Gleamer, are, we believe, all pledged on this side; the circulation of these, including the Temperance Telegraph, Christian Visitor and Religious Intelligencer, number nearly 15,000 copies weekly; while all the rest of the newspapers published in the Province probably do not amount to over \$8,000 weekly. These are giving an influence, and are educating the people on this great question, and we feel confident that the struggle must result in the complete triumph of prohibition. We hope the professed ministers of Christ, and professed Christians who are now opposed to it, will soon see the day when they will look back with shame and consternation to the time when they gave their influence to an evil which, at the best, is but a relic of the dark ages.

## The Free C. Baptists of Nova Scotia.

The following letter from Elder S. Hart in relation to the Free C. Baptists of Nova Scotia has been received for publication. Brother Hart having been a delegate to that Province several times, is probably better prepared to speak of the state of the cause there than any other person among us. We would rejoice to be kept advised of the state of religion among the churches in Nova Scotia by some of those who occupy that field of labour.

Dear Brother,—Since my return in September last from Nova Scotia with brother J. Noble, I have endeavored to satisfy my mind with the very correct statement which he gave of our visit to that province, and of our attendance at the Annual Conference; but in my reflection on the several occasions on which I have visited them, I had feared that something was lacking on my part toward that kind and friendly people; and although what I may say may not be interesting to the general reader, it will, notwithstanding, satisfy my own consciousness of duty. I have been a delegate to their Conference from ours, on five different occasions, and their Christian kindness to me has engraved them upon my memory, and I am disposed to let brotherly love continue, for this cause I now write. In all the Conferences I have attended among them, I have witnessed the disposition manifested by their ministers, and also by the lay members, to sustain the cause of God among themselves, by striving as much as possible to be united in their efforts for its advancement. But they were not always able to save all they desired, nor to perfect all the good they wished. In their last Conference they shewed in an especial manner that their long experience had been to their profit; their decided inclination to love each other, and to submit themselves to one another in all matters when difference of judgement existed were very gratifying to me; and when we left that province we were greatly encouraged on their behalf. As a denomination we believed they stood in a condition to advance the cause of Christ; and if their ministers keep lowly and humble, and savor not the things that be of men, nor aspire after things above their reach, nor partake of other men's sins; but keep themselves pure, and learn with Paul to keep their bodies under, not speaking the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, the Lord will bless them, and never let them as a denomination fall, or become scattered. The Lord grant that if I never visit them again they may follow Christ as they have received him; and those who were seeking him during my visit among them, I trust have found him to the joy of their souls; while I earnestly pray that none who have put their hands to the plough will look back. From their brother S. HART.

## Our Sabbath Labour.

The last two Sabbaths we have spent from home. The first of these we were called to attend the funeral of sister Williams, of Long Reach, who was suddenly removed from her family and the earth, her illness only being about four hours, so uncertain is human life. She had long professed the religion of the Saviour, and her unwavering constancy in that profession afforded her bereaved friends ample evidence of her future happiness, although she was unable to utter any dying words. The funeral sermon was preached in the Methodist Chapel in that place, and a very large audience were in attendance. The Rev. D. D. Currie took part in the services. In the evening we attended a meeting in the Free Baptist House, at Jones' Creek. We have before noticed this place, their prosperous Sabbath School, and the encouragement that they have enjoyed. We trust the labours and efforts of the brethren there, will, ere long, be crowned with eminent success. The meeting we attended was interesting, and they are greatly in need of ministerial labour.

Last Sabbath we spent with the Church on the west side of Bellisle. Brother French labours with this church a part of the time, and they literally sustain him. They have a prosperous Sabbath School a part of the year, and have had some additions to the Church during the last year. Brother F. Morrell, one of the deacons, has been confined to his house for some time by illness, and brother Luke is absent in illness, and the loss of these brethren is considerably felt at present by the church. On Sabbath morning we presented the Mission cause to the people, and a liberal response was made.

Subscribed and paid, £2 15 0

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Collection, 0 15 0

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It should be considered that this church is not numerous, and sustains, as already stated, ministerial labour among themselves. In the evening, a very large audience was in attendance, and the meeting was solemn and impressive, and we feel

assured, will not soon be forgotten. We regret that brother French's health prevents him from labouring among them at present, as we have no doubt a little constant labour there would result in a revival and good work of grace.

## Revival Intelligence.

Elder S. Hart in his letter to us from Southampton of the 14th inst., says:—“Previous to my going to Naswall I was engaged in revival in Williamson; fourteen were baptized, a church of eighteen members were organized, and two were added since. An Abstinence Society was also formed of thirty members. The church adopted the covenant published in our minutes of last Conference. There is a prospect of much further good being done in that place with proper gospel labour. They are destitute of a place of worship, but are about commencing to build one. An excellent establishment of Mills is near by where they would erect it, consisting of a saw and a grist mill, and carding machine, and there is a prospect of quite a village. My heart says—Carry forth thy good work, O Lord, and accomplish it by thine own means.”

(From the Morning Star.)  
Revival in Hodgdon, Amity, New Limerick, and Houlton, Me.

Bro. Burr.—We are enjoying a glorious revival in the 2d F. W. B. church in Hodgdon, Me., where I reside and preach one half of the time. Some twenty persons or more have been hopefully converted; and the work is still going forward. Quite a number of the interesting and strong young men and women, of my congregation, are among the converted. I have recently added seventeen to the church, fifteen by baptism. Others, we think, will unite soon. My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. In Amity, Me., there is a good revival in progress, where I occasionally preach. Dec. 25, I baptised ten happy converts, and organized a F. W. B. church of seventeen members. The prospect in that place is very cheering. Also, the New Limerick and Linneus church are having an interesting revival. A number of precious souls have been converted to God, and others reclaimed from backsliding. I have recently baptised two, and five have joined the church. I would also say to the praise of God that sinners are being converted from the error of their ways in Houlton Village, Me. Elder W. E. Pennington, F. C. B., is labouring at present in that place. Pray for us, that the work may continue to spread.

Yours,  
G. W. HASKELL.

HODGDON, ME., JUN. 2, 1855.

STURHOLM AND NORTON.—The work which we noticed a few weeks since as going forward in these places has continued until a large number have been converted. The following letter just received from Brother John Wallace, under whose labours the work was promoted will give some idea of its extent.

“Though I have not troubled you with my pen of late, it has not been because I have had nothing interesting to write. I am happy to inform you of the success of the gospel, and the additions to the Redeemer's kingdom in the conversion of a large number of perishing souls—baptized and unbaptized, fifty. About one half of these have obeyed the Saviour's command, and if the Church is true to her great head, she will fill the land. “It is the Lord's doing and is marvellous in our eyes.” It has been a precious and powerful season, exceeding any other revival I ever saw. Since leaving that place I have visited Bellisle Creek and also Brunswick, and in both these places find room for special labour, and have hope of success. I returned home to my family last night.”

## The Prohibitory Law.

LETTER FROM ELDER S. HART.

We are always glad to receive the approbation and support of our friends, in whatever work we are engaged, although we have learned first of all to show ourselves approved unto God. The subjoined letter from a father in the ministry, and one so widely known, on the subject which is now absorbing the public mind, is particularly gratifying; first, because it approves of our defence of the Prohibitory Law; and secondly, because it is an additional expression of our denomination in favour of Prohibition. The enemies of this Law may be assured that the Intelligencer represents the views of a large number of persons, whose interest and influence will be on the side of Prohibition, now, and hereafter; and who will always hold themselves in readiness to meet its opponents “in the gate.”

SOUTHAMPTON, YORK CO., JUN. 14, 1856.

Brother McLeod.—Your article in the *Religious Intelligencer* of the 21st ult., on the Prohibitory Law was both satisfactory and gratifying to me.

I am yet anxious to see the traffic abolished. Or it may be hindered by the supineness of teetotalers, who are sometimes apt to lag over their unprepared toil, or to fall out by the way and hinder among themselves. To promote the former and hinder the latter, we would say—no more differences among young people who shall say that a large majority of a free, noble, and moral people, asking the suppression of a baneful traffic, or the removal of an offensive nuisance, are a mob? Who, for instance, would say that it was mob only that asked for the suppression of the Slave Trade—for the Reform Bill of 1832—or for the repeal of the Corn-laws, and that lately compelled our unwilling Government to prosecute more vigorously the war? He would be a bold man that would affirm it, and unworthy to be a member of this free community.

Then, what is to be the answer to our question? It is this: the time is not far distant. It may be hastened by the activity and union of temperance men of every sort, with men who, although non-teetotalers, are yet anxious to see the traffic abolished.

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The Daily News correspondent thus opens his communication of the 16th ult.:—

Long expected, and not badly prepared winter has come at last, announcing by elemental flourishes worthy of stern propo- nente. On Tuesday night, after a short spell of dry weather, the floods of heaven were again opened, and such a torrent of rain burst over the camp as to drown the foreborders as well as the rear. The ground is now covered with water, and the soldiers are continually lobbing along the streets, flying about from the shock of cannonballs. The casualties, however, are very few, as the French have displayed great ingenuity in erecting comfortable magazines and the like in out-of-the-way parts of the town, where one can get a cup of coffee, and a cigar without much danger. But to the unininitiated roar of a ball and twittering hiss of a shell, to give zest to these luxuries. It is longer an occurrence of every week to down to Sebastopol once or twice, and the people resort to the docks unless they are duty, or have just come out, and are under the painful necessity of going en amate. The whole establishment of a *cañoniere* was smashed the other day through the operation of a shell, and, although it was tolerable when filled, the other damage done was to the proprietor, who lost her hand, and an immense amount of crockery, comestibles, &c.

The Times correspondent says:—

The Russians keep up a pertinacious fire on the town. The reports of their guns shake my hut this fine day at the rate of about two a minute, and the sound is tolerably loud with this wind. Sebastopol is a disagreeable place to go on pleasure, for shot and shell are continually lobbing along the streets.

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G. L.

DRAWDOWN AT SEA.—The British barque Zealous, Griffin, of Halifax, N.S., was

wallen in with Nov. 10, in lat. 37° 20' N., lon. 6

W., waterlogged and dismasted, by brig Saratoga arrived at Guadaloupe, who took from the wreck Capt. Griffin and one man. Capt. G. had been ashore at the stump of the forecastle for eight days, and was in a terrible condition of suffering. The flesh was falling from his body when he was discovered. At latest accounts he was improving.

The same writer adds on the 21st:—

Frost has continued during the past week, and the cold has been intense. The low

temperature which has been met with during the present winter occurred during the

time between the 18th and 19th instant. Its effects were felt the more severely on account of strong northwesterly gales prevailing at the same time.

At seven A.M. on Wednesday,

## SECULAR DEPARTMENT

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

[By Telegraph to the News-Room.]

## LATER FROM EUROPE

## ARRIVAL OF THE WASHINGTON.

The steamer Washington, from Boston and Southampton, arrived at New York four o'clock on the 22d inst., bring the 5th. Nothing of importance.

Consols in London at eleven o'clock Saturday, 5th, quoted at 87 a Stg.

The Naples correspondence of the *Times* mentions a report that the King of Naples is becoming favorably disposed towards the Allies, and there is a further rumor that he will be contingent to the Crimea.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* says that assurances have been again given of an official quarter, of the resolution of France to carry on the war in the most vigorous manner, in the event of Russia not acceding to the proposition of the Allies, and that the Emperor and the English government were determined not to abstain in iota of the terms which peace would be accepted.