

able to have meeting every night, they were attended by great crowds of people. One night I was at East Blaine, and another at Bridgewater Corner, the meetings all last week were good and strong. A number were to have been baptized last Sunday, but Sunday morning a relapse of the La Grippe came upon me, and I have been confined to the house ever since; the baptism had to be postponed again. I think I am improving a little, and hope to resume the meetings there in a day or two.

A. C. THOMPSON.

March 15th.

FROM REV. J. J. BARNES.—No doubt your readers would enjoy hearing how the First District is getting on. The field is large and scattered, and the harvest is far in excess of the labourers toiling here. There are many things planted and rooted in our circumstances, things which have become custom, (which could not be mentioned in a letter like this) which hinder and discourage us in the work. Sometimes we think we see the light breaking through the cloud, and then "we thank God, and take courage."

Our Sabbath Schools are decidedly interesting, and are doing well. We are very fortunate in having some of the best and most faithful Christian people amongst us assume the management of our Sunday schools. These people, many of them, are interested in smaller schools, in out of the way communities. Really the Sabbath schools of this section are aggressive and doing noble work for the churches.

In the temperance reform we are doing notably good work. In this department we are blessed with some faithful people. We have no halls nor convenient school houses in which to hold temperance meetings, and have therefore to use our meeting houses for that purpose, except at Lower Perth, where they use the school house. It is most encouraging to witness how drunkenness has diminished during the last year. Some of the hardest and most regular drinkers, among matured men, have joined the Lodge lately. You see, that our Sunday schools and our Temperance Societies are in good working condition, therefore are we aggressive on these lines. Have we not in these things strong reason to "thank God and take courage?"

But what about the churches? some one asks.

About the Upper Tobique I can say but little, as I do not reach there this year. Long Island has no preaching by our people, but is holding on. Bro. A. Sisson, licentiate, has been extending some care to Arthurette since last Fall. I have the care of Rowena. This church was organized last summer, and is prospering. Two persons were added to it during the winter. We intend holding special meetings there soon, and are looking for some additions. They are going ahead with their meeting house, and will get it so far along that we may occupy it during the summer months. Of Lower Perth, Upper Kent, Bunfau, Wicklow and Bath I shall not write, except to say that one was added to Perth lately, and that the spiritual life of the church is usually good. At Upper Kent we have no church organization now. We once had a comparatively strong and prosperous church there, but death and removals did their work. The friends there are arranging to build a house of worship, on the ground where the old meeting house stood. Bunfau is under a cloud. Were it not for our Sunday school and temperance society, and the faithfulness of a few heroic souls the church would go to pieces. Yet there are frequent signs of revival. We shall (D. V.) hold special meeting in Bunfau, next week. Of the places back of Andover and beyond Aroostook Junction I cannot speak with certainty now. Rev. H. Hart has laboured amongst them at different times since last Fall, and will report to you soon, no doubt. I may say, however, that I saw in one of our local papers, that his meetings at California were interesting.

A wide door of usefulness is open to us all over this country. The people hold our sentiments more generally than those of any other denomination represented here. There are communities where no regular Sabbath services are conducted, in which our faith is rooted in the hearts of the people, young and old. To neglect to take to them the word of life, and establish among them the worship of God and the regular means of grace, is an injustice to them, and must react to our own weakness and hurt. In nearly all such places the people are in poor circumstances, which is to some extent the cause of their neglect. Does not this picture of spiritual destitution among our own—for they are our own, being the descendants of the fathers in our beloved denomination—present our duty plainly to us? And does not our work relative to them unfold be-

fore us? We must be aggressive here or suffer loss, and loss. If we, with much prayer, look the matter full in the face, we must see our duty, and be constrained to do it, and rise up and save this country in the name of God for our cause. As the people are poor, it will take money to go into these places. If we stop a moment to compare the membership of our churches with the money we contribute for H. M. Work we must conclude that we are able to do greatly more than we are now doing for the cause of H. missions.

Perth Centre people are raising a fund to repair their meeting house. Bro. R. Lovely and family are the chief movers in the affair. Sometime ago they held a sociable, and paid the balance on their organ. Later they managed a very successful concert and basket sociable in the school house, and raised \$21.05 toward repairing the meeting house. Except one man and his family, so I am told, the people of the village did not attend the entertainment. We only hope that their absence was accidental rather than intentional, as all are needed in the duty now presented to them. Bro. L. told me a few days ago that they were anxious to thoroughly refit the house and make it respectable and comfortable for the district meeting of next summer.

J. J. BARNES.

Bath, March 18th.

S. S. CONVENTION.—The Barrington, N. S. township S. S. Convention held its semi-annual session in the F. B. and Methodist churches at Port LaTour on the 8th inst. Twelve schools reported by letter; and only eight by delegation, the heavy storms having almost stopped communication. Enthusiastic and profitable meetings were held. As the pastors of the local churches were the only clergymen present, the work was carried on chiefly by the laity, a paper by Prof. A. Doane on S. S. Libraries and the music rendered by the two choirs being exceptionally good.—E. C.

GENERAL BOOTH, of the Salvation Army, had a singular experience during his recent stay in Calcutta. As there was no building large enough for the accommodation of the crowd, he accepted the circus tent. But as soon as the Army began "volley firing" a Satan, the lions behind the platform set up a formidable roaring. There was consternation for a moment in the ranks; the General, however, made a happy allusion to Daniel in the lion's den, and thus turned apparent discomfort into a victory.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR.—Edmund Yates London letter, by cable, says: The Emperor William's recent extravagances and aberrations which so troubled his family and entourage are attributed at court to the fact that his ear malady has been very troublesome lately, and that he has suffered many paroxysms of the most excruciating pain. The ailment appears to be getting worse for the attacks now recur with increasing frequency, and as it is pronounced to be incurable the consequences are likely to be most serious. For nearly forty years *Punch* has been regularly taken at the Prussian Royal Palaces of Berlin and Potsdam. Emperor William has just issued a private order that *Punch* is to be struck off the list of journals which are supplied to him, and the Empress Frederick, Prince Henry of Prussia, and all the members of the Royal family who are in the habit of reading English journals have been desired by their autocratic relative to discontinue the obnoxious periodical. It is understood in Berlin that the Emperor's wrath has been excited by some jocular allusions to His Majesty's oratorical indiscretions which recently appeared in *Punch*.

WOMEN ADMITTED.—The senate of the University of St. Andrew, the oldest in Scotland, has decided to open to women the university's departments of theology, arts and sciences.

TRIPLETS.—The Queen has, for some reason, been obliged to make announcement to the press, by means of a letter from her private secretary, General Sir Henry Ponsonby, to the effect that she will no longer present any gratuity to mothers giving birth to triplets, unless in cases of altogether exceptional poverty and destitution. Hitherto there has been a popular delusion that the Queen's bounty was due as a matter of right and privilege to the parents of three or more children at a birth, and the amount of the bounty was rated at £1 per child.

NO REDUCTION.—In answer to a question, the Post Master General has announced that the three cents postage rate will not be reduced to two cents this year. But the reduction will be made some time, and we hope soon.

Mrs. HUNT, who is to lecture in this city on Friday, Saturday and Sunday next, is highly spoken of. The following is one of the opinions of her:

"I happen to know not only that Mrs. Hunt was once a professor of chemistry, but that by the best title she has herself a right to speak as an expert on every branch connected with this theme of scientific temperance education. If you should be favored, as I have been, with the sight of her library, you would have to go far and look long to find another equal to it on the topic of scientific relations of the temperance cause. I do not know where on either side of the sea I have seen so complete a collection of the freshest and most authoritative works on this subject, as in a quiet library not a thousand miles from the spot where we are sitting. I do not know where on either side of the Atlantic any one can be found whose opinions are more worthy of being received as thoroughly trustworthy from a scientific point of view on this whole topic than Mrs. Hunt's are today. Mrs. Hunt's success in making scientific temperance instruction compulsory in all but nine states of the Union and the National Government is an eighth wonder of the world. Although she is a modest lady, and is not often heralded by the press in her travels and in her sacrifices and successes in legislative halls, as she should be, I doubt not, that her name is destined to sparkle on the extended fore-fingers of history when a better age than ours makes up its jewels."—JOSEPH COOK, in Boston Monday Lectures.

OF MINISTERS.—Rev. J. W. Manning, for seventeen years pastor of the North Baptist church, Halifax, has resigned. It is understood he has been appointed General Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. W. B. Hinson, Baptist, Moncton, has been laid aside from work several weeks. His physician prescribes a long rest, and the church has voted him three months leave of absence. He intends to leave for England early next month.

PERSONAL.—It is freely stated that at the end of the present session, Hon. Mr. Laurier will retire from the leadership of the Liberal party, and perhaps from Parliament.

We share the regrets expressed at the death of Deacon Rufus Crowell, notice of which is in another column. He was a good man. To his widow and family we extend Christian sympathy.

Rev. John Perry and family will have the hearty sympathy of all who know them in the sore bereavement which has befallen them in the death of Mrs. Perry. She was an excellent woman, highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Foster, wife of the finance minister, who has for several weeks been seriously ill, is now reported improving.

Sir A. T. Galt is reported very ill.

C. T. A. NOTES.—Edwards, of the Queen Hotel, this city, was fined \$50 last week for rumselling.

OLD.—A. R. Forbes, of North Sydney, has in his possession a "Matthew Henry" commentary in six volumes complete, which was printed in London nearly 200 years ago. It is of the first edition published.

A ROYAL SOUVENIR.—Queen Victoria's letter to the nation in reference to the lamented death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, is universally acknowledged to have been one of the most touching communications Her Majesty has ever made to her loyal subjects, and all classes of people reading it feeling that one touch of nature makes the whole world kin. Raphael, Tuck & Sons, the well-known London finest publishers, have been instructed by Her Majesty to produce a fac-simile of the letter in Her Majesty's handwriting, so that the document may be widely distributed. The letter is to be produced in four different styles suitable for framing. Raphael, Tuck & Sons have arranged to hand the entire profits realized by the sale of the fac-simile letters to charities selected by the Queen. In aftertimes, when the Queen becomes in the course of nature but a memory to her people, such a touching epistle as her letter to the nation will grow more and more valuable.

Literary Notes.

Little's Living Age. The numbers of *The Living Age* for March 5th and 12th contain Jane Austen's *London Quarterly* Women in the Reign of Terror, *Messenger* in India, and *The Mystery of Gravitation*, *National*; *Sketches from Eastern Travel*, *Pleasure and Lord Rosebury's* "Pitt," *Blackwood*; *Mirabeau, Temple Bar*; *Old Man by One of Them*, *Cornhill*; *A Floating Republic*, and *Skating Trip in Holland*, *Leisure Hour*; *A Short Diary of the Days gone by*, *Argosy*; *Michael Faraday*, *Murray*; with "In Gakhum Pastures," and "Matthew," and poetry. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies or weeklies with the *Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co. Boston, are the publishers.

The March number of *St. Nicholas* contains a sketch of the Navy, describing how a landing is made through the heavy surf of the Pacific Ocean. "Hold Fast Tom" is an incident of the capture of the island of St. Helena from the Dutch. An English sailor climbs a crag, hauls up a rope, and thus enables his comrades to make a flank attack which secures a speedy victory. Needed light is thrown on the construction and use of "The Boomerang" by the Australian blacks. "The Man Who Married the Moon," is a story as poetic as any that the Old World can boast. It would be a queer boy or girl who could not find several morsels to especially enjoy in the rich feast summarized in the closely printed table of contents containing over thirty separate items, of pictures, verse, and prose.

The March *Century* is interesting. In this number is an article on "St. Paul's Cathedral," brilliantly illustrated. The United States Fish Commission is described by a scientific member of the staff. There is a timely study of "The Farmer and Railway Legislation." Pictorially the number is remarkable. The article on the Louisiana Lottery in the February number is followed in this number by an editorial on "The Louisiana Lottery a National Infamy." Other editorials are on "National Justice to Postal Clerks," and "A Columbian Fair Memorial Building." In "Open Letters" are discussed "The Numerical Strength of the Confederate Army," and "The Illinois of Lincoln's Time."

Mrs. Gladstone's first article in the series of "Hints from a Mother's Life," which she has written, for *The Ladies' Home Journal*, will be printed in the April issue of that periodical.

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Marriages.

CROWELL-RYDER.—At Lower Argyle, N. S., on the 2nd inst., by Rev. J. L. Smith, Weymouth Crowell, of Seattle, Washington, formerly of Argyle, to Ethel May, daughter of Captain Edward Ryder, of Lower Argyle.

CURTIS-FLEWELLING.—At the residence of the groom, in Perham Maine, on the 10th inst., by Rev. Charles F. Rideout, Mr. Franklin A. Curtis and Mary Flewelling, adopted daughter of Rev. Charles F. Rideout, both of Perham, Maine.

Deaths.

STEVES.—At Lewis Mountain, W. Co., Feb. 4th, Charlie, aged 9 weeks, son of Solomon and Lucretia Steves.

O'BENNES.—At Salisbury, W. Co., Feb. 12th, Edith, aged 1 year and 7 months, daughter of David and Elizabeth O'Bennes.

TAYLOR.—At North River, W. Co., Feb. 12th, George, aged 1 year and 10 months, son of Thomas and Rozanna Taylor.

NASON.—At Fredericton Junction, on the 10th inst., of consumption, Annie E. Nason, aged 19 years. Her illness was lingering, but with patient quietness she bore it all, and calmly entered into the rest "that remains for the people of God." She leaves a sorrowing father, one sister, and a number of other relatives to mourn their loss, which we feel assured is her eternal gain. Funeral services by the writer.—G. W. F.

LEONARD.—Mrs. S. Leonard, a worthy member of the Baptist church, St. John, and once a member of F. C. B. church at North Road Campobello, died on the 28th ult. of heart disease. At her residence, Leonardville, Deer Island, aged 67 years. A large congregation was present at the funeral to pay their tribute of respect to the deceased. Assisting the writer in the funeral obsequies was Rev. Mr. Muttart, Methodist. Four children and a husband remain sorrowing.—A. H. M.

WALLACE.—At Greenfield, Kings Co., March 6th, Ida, beloved wife of George H. Wallace and second daughter of the late Daniel B. Gorham, in the 33rd year of her age, leaving a sorrowing husband, five children, with many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Sister Wallace was a member of F. C. B. church Greenfield, where she will be greatly missed. For her, "to live was Christ, to die was gain." The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. F. Frizzell (Meth.). Text 90th Psalm 12 verse.—C. H. G. (Telegraph and Sun please copy.)

DAVIS.—At Blissville, S. Co., Feb. 24th, of La Grippe, Dimock D. Davis, aged 52 years, leaving a sorrowing widow, two sons and three daughters, together with a large circle of friends, to mourn their loss. Bro. Davis professed religion some years ago while living in St. John, and united with the Portland Baptist Church of which he remained a worthy member until death. About three years ago he moved with his family to Blissville. There being no church of his own denomination, he worshipped with the Blissville Free Baptist church. He was faithful in his attendance. May the Lord comfort the bereaved family. Funeral sermon by Rev. W. H. Perry. (Messenger & Visitor please copy.)

PERRY.—At Connell, C. Co., on the 9th inst., Catherine, beloved wife of the Rev. J. Perry, in the 46th year of her age, leaving a sorrowing husband, two sons and two daughters with many relatives to mourn their loss. Sister Perry gave her heart to Christ 54 years ago and was baptized by the late Rev. A. Mersereau, and during all these years her aim has been to reverence the Christ whom she began to love when 17 years of age. Her trust in Christ and his righteousness as only was her hope until the last hour of life. About seven months ago she was partially paralyzed, and she steadily failed from that time. The last few months she suffered very much, but she was greatly sustained by Him in whom she trusted. Sister Perry was held in high esteem as a godly woman, a very faithful wife and an affectionate mother. As a nurse in sickness and a solace in sorrow, she had few equals. Much sympathy is expressed for Bro. Perry by all his friends, and they are many. Her funeral was very largely attended; it took place at Victoria Corner, and her remains were buried in the cemetery of that place. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by Bro. G. Swine and Father Sipprell.—T. S. V.

DUNHAM.—Of pneumonia, after a brief illness, Catherine, beloved wife of George Dunham, in the 46th year of her age, leaving a sorrowing husband and six children (two infants three weeks old), an aged mother, one brother, two sisters, with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Our prayer is that the Lord will sustain the bereaved husband in his trying circumstances. Funeral services conducted by S. J. Perry, assisted by Bro. E. Jen ins.

GARRISON.—Albert E. Garrison, a worthy member of the Disciple church and a much esteemed resident of Chocolate Cove, Deer Island, died at his residence on the 4th inst., of La Grippe, aged 51 years. He was the eldest of a family of ten, four of whom preceded him, leaving five alive, one of whom is the Rev. John Perry. Brother Perry was the subject of early convictions, and was, no doubt, converted in 1842 under the labors of the late Elder Mersereau; but he did not make a public profession until 1859, when he was baptized by Elder John Perry and united with the Perry Point Free Christian Baptist Church, of which he continued a faithful member until called from the church militant to join the church triumphant. He lived a very consistent life, not being very gifted in public speaking but always ready to every good word and work. His body was laid away to its resting place on the following Sabbath when, the occasion was improved on by the writer, from Revelations 14 chapter 13 verse, to a large concourse of people considering the weather and travelling. S. J. PERRY

REDSTONE.—At Olean, N. Y., on the 9th Feb. Alice, beloved wife of Mr. Charles Redstone. Mrs. Redstone had been in failing health for some time, and for some time but little hope was entertained of her ever being any better in this world, and yet, as ever, the summons came when we least expected it. Mrs. Redstone was the second daughter of the late Rev. A. Taylor. She was born on the island of Campobello, in 1827, and with her parents had lived at Grand Manan and Tracy Mills, N. B., at both places, by her exemplary life and sunny christi character, she had endeared herself to a large circle of friends. Early in life she sought and found the Saviour, and united with the F. C. Baptist church, of which her parents were honored members, and retained her membership there up to her death. While living at Tracy Mills she was married to Mr. Chas. Redstone, of Hampstead, Queens Co. They lived at Hampstead until business attractions called them to this part of the country. From the first, the climate of this section did not agree with her, and dread consumption fastened itself upon her. Sabbath evenings, resting in her husband's arms, as the cold bells tolled the vesper hours, her spirit winged its flight to that home to which she was so well prepared to go. She leaves to miss and mourn her a sorrowful husband, and three boys, aged respectively, 13, 10, 7. Little Edith, their only girl, had passed to the other side only seven months previous to her mother's death, and was there to welcome her to the land that has no partings. Her neighbours and friends bare record to her usefulness in the church and community, and her loss is keenly felt among the friends with whom she lived. Her mother's life and health have been spared to fill in some degree the place made vacant.—B. U. T.

CROWELL.—The death of Deacon Rufus H. Crowell, on March 1st., came with surprise to many of his neighbors who had hardly learned of his serious illness. We have lost one of the most respected and efficient workers in many departments of Christian activity. He was born March 5, 1827, and with the exception of a few months' absence on a fishing voyage in his youth, spent his whole life in Barrington, his native place. He had almost completed his 75th year. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade under Thomas West, and worked at Barrington Head until his appointment as Postmaster, in July 1857. He was also telegraph operator for several years in connection with the Post office work, but he remained Postmaster until his death. As Clerk of the Peace and of the Municipal Council continuously since 1866, he proved himself, as also in his Postal work, a competent and obliging public officer, equal to an immense amount of work, which has been carried for several years past in spite of much physical infirmity. In his place as a deacon of the Free Baptist church, as a Sunday School worker and as an independent evangelist using his opportunities to seek and save the lost, he will be gratefully and lovingly remembered. In Oak Park especially, assisted by his wife, he kept religious services open for a long time with much profit to the community. He dated his conversion from a meeting at the Island meeting house when he was 19, his knees praying. His earnestness early won the esteem of his brethren who chose him as their deacon in the F. W. Baptist church over thirty years ago, and he was an original member of that church, organized in the meeting house at the Head, by Revs. Harris, Ashley and others. On the union of the F. W. and F. C. Baptist churches he retained the deaconship, and though living at a distance from the place of worship, was always faithful to his duties. He last time of attending public service was at last Yearly Conference at Beaver River. Generous to all church enterprises, ardent in support of missions, ready to forward the work of the B. and F. Bible Society of whose auxiliary he was secretary for many years and in all respect as a cheerful giver, he made the visit of every promoter of religion and moral reform a welcome one. It is but right to say that in these respects his wife shared his spirit of services and self-sacrifice. Bro. Crowell was married three times, the first time in 1861 to Sarah H. Crowell of Barrington Pass, who survives him. Of their two children, Fred is acting Postmaster at present, the daughter is wife of E. H. Coffin, Esq. The son of a former marriage is living in the United States. Bro. Crowell's health was much affected by the confinement and irregular hours incident to the Post office work, consumption and Bright's disease made him an easy prey. A stroke of paralysis three days before his death gave due warning of the event, but happily did not interfere with recognition of his friends, nor the power to confess his Saviour. He had been a Deputy G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance many years, had organized many divisions, and had been a mainstay of Concord Division No. 5. His last days were very peaceful; and the writer heard his words of confiding trust on the day of his death. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Edwin Crowell assisted by Rev. Mr. Hale (Methodist) and Rev. Mr. McClure, (Presbyterian). An address was given from the words, "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness," Ps. xvii, 15. In our brother's life and death we have exemplified the triumph of christian faith.—E. C.

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