

eye view. Behind are the statues of the King's and Queen's of England, and in front the scene is diversified, so gorgeous that I would say to romance turn pale and die. The eye is arrested by the magnificent crystal fountain surrounded by a sheet of water adorned by foreign plants and flowers of the most delicate hue, artificial mountains and rocks with stuffed animals in various postures, one in the act over a craggy hill of pouncing on his prey, at another place the spotted leopard eyes you perched on a rock &c. A tiger hunt is represented, two men are sitting on an elephant, the foremost has just shot a tiger which is there lying on the ground, the wound still bleeding while the one behind is attacked by another, his paws penetrating the elephant's skin, and the man about drawing his bow to let the shaft of death fly at him. Cases of stuffed birds &c.

The Esquimaux, the Red Indian and other tribes are represented in groups, while each side of the nave plants of every clime wave their foliage, forming a most effective background to the white statues that are picturesquely grouped along its sides. Behind these are the facades of the various industrial and fine art Courts, still heightening the effect by the brilliancy and gorgeousness of their colours.

One might sit down among shady trees, and amid flowers, filling the air with a most delightful odour, listening to the falling of water, lulled into a pleasing reverie by the sweet and entrancing tones of music. Who can imagine a more glorious elysium than this?

But this is not all. In the evening the feathered tribes seem to vie with each other in a rival concert, in which the Nightingale, Black-bird, Thrush, Robin Red Breast, nobly fulfil their part, making this glass house, which is their perpetual home, a vocal grove, to chant forth in tones sweet and melodious, the praises of their Creator. T. P. D.

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All Ministers of the gospel, who will send us the names of six new subscribers, will get the *Visitor* one year free of charge.

Secret Prayer.

The Saviour's instructions on this subject are explicit and direct. "When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."—Matt. vi. 6. This precept of our Lord perfectly accords with the feelings of the new born soul. In the language of David such an one exclaims—"My soul thirsts for God." "As the hart panteth after the water brook, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." These are strong expressions, and yet every Christian knows that they are in perfect unity with a truly religious frame of mind. The soul having the impress of Divinity longs to be made pure, and to be "filled with all the fulness of God."—Crowns and kingdoms cannot supply the place of this manifestation of Deity. The ransomed soul thirsting for this naturally seeks retirement where it can give expression to its desire in the utterance of prayer.

No praying in public or in the great congregation can fully satisfy the mind. There is an inexpressible longing for drawing near to God in the closet, where shut out from the world, and shut up with Him there may be intimate communion and holy fellowship. In this hallowed place all the secrets of the soul may be unfolded, and conscious sins of every sort confessed, and all requests made known to Him, who has an ear to hear and a heart to forgive. Where else can we use such freedom of speech? The believer has many things to tell his Heavenly Father, that he could not tell to his nearest and dearest earthly friend. The closet is the place where all restraint is thrown off, and where the mind centers intensely upon its own individual necessities.

Christians, have you not felt it to be an exalted privilege to be alone with God in the silent grove, or in the secret chamber? There have you again and again received a renewed evidence of your acceptance in Jesus Christ, and there have you often felt that prayer for those dear to you would in due time be answered.

The Saviour knew the value of secret prayer. Hence after "sending away the multitude he went up into a mountain apart to pray." On another occasion it is said—"Rising up a great while before day he went out into a solitary place and there prayed." His soul was so full, that appropriate utterance could not be given to it in the presence of even his disciples; he must be alone with his Father, that he might unfold the earnest longings of his burdened heart. Hence the truthfulness of the utterance:

"Cold mountains and the midnight air,
Witnessed the favor of his power."

Professed followers of Christ can this be said of you? It is possible that you may satisfy yourself with praying in your family, or in the social meeting, and that you are seldom, if ever found alone with the Omnipotent One, pouring forth your supplications in strong and unwavering faith in Bible promises with earnest strivings of soul for greater conformity to the image and ways of God. But remember that in such neglect there can be no real prosperity in the divine life.

In a world of temptation and trial, such as this through which we are passing, there must be closest meditation, closet praying, or in an evil hour we shall fall a prey to our spiritual foes.

Separated from secret communion with God, we are in imminent peril. By faith in his promises we are wedded to our Redeemer, and prayer is the legitimate utterance of that faith, as also the means of giving it strength and vigor to take a still faster hold of the immutable covenant, well ordered in all things and sore.

See to it then fellow Christians, that you do not neglect your closets. Have stated seasons for imploring in secret the divine blessing upon yourself personally, your friends and kindred, in particular, your minister, the church and the world. Then shall you have peace of conscience, and joy in the Holy Ghost, and your path be made like unto "the path of the just, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Home Missions.

At the recent anniversary of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society, at Moncton, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. *Resolved*—That the Report now read, be approved and published under the direction of the Society.

2. *Resolved*—That the special manifestations of God's grace in the salvation of souls through the missionary labors of this Society during the past year, should stimulate all hearts to engage with renewed zeal and benevolence in prosecuting the work of Home Missions.

3. *Resolved*—That this Society is deeply impressed with the importance of having a general missionary and financial agent to travel, constantly preaching the gospel, visiting the churches, collecting funds and adopting all proper measures to increase the resources, and to extend the usefulness of this organization, and that the Society cordially approve of the appointment of Rev. James Newcomb, by the Board to this important office.

4. *Resolved*—That this Society, in all its agents and interests be committed anew to the care, guidance and blessing of the God of Missions.

The appointment of Rev. James Newcomb, as General Missionary and Financial Agent, has our most cordial approval. It is a great work and one which will tax his physical strength, his mental powers, and his Christian patience and perseverance. He will especially need the sympathetic co-operation of the pastors, missionaries, deacons and leading men in our churches. While his mission is one of grave responsibility and toilsome anxiety, it has this redeeming quality, a wide and effectual door is open before him to make proclamation of the Gospel of the grace of God upon a broad scale. May the Lord give him favor in the eyes of the people, and clothe his message with power to many hearts.

Visit to Shediac.

Elder James Newcomb kindly drove from Moncton to Shediac to preach on Sabbath evening. We were pleased to find the Baptist Chapel comfortably filled with a respectable audience composed of Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, and Roman Catholics; all of whom listened with apparent interest and solemnity to the utterance of eternal truth. We had heard a good deal of Shediac, but we have to confess that the place is much more attractive in its general style and character than we had supposed. The lands are fertile, the houses chaste, and indications of progress abundant. Shediac is destined at no distant day to be a village of note. Situated as it is on the Gulf Shore, and connected as it will be in a short time by railroad with the waters of the Bay of Fundy, it must necessarily largely command the trade of P. E. Island, and all important points on the St. Lawrence to Canada.

Such being the fact we think our friends acted wisely in erecting a neat and commodious chapel, adapted to meet the growth of a rising village. It has been thought by some that it is too large and expensive; but we saw nothing about it as it respects its size or general character that the progressive appearance of the place does not fully justify. It is a chaste structure, well arranged, and is an ornament to the place. L. Wilber, Esq., deserves very great credit for his generous advances to complete the building, and we cherish the hope that the time is not far distant when the sale of the pews will be found sufficient to greatly reduce the liabilities of the Committee incurred by the erection. Elder Scott, who took a prominent part in getting up the Chapel is now, we are informed, making collections for it, and we are assured if the friends upon whom he calls for donations could see the place and the chapel for themselves he would not call in vain.

The missionary labors of Elder Newcomb in this district have been highly salutary; now that he has left to embark on his general agency the ground should be occupied at once by his successor. We hope Elder Scott will be induced to cast his lot in that section.

Shediac Railroad.

We see it stated in some of the papers that this Railroad is expected to open on the 10th of August, but no person with whom we conversed during our recent visit to Moncton, had any idea that it could open so soon. Some said there seemed but little prospect of getting it open until late in the autumn, if even then. In fact, as the season advances, terrible havoc is being made along the line. We observed that a large portion of the bridge across the Creek had given way, that a similar bridge near by had become so disarranged as to render it necessary to take it out entirely. The embankments in some places have broken down and must be re-built. How all this is to be done, in time to get the iron horse in motion over the entire line by the 10th proximo, we cannot imagine, unless they possess some magic power that we know not of. At all events there is a vast deal of work to be done by somebody before the road can be opened with safety. We regret to give this unfavorable report, but fidelity to the truth requires it.

We are happy to announce that the Rev. George Seely, recently pastor of the Baptist Church at Woodstock, has accepted the invitation of the N. B. Home Missionary Board to the New Brunswick Mission, Miramichi. He expects to enter upon the duties of his new field immediately. We bespeak for our young brother a cordial reception from the churches in that district, as one in all respects worthy of their confidence and support.

Rev. John Francis.

This esteemed brother has recently returned from the Southern States, where he was engaged through the winter in the service of the Revision Association. He preached in German Street Chapel on Sabbath morning last, and in Brussels in the evening, with his usual energy, and with much acceptance. He contemplates leaving on Thursday morning in the "Adelaide" for New York, and from that city he designs (D.V.) to take passage for England and Wales, where he will spend a number of months in advocating the claims of the "Bible Union." May the God of the sea and of the dry land throw around him the shield of his protection, bless him, and make him a blessing to many souls!

Baptist Seminary at Fredericton.

It will be seen, by a notice in another column, that the third term of this institution opens on Monday, the 3rd proximo. We are happy to announce that Rev. Isaiah Wallace has accepted the invitation of the directors to take charge of the Seminary during the absence of Rev. G. Spurden. This arrangement will, doubtless, receive the full concurrence of the denomination and public generally.

It is expected that the Principal will exercise a general superintendence over the boarding department, so that parents sending their children to the Institution will feel the most perfect confidence that they will be watched over and provided with all that is necessary to ensure comfort and protection.

The Board extended an application to Mr. A. H. Munro to continue his valuable services as associate teacher in the school. He has not yet accepted the invitation. His qualifications for imparting instruction are of a high order, and we cannot but feel that his retirement, just at this time especially, would be a serious loss; but should he do so, the Board will use their best efforts to supply a suitable successor.

BOOKS.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF SCRIPTURE: suggested by a tour through the Holy Land. By Prof. Hackett, of the Newton Baptist Theological Seminary.

This is an interesting book for the family circle. It has been ably noticed by many of the leading journals, and recommended by the leading clergymen of the various Christian sects, being entirely free from denominational bias, and will greatly aid the parent and Sunday school teacher, and all classes in the study of the Bible. It is furnished with a full alphabetical and scriptural index.

Mr. Trask, of Mass., having visited the principal cities of Maine, is spending a few days in our city, and will soon visit Fredericton. He has recommendations from several of our pastors.

THEODORA ERNEST: or the Heroine of Faith. New York, Sheldon, Blakeman & Co. DeMill & Fillmore, St. John.

Seldom has it been our lot to read a more fascinating and powerfully written book than this. It is an original in design and execution. Pleasant as a story, graceful in style, and powerful in argument, it is not astonishing that it has met with immense sale. It is a denominational book, and relates the gradual steps by which a gifted and beautiful young lady was led to forsake the religion of her fathers, and become a convert to Baptist principles. Her sufferings and sacrifices draw forth the warmest sympathy, while the masterly arguments elicit admiration and force assent. In short, it is a charming story, a powerful exposition of what we believe to be the truth, and a complete thesaurus of arguments in favour of the teaching of Scripture touching the action and subjects of Baptism, and the proper administration of the Lord's Supper. All classes and all denominations will read this book with equal interest. It is in such a form as this that strong truths may often be most effectively placed, and charm while they convince the reader.

THE LIFE OF SPURGEON. New York, Sheldon, Blakeman & Co. St. John, N.B., DeMill & Fillmore.

To those who have read the marvellous sermons of this wonderful man, the announcement of a sketch of his life will afford the highest degree of pleasure. As a young man of uncommon genius, the first preacher and most astonishing man of the age, his life will be interesting to all, but to us Baptists it will have a particular attraction. We cannot avoid feeling the warmest interest in his fortunes, we follow the course of his life with all a brother's sympathy, and hail his attainment to his present high position with a brother's joy. We rise from the perusal of this book, feeling more strongly than ever that this wonderful youth is emphatically a child of Providence, and that he who, at so early an age, has accomplished so much, has yet a noble work to perform for the church and for the world.

VICTORIA, C.W., July 2nd, 1857.

DEAR BROTHER:—After pausing from my journey, I will give you a brief sketch of my passage and my reception by my Canadian brethren. My whole family were very sick. On Sunday evening we all arrived safely in Boston.

Next morning we started in the cars, and were carried with great speed through glens and villages and large towns. I could not but admire the power and energy which could build a railroad through a tract of country where hills had to be cut through, valleys raised, and large rivers crossed. We rested all night at Albany, crossing the Hudson River in a steamboat, ready waiting for the trains. Next day we proceeded on our journey, and arrived at Buffalo. But finding no steamer there for Port Dover. We were obliged to take the cars and proceed round the North part of the Lake, and then stage it thirty miles to our new home. We arrived just as the sun was setting beneath a mild serene sky; the music of the feathered songsters; the beauty and fragrance of the flowers, the rich and majestic trees that waved their spreading branches above our heads, all added to the loveliness of our new home. I can never forget the kind friends I left in Point du Lac. I shall ever continue to remember them before a throne of grace. I wish here to express my gratitude to my dear friends at Sackville, especially Mr. and Mrs. Purinton, who

gave of their abundance to aid us, and sacrificed their sleep in order to fit us out for the journey; the Lord reward them a hundred fold. He has promised such acts of kindness shall not be forgotten. Likewise I am constrained to express my feelings of gratitude to Mr. Joseph Reed and Lunt, who kindly entertained my family while remaining in St. John, also the warm and kind reception the ministerial brethren gave me while in the city, and the deep interest they manifested in my welfare; also, I acknowledge with thankfulness the sum of upwards of £4, received from the kind friends of German Street Church, in a collection given for the purpose of defraying my travelling expenses. Every attention that any minister could wish, has been kindly shown me by my new friends. They have furnished a beautiful house, and three acres of land, inclosed for pasture. We have an excellent Sabbath School, very efficiently conducted, with nearly a hundred scholars. The weather has been unusually wet and cool, although vegetation appears very promising. The fields of wheat are looking vigorous, promising, and abundant harvest to the farmer. Mrs. Rowe and family are much pleased with their new home.

Dear Brother I wish you to send my Visitor, and notify in your paper, that all papers and letters for me be directed Victoria, Canada West. The Sabbath after leaving St. John, I preached to the people of my charge in Victoria. They were anxiously expecting me.

Yours truly,

JOHN ROWE.

For the Christian Visitor:

My esteemed Bro. Rev. Dr. Tupper advises me of an inadvertency in reference to the Foreign Mission money as expressed in the "Christian Visitor" of July 1st, as being "self-directed, and not given to the direction of the Convention."

In a letter to me, he observes, "such a measure was indeed proposed; but it did not pass." The report which I (Dr. Tupper) brought in approving the action of the Foreign Missionary Board was adopted."

Such being the case, it appears that the Association alluded to, made such an application of their funds as the action of the Foreign Mission Board at its Session, on June 5th ultimo, deemed "expedient and desirable;" as may be found in the 9th column of "Christian Visitor" July 1st.

In addition to the one French convert from Popery, I may add for the encouragement of the friends of the Acadian French Mission, that the Missionary has enjoyed several very interesting death-bed associations, with individuals who cordially received the encouragement of the Gospel, affords, through our Missionary; and an evident spirit of inquiry exists in many minds in this important field. A Canadian Colporteur is anticipated.

Your printer, Dear Editor, should have made Palmed to have spelled Publico, necessary attachment of the brethren to have read increasing attachment, and the star 5955 should have been inserted as the total number of members in the Western N. S. Baptist Association.

On Lord's Day July 5th, I entered an aged brother in Christ, by the name of Berry, a coloured man, who obtained a hope in the Lord in slavery before the independence of the United States, and while slavery yet existed in the State of New York. He came to N. S. with the refugees after that revolution: publicly put on Christ in Baptism shortly after and lived and rejoiced in Christ as a member of the Baptist Church in Tusket in association with Deacon Abram Lent, whom he often nursed in N. S. Lent infirm, while Bro. Berry was a slave in his native land. Blessed be God! We believe he has obtained a three-fold freedom, not only free from slavery, and free from the bondage of sin by conversion, but forever free from sin and all anxiety in Heaven.

He rests in peace, his happy soul
No more with care oppress,
Released from earth, has reached the goal
To sing among the blest.

Yours in christian love,

JAMES V. TABOR.

A Laborious and Successful Missionary.

Performed a mission of twelve weeks in Miramichi, Ludlow, Blissett and Blackville, where I preached the Gospel, which was accompanied with the Divine blessing in the conversion of sinners to God. Commenced April 15th, and ended July 20th, 1857, travelled in the time 756 miles, held 62 meetings, made 125 visits, baptized 20 persons, administered the Lord's Supper twice, circulated 2,124 pages of religious reading, formed one Sabbath School, and collected for the fund, \$25.

JAMES BLAKEMAN, Missionary.
July 13th, 1857.

Bro. John Hughes, who left this Province to take up his residence in Minnesota, has returned. The grasshoppers are making such havoc in the section of Minnesota where he was, that the most serious alarm is felt in relation to the issue.

We shall be glad to know that our brother has decided to remain permanently in his own native land. Surely the Gospel field here calls for more faithful laborers, and if we have some drawbacks to prosperity which are not found in the "far west," we are not likely to be eaten up this year, at all events, by grasshoppers.

A correspondent from Woodstock informs us that the barn of Mr. Hesketh, Eastbrook, of Jacksonville, was struck by lightning on the night of the 14th, and was burnt to the ground.

THE FISHERY COMMISSION.—The members of the Joint Fishery Commission, under the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, consisting of Major General Gustavus G. Cushman, of Bangor, the United States Commissioner, and R. D. Cuts, Esq., of Washington, his Surveyor, with M. H. Perley, Esq., Her Majesty's Commissioner, and George H. Perley, Esq., his Secretary and Surveyor, met at Eastport last week, and transacted much important business. Among other things, the Commissioners decided upon the appointment of an umpire, to settle some differences as to rivers in New Brunswick and Prince Edward

Island, respecting which they have conscientiously differed. We learn that the choice of Umpire, under the first article of the Treaty, has fallen upon the Hon. J. H. Gray, of this City, who was nominated by the British Commissioner, with the approval of Lord Napier, H. M. Minister at Washington.

Yesterday, Mr. Gray subscribed the declaration required by the Treaty, and took the oath of office, in presence of the Commissioners for the two countries, before His Worship the Mayor of St. John, and Collins Whiteker, Esq., United States Consul at this Port. We understand that Mr. Gray will proceed immediately to Prince Edward Island, there to enter upon the important duties confided to him.—*Freeman*.

A daring robbery was committed on Monday last; some one entering the residence of Mr. George Parker, Lower Corner, and stealing a belt containing \$1,500 in Gold.

The Marshall immediately, with his accustomed energy, went to work to ferret out the robber—in which, although he failed, he succeeded in obtaining such information as led to the recovery of the money, which was hid within a few rods of the place whence taken.—*Sentinel*.

We regret to learn that a fine promising youth, the only son of Stephen G. Burpee, Esq., Simonds, was drowned while bathing in the River in front of his Father's residence last week. We cordially sympathize with the afflicted parents and relatives in this mournful bereavement.—*Id*—

LOOKS WELL.—Mr. Oakes has powers around town setting forth that he wants 1,000 men to work on the Railroad, (St. Andrews and Quebec).—*Id*—

THE CROPS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—In so far as our personal observation extends, wheat, oats, barley and potatoes all promise well. Some people trust that the low temperature which has prevailed on some nights will be destructive of the wheat-midge. We hope it may, but if it be, the midge must be much more tender than the larva from which it proceeds. A fortnight now will determine the fate of the wheat crop.—Turnips are indifferent. Hay, if not a heavy crop, will, we think, be a full average, notwithstanding the drought in May. We suspect that a good deal of misapprehension prevails about the advantage to grass of heavy rain in May. In that month there is always plenty of moisture in the ground, and a superabundance of cold rain must be rather prejudicial than otherwise. Well as the crops look, it is, nevertheless, too early to draw a favorable conclusion regarding the harvest, with the fate of our two staples—wheat and potatoes—trembling in the balance.—*Islander*.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—A Canadian paper says:—"We are in a position to announce, with every certainty of not being deceived, that the object of the Attorney General's voyage is to obtain the assistance of the Mother Country for the opening of an intercolonial railway between Canada and Halifax, and that he will meet, at London, a deputation sent for the same purpose by Nova Scotia, which has taken the initiative in this scheme. We leave our readers to make their own commentary. A letter received by us from Halifax, of the highest authority, has furnished us with this news, which is confirmed by what reaches us from the Seat of Government. We have reason to believe that this is only a prelude to the Confederation of the British American Colonies, and that the trip of the Governor General to England has something to do with this question. 'Coming events cast their shadows before.'"

THE "MONTREAL" TRAGEDY.—After a protracted and most rigorous investigation, the Coroner's Jury upon the bodies of some of the unfortunate victims of the frightful steamer "Montreal" catastrophe has returned a verdict.

"The Coroner's Jury this evening at seven o'clock returned a verdict of manslaughter against John Wilson the younger, the owner of the 'Montreal'; John Charles Rudolf, the Captain; Jean Baptiste Dorval, the Pilot, and Louis Roberge, the Mate of that vessel."

"The Jury censured, in the strongest terms, John Wilson, Senior, controlling Agent of the steamer, for refusing to allow his boat to be inspected."

"The Jury also recommend strict enforcement of the laws in relation to steamboats."

"On the rendering of the verdict, warrants were issued by the Coroner for the arrest of the above-named persons, except the Captain, who is already in custody. The parties implicated will be indicted at the term of the Court of Queen's Bench now being held."

UNITED STATES.

Pearful thunderstorms have passed over several districts, and in a number of instances proving fatal. The Boston Courier says:

The house of Mr. Ezra Taft, in Uxbridge, Mass., was struck on Tuesday, and the daughter, 19 years old, was killed. Mr. Taft was severely injured, but will probably recover. A boy named Cook was riding upon a horse at Chicopee, Mass., during the thunder storm on Tuesday afternoon, when he and the animal were struck by lightning and both of them killed.

In Manchester, N. H., on Monday, many buildings were struck, and several persons were severely injured. At the house of Willard Merrill the fluid struck Miss Clara Heath on the neck, passed down her arm to her body, and down her left leg. Both her shoes were torn to pieces, leaving large holes where the fluid escaped. Yet she was not dangerously wounded, and will soon recover. The house was torn to pieces, and a large number of other buildings in the town were much damaged.

At New Haven on Tuesday morning, the house of Asa Hoyt was struck, and four chambers, in which seven persons were asleep, were badly torn, but fortunately no life was lost.

At Whitin's depot, Mass., the house occupied by Daniel Waldo was struck by lightning. Mr. Waldo and his wife received a se-

vere shock and were prostrated to the ground, but they soon recovered.

SAILING OF STEAMER.—The steamer Arabia took 100 passengers, and upwards of \$1,400,000 in specie.

The steamer Queen of the South, for Southampton and Bremen, had 140 passengers. The Secretary of the Interior this afternoon it is affirmed, dispatched an agent to Minnesota, to ascertain the true condition of affairs, and with instructions to the Superintendent of Indian affairs, in reference to the apprehended troubles in that territory.

INDIAN OUTRAGE.—CHICAGO, July 22.—The removal of the United States troops from Fort Ripley has emboldened the Chippewa Indians, and they have driven the entire missionary staff from the Missouri at Lake Leech.

Trouble is again brewing in Kansas. Gov. Walker has issued a proclamation asserting his intention to put down opposition to the bogus laws by force. The citizens of Lawrence are warned against organizing under their 'Poplar' Charter, and reprimanded for exhorting other towns to organize similarly. Seven hundred troops were summoned to march against Lawrence on Thursday.

Gen. Walker has returned to New Orleans, where he has summoned his officers to meet him, preparatory to another descent on Central America. It is said that he intends to effect his landing on the Pacific coast, though in order to do this he will be compelled to double Cape Horn, and we are called upon to believe that while his presence in that country is earnestly desired by the former victims of his brilliant capacity for conquest and administration, his departure from our own coast will not be impeded by our own Government.

Later despatches state that on the 17th inst. Governor Walker encamped outside of Lawrence, with eight companies of dragoons, under command of Colonel Cook. The citizens had, up to last accounts, refused to negotiate, and had resolved to resist when fired upon by the military.

Some five hundred French Waldenses about to come to this country, have secured, through their pastor, Mr. Lorrioux, three thousand acres of good land, in Monongalia County, Virginia, within eight miles of Morgantown, and only twenty miles from the Pennsylvania line, at the low price of seventy-five cents per acre. Mr. Lorrioux supposes the report of his purchase will induce many thousands of French Protestants to seek new homes in the same or similar localities, leaving their own country, where their dearest rights are always in danger, and where land commands a price of from \$300 to \$500 per acre.

EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESSION OF CASUALTIES.—In the late railroad accident near Marietta, Ohio, by which a car was precipitated from a bridge over a ravine, nearly sixty persons were killed, and a large number wounded. Among the latter were two interesting sons of Dr. Talbot Bullard, of Indianapolis, Ind., brother of Rev. Artemas Bullard, of this city, one thirteen and the other sixteen years of age. They both died in a few hours after receiving the injury.—There has been a remarkable succession of casualties in the family, whose name they bore. Their grandfather, Dr. Artemas Bullard, of Sutton, in this state, was killed by a fall in his barn, at the age of seventy-three years and five months. Their uncle, Dr. Jesse M. Bullard, of San Francisco, was wrecked and a few hours from that city on his way to the Sandwich Islands, some six years ago. Another uncle, Rev. Dr. Artemas Bullard, of St. Louis, was killed a year ago last November, at the railroad disaster at the Gasconade Bridge, Missouri. A second cousin Mr. Asa Bullard, late of Medway, was lost in the ferry boat between Philadelphia and Amboy, that was destroyed by fire. And now these youths, by a disaster similar to the one at the Gasconade Bridge, are laid in an early grave!

In addition to this, the father of Mrs. Dr. Artemas Bullard, of Sutton, Mr. Jesse White, of Northbridge, died from an injury from a falling tree; and her grandfather, Mr. Melvin Mason, of Thompson, Ct., died by choking, at the remarkable age of one hundred and three! These facts do indeed present a most singular succession of casualties in this family.—*Recorder*.

REV. DR. ARMITAGE has arrived safely in England. He had been warmly welcomed by the numerous friends of the Bible Union and others. He writes to us that he is delighted with Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, and that he and Spurgeon are to take a preaching tour together into the country. He was engaged to preach for Spurgeon, who appears to be equally delighted in his acquaintance with the President of the American Bible Union.—*Chronicle*.

BAPTIST HISTORY.—Our Baptist friends, says the American Presbyterian, "are cultivating an interest in the history of their denomination, with a very laudable zeal. Their growth in numbers and influence in Philadelphia of late years has been rapid, and their labors have been much blessed. In 1804 they had one church in Philadelphia, now they have many—some of them large and active, and with handsome houses of worship and able pastors. Their Historical Society, as we learn from the Chronicle, held a meeting on the third of July in the First Baptist church (Broad and Arch) which proved highly interesting. Dr. Belcher stated that a good beginning had been made in obtaining valuable manuscripts, autograph letters, portraits, books, and various curiosities connected with Baptist fathers. Dr. B. exhibited a full communion service in wood, used for many years by the German Seventh Day Baptists of Ephrata, in the province of Pennsylvania, nearly a century and a half ago. These curious matters excited great interest, as did also the plates, the candlestick, and the sippers used by those people, and a specimen of the pillows on which they rested their heads during the night they weakly spent in the house of God—all these were of wood; and accompanied by a sketch of these holy men and women." Rev. J. Cuthbert read a paper on the "Early Baptists of Philadelphia," which was equally interesting to old and young. The sketch given of the progress of their denomination from feebleness and poverty, to strength and wealth was very cheering to the audience. May our brethren continue and increase in good works!"