

ST. JOHN, N. B., NOVEMBER 14, 1867.

Ministerial Supply.

The question of ministerial supply for our churches in these Provinces, is one demanding very grave and prayerful consideration.

In Nova Scotia, the demand for an increase of able ministers of the New Testament at the present moment, is even greater than it is here.

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curious to know the reason why, but the curious public were not informed. Only in a few select circles was it told with sadness of heart those who had charge of his papers found letters so cringing that, as honest men they could not allow the works to appear. And thus a stake was drawn into the good man's grave, where it has remained until recently, when the ever true hand of Providence has drawn it out. It seems from the statement of the Newcastle (English) Chronicle, that the reports were mostly true, though instead of accusing papers came a living indictment in form of a daughter of Eve.

"It appeared," says the English paper, "that a woman had gone to the publishers and represented to them that she had been for many years under the protection" of Dr. Harris, and she related so many circumstances which looked like proofs that Dr. Harris' friends were compelled, though with the utmost sorrow, to believe the story. Very recently this woman has died, and on her death-bed she confessed that the story was false. It is very difficult to imagine what motive could have induced her to invent it. Whatever it may have been, every one will rejoice to hear that the character of the eminent man has been reinstated. The promised biography will now be completed as soon as possible."

There is no man who has a particle of manhood but will rejoice at the vindication of a grand character. The motive of the woman was probably to induce the publishers to give her money to hush up the story. They had engaged in the publication of the works. To stop would be a serious loss to them, and if she believed that as unprincipled as herself, she might expect they would give her a handsome sum of money, and bid her go her way. They did not do it. They preferred pecuniary loss, and the press stopped. We are glad that the long delayed memoir will now appear. The public will read them with greater interest than at the time of the good man's death, and will bless the hand that drew the stake out of the grave.

Union with the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec. At the recent Western Association, the following resolution, having reference to a combination of all the Baptists of the Dominion, in Foreign missionary work, was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Revs. I. E. Bill and G. M. W. Carey, be appointed to correspond with the Board in Nova Scotia, and with the Board of the Canadian Baptist Convention, on this subject [providing for the support of an independent Foreign Mission], and to make such preparatory arrangements as may be necessary for the purpose of effecting this desirable object.

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Relapse of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

We regret to learn by a letter from our son in London, that Mr. Spurgeon has had a relapse of his unfortunate disease. The London Freeman, of the 26th ult., speaking of this distressing event, says:—

On Wednesday week, feeling much better than he had been, he spent about ten hours at the Tabernacle, seeing candidates for church membership, and attending to those multitudinous duties which so large a charge involves, besides visiting the almshouses which are drawing towards completion. Those who know Mr. Spurgeon's marvellous power of pressing into ten hours, work that most of us could not do in less than twenty, will understand that he cleared up a number of pressing matters within those hours. But he had outdone himself. On the following morning the severe agony of rheumatism, which he had suffered with even greater force, on Sunday he was unable to speak, much to his bitter sorrow; and the Rev. A. G. Brown, of Stepney, and Rev. J. Spurgeon, occupied his pulpit. On Monday, when we visited him, he was still in great bodily suffering, but he succeeded, for the first time since Wednesday, in walking to his study, in which he spent a couple of hours. His illness this time has been acutely painful, and unfortunately his natural vigour has been in some degree impaired. Everything which human care and loving sympathy can do has been done; and his friends look anxiously for a decided change for the better. The state of our brother's health calls for the earnest prayers of all who have felt the value of his special gifts as a preacher of the gospel. The church of Christ can ill spare his devoted labours for the spread of the Master's kingdom; and we, as a denomination, cannot be too thankful to God for the noble self-denial and consistent activity he has manifested in the spread of principles we hold dear. The rumor that at a meeting of the deacons of the Tabernacle last week, it was resolved to appoint a co-pastor to relieve Mr. Spurgeon of his heavier routine work, is quite true. His brother has been appointed to the office; and though, should God spare his life, the pulpit will continue as ever to be occupied by the pastor, he will be largely assisted by his brother, whose help for years past in the College and the other organizations has been as valuable as his own. It can be no doubt that Mr. Spurgeon requires retirement and rest; and though rest is painful to him, we hope he may accept the advice of his friends to quit London for a few weeks, as soon as his strength will allow him, since change of air may be his best restorer to that perfect health, which we most heartily pray he may again enjoy. The Rev. W. Brock will supply the pulpit this (Thursday) evening, and on Sunday morning next; the Rev. W. G. Lewis preaching in the evening.

BAPTISTS IN ALEXANDRIA STREET, TORONTO.—Last Lord's Day evening a candidate was baptized by the pastor of the above named church, Rev. G. A. Macnutt, in the presence of a large and attentive congregation. His sermon was founded on the words, "Suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." The duty, privilege and reward of following implicitly the Saviour's example, and yielding an unquestioning obedience to his commandments were plainly and powerfully set forth by the speaker, as well by the position, eloquent and judicious address of the pastor, as by the traditions and innovations of men. We cannot see how any Christian could leave that house taking the plausible ground that since believers' baptism is not the procuring cause of salvation it may therefore be slighted with impunity as unimportant, and be satisfied with a purely human invention substituted instead. We are glad to learn that others are likely to follow Jesus, in his own appointed way, ere long.—Canadian Baptist.

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THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF YORK COUNTY was convened with the Baptist Church at the Nashua on the 12th of Oct., at 2 o'clock, P. M. The Rev. J. E. Hopper preached on Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock, and again at 3 P. M., to not large but attentive congregations (he had to leave that evening.) The Rev. G. Burns preached in the evening Monday morning at 10 o'clock held a meeting for business. Rev. William Harris appointed to the chair, and C. L. Goodspeed, Clerk. Moved and carried that the next York County Quarterly Meeting be held with the Lower Baptist Church at the Keswick. Decided that it is important that ministering brethren be punctual in their attendance at our Quarterly Meetings. The Rev. G. Burns preached at 11 o'clock. Held a social meeting in the evening; the brethren spoke freely. The Quarterly Meeting then adjourned to meet with the Lower Baptist Church at Keswick on the last Saturday in December, at 1 o'clock, P. M. C. L. GOODSPEED, Clerk. St. Mary's, Nov. 5, 1867.

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Obituary of Mrs. Mary Tupper. The request of my dear departed wife, that only a brief obituary of her should be published, reflects on me to narrow limits. The outlines of her life must be brief.

She was the eldest daughter of the late William and Julia A. Miller, and was born in Aylesford October 31st, 1804. My acquaintance with her commenced when she was about ten years old, at which time she attended my school. She was an obedient and amiable child, whom I had never, according to my recollection, occasion to rebuke. After my obtaining a hope in Christ, there was religious improvement in her, and she was distinguished by religious impressions which were never wholly effaced.

Miss Miller was ever prudent and circumspect in her whole deportment; and was justly held in esteem by all her acquaintance. It was not, however, till after the commencement of an extensive revival in the autumn of the year 1828, that she became a member of a Baptist Church, All Christians were ever dear to her.

Beneficence was always a prominent trait in her character. At duty toward her neighbors, she was diligent in a common school and a Sabbath school; in both of which she diligently strove to promote the spiritual, as well as the temporal welfare of those committed to her care. She is gratefully and affectionately remembered by her pupils. For some time she boarded herself, and scarcely received any compensation, except the luxury of doing good.

One of her sisters-in-law was long sick, and finally died, leaving five orphan children. Devoting attention upon her dying and distressing illness, she filled them with the charge of these children, brought up one of them from early infancy by hand, and was, in effect, an affectionate mother to them all, and continued to the close of her life. Through the protracted sickness which preceded the death of her only sister, like a kind ministering angel, she waited upon her with unwearied tenderness. When her worthy and beloved mother became helpless through paralysis, she cheerfully devoted her time and attention to the change of filial duty toward her sickly mother as she lived.

After the decease of my former amiable and excellent wife, the pious, disinterested, and kind disposition of Miss Miller descended her home as a suitable partner. We were married June 2d, 1852. In many cases the marriage of a minister, especially a second marriage, subjects him to the displeasure of some persons. But happily in this instance it was agreeable to all parties. The utmost kindness invariably existed between the second wife and the children of the first. Mrs. Tupper generally enjoyed a favorable state of health. She frequently accompanied me in my journeys, and visits to different parts of my field of labor; and kindly waited upon me in health and in sickness. Her native cheerfulness, tempered with Christian gravity, rendered her an agreeable associate, and every where secured for her a cordial reception. Her prudent counsels often afforded me valuable assistance. She was a true and faithful friend, and was ever ready to relieve the wants of the needy. 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