

the welfare of the Irish people the better. Thursday, 3d Feb. '81.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

The patience of the House of Commons has at length been exhausted. After a continuous sitting of more than forty hours, the intervention of the Speaker became imperative, and the flow of talk was arrested. At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, Feb. 2d, while Mr. Bigger was speaking, the Speaker rose and motioned him to be seated, then amid intense excitement, the extreme authority of the Chair was exercised and the debate stopped, a proceeding which the present generation of politicians has not heretofore witnessed.

JOHN EDMUND CRACKNELL.

For the Visitor. RESIGNATION OF REV. MR. MUSGRAVE

I have withdrawn myself from the pastorate of the congregation of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Saint John. My convictions, both as to the plainest Christian truth, and as to the published principles of the Reformed Episcopal Church, are at variance with the ideas of the most prominent members of that congregation.

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For myself, suffer me to say that I am simply orthodox, holding exactly the doctrinal views of Archbishop Leighton and Bishop Pearson of Hervey and Romaine, and more recently of Miss F. R. Havergal.

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I am, sir, your obedient servant, BURNTORN MUSGRAVE. St. John, 14th Feb. 1881.

UNCONVERTED MEMBERS.

Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe, D. D.: Please give me your views on this point: Should a person remain a member of the church if she is satisfied she never has been converted? A lady friend of mine is in a dilemma on this point and asked me to write you, as she knows you from reputation and has great confidence in the soundness of your views.

ANSWER.

It is a well understood fact that Baptists believe that none but converts should hold membership in the church of Christ. If any persons in the church become thoroughly satisfied that they are not converted, it is our opinion that they should be permitted to withdraw if they wish to do so; their life being correct the church can make no charge against them, but they can be allowed to withdraw. What the individuals ought to do is another matter. They must decide that for themselves.

Having entered the church in good faith on their part, and the church having received them in good faith, the question of remaining in or getting out of the church is a small matter as compared with the great question of being in Christ or out of Christ. We have had some members in our pastorate in that state of mind, and have always urged them not to trouble about their connection with the church, but resolve all their thoughts into the vastly more important question of union with Christ; and we have not found a really honest one who did not soon find Jesus precious to him. And if such should ask for re-baptism we should decline to administer it; having been once received on a pro-

fession of faith we could have no better assurance in the second case. The church has done her part; it is afterwards with the person and his Savior.—Alabama Baptist.

MISSIONARY COLUMN.

TELUGU FIELD.

This year began with the whole world open to the Gospel. About 3600 missionaries are proclaiming the good news of salvation. Their efforts are seconded by about 2000 ordained native preachers and 30,000 unordained native helpers. Supporting these are 625,000 native church members, with a nominal Christian population five times the membership, and mission schools containing 412,000 pupils. One hundred and fifty million copies of the Bible, the good seed of the word, are distributed in heathen lands. They preach Christ in two hundred and fifty tongues—and we have the promise that the word shall not return void.

We are sometimes overjoyed by zeal reported in the missionary work. We are thrilled by Pentecostal success. It is right for us to thank God and take courage. But we must remember the work is only begun. Only an exceedingly small proportion of the heathen are the disciples of Christ, only a small fraction of Christians at home are sharing in the great work. There is but one missionary to every half million of the race. One half of China's provinces, each an empire, are yet wholly unoccupied. "The millions of Thibet, Tartary, Afghanistan, Kurdistan, Mangolia, Arabia, are wholly without missionaries—only fragments of the vast population of Central Africa and South America are yet reached. The Greek and Roman churches hold three hundred millions under an almost unbroken spell. The first converts have only begun to come from the one hundred and eighty millions of Islam's deluded followers. Figures fail to picture the seven hundred million, who still follow the dreams of Buddhism or the pollutions of Polytheism. Thirtymillion immortal souls pass into eternity in 1881 without the Gospel. The work, Christians, is only fairly begun.

EUROPE.

We speak of Christian Europe; nevertheless it is regarded as Mission Field for Protestants, for evangelical churches. And it is justly considered a mission field, since the Roman Catholic church dishonors the religion of Jesus Christ, and the Great church fails, from indifference and impurity, to evangelize men. The old Protestant churches are often recreant to the doctrines of this earlier history, and have lost spiritual vigour—but additional reason for effort in Europe is found in the success attending the work already begun.

JAPAN.

At the beginning of the year we have reported the following statistics, 19 societies 117 missionaries, 2,701 converts and 2,511 scholars. These among a population of over thirty-four millions. Recent reports inspire great hopes for the future. A Japanese governor is reported as saying—“While the religion of Jesus is forbidden there is yet no desire to prevent its spread, and even if there were we could not help it.” Others in discussion are heard to say, “Christianity is not bad you know, there is no use for anybody's contending any longer for existence of more than one God.”

Rev. T. P. Poate, reports in the Baptist Missionary Magazine an extended tour in which his work was signally blessed. At different stations the preaching was welcomed and quite a large number converted and baptized. At one station he was permitted the first night after his arrival to lead a man to Christ. He says it was the first time he had seen among the Japanese a case of instantaneous conversion. “No sooner did he hear of Christ than he—

Rev. Mr. Mauley gives an interesting letter of a “Field Day” in the Ongole mission. That mission has rejoiced in many such “Field Days.” On this occasion 327 were baptized. They were all carefully examined by native preachers and and by the missionaries, Brethren Clough and Boggs. There were baptized, from Jan. 1st to Oct. 16, in this station 1875, the number of baptisms for the two years and four months succeeding June, 1878, was about 11,000.

Bro W. R. Manley, under date of Dec. 13th, says: “We are nicely fixed now at Ongole. I think Mrs. Manley's health will be better here. We are getting on with the language as well as we could hope. We like it very much; we can talk a little. Yesterday evening I baptized eight from a neighboring village, using the baptismal formula in Telugu. Bro. and sister Boggs lying he rejoiced and began to preach to others.”

INDIA.

are off on a tour. Word comes in from the northern part of the field that there are a thousand believers there awaiting baptism. Oh, how much we need more men! Bro Clough writes, Dec. 20th: “The Telugu Theological Seminary is doing a greater work for Jesus than I ever, in my most sanguine moments, promised our friends. There are 175 students in it today, and a class of some fifty will graduate from a three years' course in April. We fully believe it is one of the grandest institutions for promoting the cause of Christ present and prospective on this planet.”

Bro. Timpany agrees with Bro. Clough. He says: “We must have a seminary at Cocanada; our success is bound up in it.

Bro. Clough is reaping the fruits of his hard toil when at home. He never did more work for Christ and the Telugus than while securing the Teiugu seminary endowment. The school is a tremendous power. I do not believe there is another like it in all heathendom.”

BIBLE WORK.

“We now have \$5,000 cash from the Missionary Union with which we are printing a Tentative Telugu New Testament. It is not without errors, doubtless, but those passages which we as Baptists are most particular about are correct.” Regarding the comparative need of money for Scriptures, and other work, Bro. Clough says: “Probably not more than five per cent. of the Telugus, and these mostly Brahmims, can read at all. According to the census of 1870, only about three per cent. could read. Of the classes from which our converts are now coming, not more than one in a hundred can read, hence, of course, the masses of the heathen can be reached only by the preached word.

“The great mass of these converts must be taught—first their letters, then to spell easy words, and then to read; hence it must appear to every one, as self-evident, that while we use some money for Bibles and tracts, these are not the all important things, and where we need one dollar for these purposes, we must have twenty-five dollars for our preachers, village and station school-teachers, girls' and boys' schools, and high and normal schools. Without these we fail to do God's work here. We have always had at Ongole all the money for Bibles and printing we wanted, except for short periods, and the mission books will show that where we have used one dollar for books we have used twenty-five for preachers, teachers, etc. As in the past so it must be in the future.”

Church News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

MONCTON.—Of late we have been cheered by a marked increase of interest in church work. Some that for a long while have been apparently indifferent are being revived and are now taking their places as active workers in the church. Last Sabbath it was my privilege to baptize two rejoicing believers in the Lord Jesus. GEO. O. GATES.

DONATION.—The Baptist Church and congregation of Fairfield, made their pastor, Rev. D. S. Carpenter, a donation of \$46 cash—\$10 of this was especially donated for books. It was raised through the proposal of John Bill, Esq., Sackville. H. Phinney was chairman of the meeting. G. W. Mitten presented the purse.

NOVA SCOTIA.

FREEPORT, N. S.—Rev. Jos. Kempton reports revival influences. DARTMOUTH.—Pastor Grant baptized two believers last week.

ARCADIA, YARMOUTH.—Rev. A. H. Lavers baptized six converts recently, and reports a good religious interest on his field. He has just celebrated in a very pleasant manner the tenth anniversary of his marriage.

GUYSBORO.—Rev. W. C. Rideout writes to us, that Bro. Bleakney is to leave Port Lorne and Hampton N. S., this month, and the churches have written to Bro. R. to assist them. When Bro. R. left the field nine weeks since, a good work was in course of progress. At Guysboro, Bro. R. reports that there is a revival in that field, and that five had united with the church, and several others were inquiring the way to Zion.

ELSEWHERE.

Dr. Castle has just entered upon the ninth year of his pastorate in Jarvis Street Church. During his eight years 810 have been received into the Church—493 by baptism, 257 by letter, 56 by experience, and 4 by restoration. The dismissals have been: by letter, 270, by death 47, by ex- urse, 54, and by exclusion, 25, total, 596. Net increase, 414, which with 352, when he entered upon his work, make the present number upon the roll, 766.—Baptist.

ONTARIO.—Rev. Mr. Brookman baptized three persons at York Mills recently.—In College St. Church, Toronto, pastor Salmon baptized sixteen persons.—At Woodstock Rev. Mr. Ashley baptized two candidates.

DEDICATION.

THE Albert St. Baptist Church, Woodstock, will be dedicated to the service of God, on Sunday, 20th inst. The dedication sermon will be preached by Rev. J. E. Hopper, A. M., at 11 o'clock. The ministers of the denomination and brethren of the church in the vicinity are cordially invited to be present on the occasion and participate in the services. P. S. LECTURE.—On Monday evening, 21st inst., the Rev. J. E. Hopper will lecture in the new church.

News Summary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

There was a very large attendance at the opening of the Legislature Tuesday afternoon. Lieut. Governor Wilnot opened the Legislature with the following speech:—Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I have convened you at this time for the con-

sideration of the affairs of the Province, with full confidence that your labors will be resumed with a spirit devoted to the public welfare. You will join me in the expression of gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed on the people of this Province during the past year. The harvest of the season has been abundant, and although our trade and manufactures have exhibited to some degree the effects of the depression to which the commerce of the world has been more or less subjected during the same period, I have reason to believe that they have received no permanent check and the progress of the Province in general prosperity has again commenced and will be now relieved from those retarding influences which have been for some time so seriously felt.

You will be gratified to learn that the Act passed by you during the last session, relating to agriculture has proved highly acceptable to the farming interests of the Province and that the Board established under that Act has entered upon its responsible labors under very favorable circumstances and possessing the generous confidence of the agriculturists of the Province. During the past year the Province was favored in the visit of the English agricultural delegates. My Government felt it a duty to extend to them all assistance possible in furtherance of the object of their mission and to enable them to become personally acquainted with many of our rich farming districts. I am happy to say that the efforts in this behalf were cordially and promptly supplied wherever the delegates went and by all classes of the people. I regret the limited time at the disposal of the delegates rendered it impossible for them to accept the invitation of my Government and of the local authorities to visit other sections of the Province. You will be glad to know that very favorable impressions of the Province were formed by the delegates, which I think will not fail to lead, in many respects, to very beneficial results. The Exhibition of 1880 will be long remembered as one of the most successful hitherto held in this Province. The fine agricultural, horticultural and stock exhibits evidenced the great and increasing care, industry and intelligence of our farmers and stock raisers, while the remarkable display of mechanical and manufacturing products were the subjects of unanimous and unqualified admiration, and were eminently fitted to inspire our people with the fullest confidence in the future of our mechanics and manufacturers. All other departments of the Exhibition were also characterized by great excellence.

I view with great pleasure the increasing interest manifested in the export trade of cattle and sheep to Great Britain, and I am sure you will be pleased if a cheaper and more expeditious mode of transportation than exists at present shall be established by a line of steamers from this Province to a port in Great Britain, which seems indispensable to the permanency and success of the trade. It will be a matter of congratulation if the Federal Government shall determine to assist so important a work by the granting of a reasonable subsidy to its aid. Bills relating to the administration of Justice in the trial of causes in the Supreme Court, to County valuation for the purpose of assessment and in further amendment of the law relating to the issue of Provincial debentures, and other measures of importance will be submitted for your consideration.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: I have given directions that the account of the receipts and expenditures of the past fiscal year, and a detailed statement of the receipts and payments of the current year, up to the openings of the present session and the estimates for the current year, be laid before you at an early day. You will be asked to make provision for the commencement of the erection of additional accommodation in connection with the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. President and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—Relying upon your patriotism and zeal in the public service, and commending your deliberations to Divine guidance, I leave you to the performance of your respective duties.

On Thursday, Mr. Henry Daniels, farmer, of Nauwigewauk, received a despatch from Boston announcing the death by a railway accident of his son William. The latter was fireman of Engine 11 of the Hartford night train of the New York and New England Railroad. On Thursday morning this train collided with a passenger train on the Old Colony Railroad at the junction of the two roads. Daniels was instantly killed, the engine going over an embankment, and several persons were injured.

A man belonging to the lumber camps near Red Pine Station, south of Bathurst a short distance, was found dead in the woods on Thursday. He had gone moose hunting. When found his gun was lying beside him and death seemed to have been the result of natural causes.

Next week Mr. Michael Coughlan, of this city, is to ship to England some sixty head of Nova Scotia cattle. At Pollet River Westmoreland county, on Friday, 28th ult., a young man named Charles Chapman, of Butternut Ridge, while working in the woods, was struck on the head by the top falling off a dry tree. Death was instantaneous.

Crandall & Co., Moncton, are building a very handsome ship of about 1200 tons. Nearly all the frame work is up. They are employing from 20 to 30 men, and expect to launch her about June.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Messrs. James G. Foster and W. H. Weeks, of Halifax, have sold their gold mining property at Montague to an American company for \$50,000.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Progress, which was purchased a few days ago by Mr. W. A. Brennan, of the Journal, has passed into the hands of the Progress Publishing Co., of which Mr. Bairnsfather is the representative. It is to be conducted in the interests of the Conservative party. Messrs Simon and Patrick Deaneley, the former proprietors of the Progress, send a statement to that paper in answer to McNeill's circular, in which it is made to appear that that gentleman was not so badly used as he represented himself to be.

The gross earnings of the Island Railway last year were \$113,851.11, and decrease of \$12,004 when compared with that of the previous year. The working expense of the road were \$164,640.55 being less than the receipts by \$50,789.44. The working expenses of the previous year were \$223,313.12. The Summerside Journal gives an account of a little fellow in Tignish, who while playing at hanging the other day nearly strangled himself. He was found by his elder brother dangling at the end of a rope, just in time to save his life. The General Assembly is called by Proclamation of the Lieut. Governor to meet for despatch of business on Tuesday, the first day of March next.

J. R. Calloun, Esq., of Summerside, has in conjunction with Mr. D. McLean, one of the former proprietors, purchased Mrs. Johnston's interest in the Mill Valley Woolen Mills. Mr. Calloun is an energetic business man, and we have no doubt that the new firm will receive that amount of patronage which their enterprise merits.

A public meeting was held in Charlottetown recently to consider the subject of protection to the manufacturing interests of that city, it having become apparent by the judgment in the case of Alley vs. Duchimen that these interests are in danger of being closed up at any time by some one who may think himself annoyed by its noise. Resolutions were passed unanimously to petition the Legislature at the coming session for a law to protect mechanics in the prosecution of their business, and expressing the opinion that the case ought to be tested at the highest tribunal in the land. A subscription was opened and a handsome amount subscribed there on the spot for the purpose of aiding the Duchimen Bros. to prosecute their suit.

During last week heavy snowstorms prevailed, and a vast amount of snow fell. It is estimated about 6 feet. Travelling was suspended for some days.

There are three new lobster-canning establishments being erected near Sea Cow Head, South Bedoue. One is being started by Messrs. Brown, Clarke & Robblee, of Summerside. The other two are being got up for United States companies.

UPPER PROVINCES.

A despatch from Prescott, Ont., Feb. 11th, says: Shortly after the passing of the down express this morning about 5 o'clock, the down freight collided with the freight bound west, at the switch, immediately below the Grand Trunk Railway station here, badly smashing its own engine and utterly demolishing four freight cars, two filled with general merchandise, one with barrels of oil and one empty. The collision seemed to be caused by the failure of the engineers to slow up in time. The train being a heavy one the impetus acquired drove it into the westward train. The rolling stock suffered from \$25,000 to \$25,000. No blame can be attached to any employee here. Workmen are now moving the debris, and the track will be clear for the afternoon trains.

The Toronto Globe on Friday morning contains the following cablegram dated London, Feb. 10th: “The Grand Trunk dividend is announced for the last half year five per cent, on first and second mortgage bonds with the arrears of the previous half year on the latter. One per cent. has been declared on the third preference bonds.”

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise returns to her husband in Canada in May, when also a numerous party of English visitors will join in a fishing tour on the Lower St. Lawrence. Subsequently Her Royal Highness with the visitors from England will pay a visit to Manitoba and the Northwest Provinces of the Dominion.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

The Times of the 11th, states that Parnell has not returned to London but is in Paris, where he will be joined to-morrow by Dillon, who will remain a few days in consultation with the Land Leaguers there and then return to Ireland. It is expected that Parnell will proceed to America direct from France.

One hundred and three members of the Commons have signed a memorial asking that Davitt be treated only as a misdemeanant in prison. It is stated James E. I. Rogers (advanced Liberal) intends to propose in the Commons an amendment to the “Protection of Persons and Property (Ireland) Bill,” exempting members of Parliament from arrest, except after communications to the Commons of the circumstances under which the arrest is sought.

A London despatch on the 11th, says: The News says it is rumored that there is a plot to blow up Windsor Castle. Precautions are taken and the Queen has delayed her return from Osborne.

The Standard says that some of the principal members of the Land League will meet in Paris next week. Parnell's future course will probably be then decided. In not returning to England, Parnell has been acting on the advice of friends in London. Meanwhile his absence is seriously disorganizing the Home Rule party. Dillon and other Land Leaguers start for Paris to-day.

A despatch from Newcastle, Natal, on the 11th, says: The Hussars who were expected to arrive on Wednesday are still twenty miles distant. There is reason to believe that the Boers are tapping the telegraph wires. The Government telegrams will therefore be sent in cipher. There is no doubt now that the Boers of the Orange Free State have joined the hostile movement and are stopping the cattle supplies. General Colley telegraphs that the Boers have occupied the late battle field, and are reported to be in force in the neighborhood of Newcastle. The Central News Association says the Government has determined to send 1,000 troops as reinforcements to Transvaal.

The Commons Friday night rejected, by 178 to 100, a motion to suspend the Order-in-Council abolishing the offices of Chief Justice of the Common Pleas and Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

The Jersey Steel and Iron Company, limited, of Liverpool, Friday, went into liquidation. Liabilities £350,000; the assets, consisting principally of stock, premises and machinery, are considerable. Losses amount to £35,000.

A despatch from Little Rock, Feb. 11th, says: J. Brady, C. Cassman and Charles Williams, who robbed the Greenville, Tenn., Bank on Tuesday night, were captured here yesterday, and about \$2,600 recovered.

Minnie Lee, 10 years old, died Thursday night of hydrophobia in Jersey City. Four children of the Lee family were bitten by an ugly dog four weeks ago. Minnie died in horrible agony.

Henry McMakin and Samuel Langer were found dead in their room at the Soldiers' Home, Milwaukee, Thursday, from the effects of coal gas.

In the House committee of foreign affairs, Washington, Friday, the joint resolution introduced providing for a joint committee of the Senate and House to investigate the alleged fraudulent statistics used before the Halifax Fisheries Commission and providing for a joint commission by the United States and Great Britain to investigate the same, were referred to a subcommittee, with instructions to report as early as possible. The committee also agreed to report a bill appropriating \$63,000 for the purpose of bridging the St. John and St. Francis rivers providing the Dominion of Canada appropriating an equal amount.

The Cunard Line steamer “Batavia,” some time overdue at Queenstown from New York, has been spoken, with propeller gone. She was being towed to Fayal. Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Mr. Wm. L. Ashmond Bartlett were married Feb. 12th, at Christ Church, Piccadilly.