

and helpless prisoner, he turned to the Spanish General with a shout of defiance, "Fire, if you dare. Let but a hair of his head perish, and I will blow your town to pieces." the Spaniard passed, blustered, swore; but he dared not shoot through the ensign of a mighty empire, and speedily he released the condemned American, who is now in his native land to tell the story of his marvelous rescue from the very jaws of the grave.

Every sinner who neglects or refuses to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour is by that fact alone, even if there was no other claim against him, under condemnation. "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil," (John iii. 18, 19). Since the coming and death of Christ, it is no longer the sin question, but the Son question, that determines human destiny. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," (John iii. 36). "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son, hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life," (1 John v. 11, 12).

The reason for this is perfectly plain. As sinners were under the sentence of death, "for the wages of sin is death," (Rom. vi. 23); "if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die," (Rom. vii. 13); "the soul that sinneth it shall die," (Ezek. xviii. 20); "cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them," (Gal. iii. 10). Nay, we were spiritually dead, already, for it is written, "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins," (Eph. ii. 1); "as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned," (Rom. v. 12); "because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead," (2 Cor. v. 14); "she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth," (1 Tim. v. 6).

Such was our condition of utter helplessness and hopelessness, when it pleased God, "who is rich in mercy," to send His Son into the world, "made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law," (Gal. iv. 4, 5), to pay the dreadful penalty of sin, to declare the perfect righteousness of God, "that he might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus," (Rom. iii. 26). But "if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain," and "if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law," (John ii. 21; iii. 21).

We are shut up, therefore, to the necessity of receiving Christ, who says, "As the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given to the Son to have life in himself," (John v. 26); "ye will not come to me, that ye might have life," (John v. 40); "the Bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world," (John vi. 35); "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," (John x. 10); "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," (John xiv. 6); or on the other hand, we must continue in death, that in the very

nature of things terminates beyond the grave in eternal death. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," (Acts iv. 12).

But, praise forever to that most worthy and precious name, the moment we believe in Him, receive Him, trust Him, we can lift up our heads with the joyful shout, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus," (Rom. viii. 1). God "hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him," (2 Cor. v. 21); and just as soon as the sinner about to perish raises the cry of faith, "Lord, save me," He throws over him in the presence of angels and of devils the broad banner of His own spotless righteousness, and no enemy dare pierce that emblem of present and eternal salvation. "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ (that died) yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us," (Rom. viii. 33, 34).—*The Truth.*

Religious Intelligence.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Baptisms are reported during the month at Algonquin, 12; Brampton, Brantford, *First Church*, 4; Brockville; Cape Rich, 1; Cramah, *Second*, 14; Dundas, 4; Durham, 29; Forest; Hamilton, *First St.*, 5; Iona, 14; Keady, 4; McGillivray, 12; Montreal, *Old*, 31; Pricerville, 4; St. Catharines, 3; Smith's Falls, 4; Springfield, 1; Strathroy, 4; Toronto, *College St.*, 4; Jarvis St., 16; Welland, 9; and Wingham, 26.

Pastoral Changes.—Rev. M. P. CAMPBELL has resigned the pastorate of the church in Boston, and accepted a call to that in *Puisley*.

Rev. D. S. MULHURN, late of La Fargueville, N. Y., has accepted a call to the churches in *Almonte* and *Carlton Place*, Ont.

Rev. J. G. CALDER has resigned the pastorate of the Allis Craig and East Williams church.

Chapel Opening.—The new chapel of the *2nd Methodist Church* was dedicated on the 13th December, the dedication sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. Davidson.

Church Recognized.—The recently formed *Adelaide St. Church*, in London was publicly recognized as a sister Baptist church, on the 11th of December all 76 constituent members.

Miscellaneous.—On Thursday 3rd inst., occurred the first of a series of *Literary and Musical entertainments*, to be held monthly by the Young Women's and Young Men's Associations of Jarvis st. church. The President of the Young Men's Ass'n, Mr. Thomson, occupied the chair. The exercises, consisting of original papers, readings, address by the pastor, music etc., were quite interesting.

The *Musical Entertainment* given by the choir of Jarvis st. church at *Barrie* on Thursday P. M. the 10th inst., was a grand success. Notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather, there was a crowded and enthusiastic audience, and a considerable sum was realized towards the building fund of the new Baptist chapel.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Baptisms reported during the month: Parrsboro, N. S., 39; Lower Economy, N. S., 1;

Barley Settlement, N. B., 1; Good Settlement, N. B., 10; Second Falls, N. B., 2; St. John, N. B., *Brussels St.*, 2.

Miscellaneous. Rev. J. D. POPE returned home from his mission in England in good spirits and health, and gratified at the measure of success which he attended his arduous labors. He was astounded at the wealth and energy of England, and was in ecstasies over Scotland. The pressure of hard times and the absorbing interest taken in procuring relief for the sufferers in the India famine, prevented the largest measure of success anticipated from the appeal for help from this side of the water. The worthy brother preached last Sabbath at the Temple Baptist Church in this city.—*Christian Visitor*, Jan 2.

GREAT BRITAIN.

"PLAIN TALK."—Those who have made the acquaintance of Mr. Hugh Stowell Brown's little monthly magazine will regret to see the following announcement in the current issue:—"The present number finishes the third volume of *Plain Talk*, and it is not the editor's intention to carry on the work any further. In view of various other engagements that are likely to occupy his time very fully, he deems it well to give up the responsibility of conducting this periodical. And in now bringing the work to a close, he desires to offer his very cordial thanks to those gentlemen who, from time to time, have so kindly assisted him in freely furnishing him with papers on a great variety of subjects; and to his readers, who have sustained the publication so well that, though it does not die rich, it dies in a decent manner, owing no man anything; in this, if in nothing else, setting an example worthy of imitation.—*Freeman*."

GENERAL.

Eight clergymen in Chattanooga have denounced the custom of obtaining money for churches by means of lotteries.

There is a strong Catholic movement against dancing in Baltimore. Many young women who are church members are dropping the amusement from their party engagements.

MR. RIME, the temperance lecturer, desires to correct what he says is an erroneous belief that there is no fascination in drunkenness. He asserts that there is a joy in it, and he speaks from experience.

The Bible Depository in Japan is sending out over 20,000 portions of Scriptures a year. Acts has just been published, and Galatians will soon be ready, and a beginning has been made on the Old Testament.

The students of the Andover, Newton, and Boston Theological Schools, of the Congregational Baptist, and Methodist—held their second annual reunion recently at Boston.

The Antonelli will case has been closed, and it is said the decision will undoubtedly be in favour of the defendants unless the Countess Lambertini can produce her mother. The counsel for the plaintiff says he can produce the mother.

Within four years 2,000 persons have been baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist churches of the Black Sea and central provinces of Russia. The Emperor has presented his thanks to the pastors and churches for their loyalty and patriotism.

MISS TUCKER, who is so well and favorably known as an authoress by her *nom de plume*, "A.L.O.E." (A Lady of England) is now a missionary of the Presbyterian church in India. She is one of the "honorary" missionaries who belong to, and work for, the Society, but have means of their own, and accept no salary.

The Rev. W. S. Rainsford has been preaching