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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1890.

QUESTIONS.

1. Is it right for churches to license and councils to ordain to preach the gospel, those who are addicted to the use of tobacco?

Ans. It is not right for those who propose to preach the gospel to use tobacco. They know its use will injure their own moral influence, while their example will be held up by many as an excuse why they may use tobacco also.

How far the use of tobacco should be made to stand in the way of entrance to the ministry, is a more difficult question. We are compelled to accept as ministers those who are imperfect. The real query is this, is the use of tobacco within the limits of imperfection and sin which can be tolerated in a minister?

We answer this question thus at length, because we fear some good brethren do not realize the effect their self-indulgence is having on their influence and work. May all our young brethren shun it with a holy abhorrence.

For ourselves, we have never had any scruple to accept money from the unsaved for the Lord's work, unless it would in some way countenance evil and wrong, or help to settle the unregenerate down in a delusive sense of security.

Much is being made of the fact that the radicals broke away from Gladstone, on the question of a grant to the young prince who is about to wed. It is even said that the radicals have formed a new party, with Labouchere at its head.

There is intense excitement again in Whitechapel, London. Another unfortunate has been butchered, on the spot where a watchman had been standing but a moment before. The manner of the terrible deed proves it to have been the work of the Whitechapel fiend, who has been called Jack the Ripper.

The state of things in Hayti is most distressing. The two leaders, Legitime and Hipolyte are contending for the possession of Port au Prince. The former is in possession, but the latter is pressing him very hard. The war is carried on with savage ferocity.

It is said that the sugar trust of the United States, intend to make a vigorous effort to keep up present prices, and to advance them. Since it has been formed, the prices have been forced up more than fifty per cent. The fact that there

are thousands of barrels of sugar stored away in warehouses shows that the high price is altogether due to the unnatural pressing up of the price, to make money out of the long suffering consumer.

No small interest has been excited over the fate of Prof. Hogan, who was experimenting with an air ship, near New York. He made one ascension, and came down again safely.

I should properly have made my entrance into Lyck in a striped blanket, with a few additional ornaments in the way of feathers and scalps.

Would you see the interior of an East Prussian dwelling house, and make the acquaintance of a most excellent German family? I have the pleasure of presenting to you Herr and Frau Surminski, their eldest daughter, Franz, the little Elsa, and sturdy young Frang.

The house is a low brown one, looking out with white-blinded eyes of windows upon a garden filled with all manner of shrub and plants to coax birds and sunshine into staying.

The council organized by the appointment of Rev. G. O. Gates, moderator, W. C. Goucher, clerk, Brethren R. H. Davis, St. George, and John March, of Saint John, were invited to seats in the council.

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Ordinations.

In response to a call from the Baptist church of Pennfield, a council of delegates met on the 11th inst., to take into consideration the propriety of ordaining Bro. C. S. Stearns, pastor elect of the church, to the work of the gospel ministry.

At 2.30 p. m., the meeting was called to order by the appointment of Rev. G. O. Gates, of St. John, as temporary moderator, Rev. W. C. Goucher, of St. Stephen, temporary clerk.

The church at Advocate with the aid of its several branches has erected and completed, and furnished a neat parsonage. They are happy in the possession of a pastor of such real worth, and may regard blessings come to them.

Home Missions.

The meeting of the Home Mission Board for this month was held on the 15th inst. Reports were received from the following missionaries and missionary pastors: Brothers J. Wallace and A. H. Hayward, general missionaries; W. H. Richan, for work done in Lunenburg; H. S. Erb, Granville Mountain; L. J. Tingley, Shelburne; W. J. Blake, East Dalhousie; J. J. Skinner, Montague and Murray River; A. E. Ingram, St. John city mission; J. C. Spurr, Fairview and St. Peter's Road; P. E. L. R. R. Kinlay, Alberton; D. McLeod, Tracadie; J. J. Armstrong, Lenora; E. A. Allaby, Tryon; W. T. Corey, Weldford; Jas. A. Porter, Queensbury; and F. H. Langford, Dartmouth Lake.

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Princed Edward Island Association.

I send you an account of the proceedings of our Association Monday afternoon and evening. The committee on reform in Association work reported some of the important things recommended and adopted unanimously were: That henceforth the reading of letters in Association be discontinued, and that instead thereof some person be appointed by the Association to compile and read a continuous history of the year's work of the denomination, from the letters of the churches.

RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 21 TO JULY 14.

Table with columns for church names and amounts. Includes W. C. Bill, M. P. P., Billtown \$5.00; Hants Co. \$6.00; Chas. Skinner, Brooklyn, Anna Co. \$2.00; Fourth Cornwallis church \$7.11; Col. Upper Aylesford \$4.87; Dr. N. F. Balcom, Upper Aylesford \$1.00; Con. Fund, per St. Francis church \$5.00; Col. Bloomfield, Carleton Co. \$1.00; Middle Simonds \$76; Rockland, Carleton Co. \$4.96; Cardigan \$3.05; Con. Fund, Sackville church, N.S. \$9.00; Jos. Bradshaw, Centreville, Beleeque, P. E. I. \$5.00; Con. Fund, Hartford S.S. (Hebron church) \$6.41; Con. Fund, Dartmouth Lake church \$1.00; Bailie church \$2.00; Minnie Hicks, Harford, Con. U.S. \$5.00; Sadie Symonds, Hebron \$50.

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MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST MISSIONS.

Brookfield church, Queens Co., N.S. \$9.40; Rev. P. S. McGregor, Hanfordport \$5.00; First Baptist church, Halifax \$32.18; John S. McDonald, Eidon, P. E. I. \$2.00.

RECEIPTS FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONCERTS.

Table with columns for school names and amounts. Includes Hebron Sunday school \$19.00; Windsor Sunday school \$11.50; Coggin Sunday school \$12.65; Freeport Sunday school \$6.00; Jordan River Sunday school for H. and F. Missions \$8.00.

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There can be no such thing as a quarrelsome, revengeful Christian.

It is a contradiction of terms. There can be no such thing as a proud Christian. Humility lies at the foundation of the Christian character. There can be no such thing as an unkind, unfeeling Christian. There can be no such thing as an exclusive, censorious Christian. There may be the form, indeed, but the spirit is not there.—Charles Lovell.

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