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THE WEEK.
The McKinley Bill is making quite a ferment, not only among politicians at home, but also abroad. Mr. Blaine has come out squarely in favor of reciprocity with the South American States. It is found that the manufacturers of the Union are producing more than sufficient for home consumption, and that they must have a market for their produce abroad. At present they are barred out of South America just as South America is barred out of the Union by a prohibitory tariff. Mr. Blaine wants the walls taken down on both sides. It is retorted by some, if it will be well to have free trade with these States for the good of the American manufacturer, why not have it with others?
The politicians of Europe are also intently watching the course of this Bill. It is said that the continental powers are considering, very seriously, whether they shall not exclude American products from their markets, should this Bill exclude them from the American carry. Were this to be done, it might make our cousins across the border feel that it is possible to have two sides to a game of whar.
We see that an American paper kindly suggests that England show her good will to the Union by handing over the Bermudas to her keeping, as Heligoland has been given over to Germany. Probably it is thought this should be done as a reward to the United States for the attempt to get possession of Behring Sea on a pretence which she herself repudiated when Russia owned Alaska.
The Behring Sea difficulty is assuming a more serious aspect. It is said the United States revenue cutters have received instructions to clear the sea of all sealers, and to confiscate all cargoes, where there is proof that seals have been taken. This assumes the right of search which the powers have ever resisted. A large force of British men-of-war is gathering at Esquimaux, and it is thought they have orders to protect British vessels.
The Liquor License Bill in the British House of Commons has had another setback. The proposal to "ear mark" some of the income from liquor license to be set apart as a permanent fund to be held sacred to the compensation of publicans whose licenses shall be taken away, was declared beyond the power of parliament, by its speaker. The government has been compelled to abandon the whole compensatory business.
Mr. Cairns who resigned his seat, because he felt compelled to oppose the government on its License Bill, has been defeated. He was a prominent Unionist. He was opposed by a Gladstonian and a Conservative who represented the liquor interest. The Gladstonian was elected. This is considered a great triumph for the Liberals.
We clip the following from the always excellent summary of the Presbyterian Witness:
France has again asked England to name a day when she shall evacuate Egypt; but there is no probability that any English statesman will find himself able to gratify the Gallic curiosity. It is stated that Osmar Digna, with multitudes of starving Sudanese, is on the march northward towards the Egyptian frontier. To evacuate Egypt or to weaken in any degree its British garrison would be to invite disaster. For the good of Egypt, Africa and the world, we hope the English occupation will become English possession. Recent territorial acquisitions in Africa will make England more desirous than ever to hold on to Egypt. It seems that Bismarck has expressed his disapproval of the concessions made by Germany to England in Africa, especially to the session of Zanzibar. This will help to convince Englishmen that the bargain is a good one for England. Railway construction is making some progress up the Congo valley.
It is said that Ferdinand of Bulgaria is actively engaged in urging Austria and other powers to sanction the independence of Bulgaria. Panitza, the leader in the recent conspiracy to upset Prince Ferdinand, has been executed. This step is extreme and of doubtful expediency, for it is certain that Panitza was the tool of Russia. It is not unlikely that Russia will insist on the expulsion of Ferdinand.
Turkey is getting into trouble in Asia Minor. Kurds and Armenians are again fighting—the victims being the wretched Armenians. Russia is eagerly watching the fray and is embarrassing the Porte by pressing for the war indemnity due since 1876. Turkey cannot pay the money; will she give Russia a big slice of territory?
The triple alliance—between Italy, Austria, and Germany—has been renewed for five years. It is a very important measure in the interest of European peace. For if these three powers stand true to one another, neither Russia nor France, separately or conjointly, will attack them. Great Britain can always be counted on as on the side of peace. At present her relations with Germany are especially cordial, and hence the deep displeasure of France.

Kings College, Windsor, N. S.
I attended the Enconia. It was held June 26th. The college was celebrating its centenary. The alumni dinner was partaken in a booth on the grounds, and was a success, both for numbers, viands and speeches, Bishop Courtney presiding. The Enconia came on after dinner. President Willets read an excellent paper showing the year's work and the general condition of the University. He did not review its 100 years. He stated that Dr. H. Y. Hind had prepared a history of Kings shortly to be published. Only two alumni had died during the year—Rev. Mr. Snyder and Hugh Hartshorne. The faculty consists of six professors and a tutor in science. Also three lecturers lectured at intervals during the year. The course of instruction was not a show one, the president stated, nor was there any sham about it. (I believe Kings has really established a reputation for solid work.) Examinations were held by persons outside of the faculty. A board of examiners for B. A. degree for all the Maritime colleges was advocated. (This would be the Halifax University over again.) After the president's statement was completed, Convocation proper occupied the floor, and then followed the conferring of degrees. The Convocation fairly rained degrees. D. D.'s and D. C. L.'s were thickly strewn, other kinds also. It was a sort of cloud burst of degrees. The ceremony of presentation was delightful. All was done in Latin, pronounced clearly and distinctly. The recipients were mostly present. President Forrest, of Dalhousie, was honored by a D. C. L. Two years ago Kings was almost absorbed in Dalhousie. Now here was Dalhousie accepting gifts from Kings. The less is blessed of the greater. How extraordinary some things are. Had this not been centenary year I should have thought degrees were lavished rather too plentifully.
The students (there were five taking B. A.) did not deliver orations. One read a valedictory, and brought down the house by thanking Windsor for defeating consolidation.
Rev. W. B. King delivered the Alumni oration. He claimed to be a Kingsman and the son of a Kingsman, who was the son of a Kingsman, who was son of a Kingsman. His academical degrees was perfect and more easily established than his apostolic succession. His oration was good. He said Kings was very poor and very proud. Much truth, thought I, briefly expressed.
In the evening I attended the public educational meeting in the drill room, and heard the Right Reverend Lord Bishop discourse. President Forrest also. The meeting was good, but lacked (I thought) the heart and enthusiasm of a Baptist meeting, and no money was raised.
Kings is talking about establishing a ladies' school. It is high time it was done and put in good working order. The denomination has the money and the constituency to be served. They should go forward at once.
CHURCH UNION.
I have read Bishop Courtney's Encyclical to the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia. It is published in the Halifax Recorder of June 28. It is long and able. It begins by a reference to the Pan-Anglican conference held two years ago at Lambeth, and to the important question there discussed, namely, "What steps, if any, can rightly be taken on behalf of the Anglican communion towards the reunion of the various bodies into which the Christianity of the English-speaking race is divided," and he thinks a willingness would everywhere be found among the bodies into which those who have separated from the church have organized themselves, to accept three of the four articles which, "in the opinion of the conference, supply a basis on which approach may be, by God's blessing, made towards Home Re-union, viz: (a) The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as containing all things necessary to salvation, and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith; (b) The Apostles' Creed as the baptismal symbol and the Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith; (c) The two sacraments ordained by Christ Himself—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord—ministered with unfeeling use of the elements ordained by Him"; but that "there would be a very great unwillingness to accept Article 4, viz: the historic episcopate locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of His church."
Well, here is the basis by which we may get back into the bosom of mother church. Number one is very good, and if the Church of England can adopt it

and live up to it, I think Baptists can. Number two won't work. Number three is all right. Number four is, of course, out of the question. I submit that this method of trying to accomplish union is altogether wrong. In the first place, why attempt to treat all other evangelical denominations as having "separated" from the Episcopal or Anglican church. It is not according to the facts of the case. In the next place, it does not tend to pave the way for union to be forever assuming that the Anglican is "the church." There are churches and churches. In the next place more than basis-making is needed to secure union. The process of union-making must be undertaken. Let the Anglican church show its desire for union by putting itself in fellowship with its fellow Christians of other denominations to such extent as may be practicable.
I think union is desirable if it is real union—and I tell you the best way to bring it about, that is, by honest unprejudiced study of and honest and heroic adherence to the teachings of God's word. If two men arrive at the same conclusion as to what constitutes baptism, as to the proper subjects of baptism, as to the necessity of regeneration, as to the scriptural form of church government, and so forth, to that extent they are in union. Let each one, therefore, examine honestly the foundations of his faith and let him follow loyally what the scriptures teach, and you will find real advance being made towards unity. But don't talk about historic Episcopate, and the Nicene creed, and the Apostles' creed, and all that, especially after accepting the Bible as the "rule and ultimate standard" of faith. The more it is done the more union is not promoted.
Rev. A. H. Munro, formerly pastor of the North Baptist church, and now of the church at St. Thomas, Ont., is at present supplying the pulpit of the First Halifax church. Our Halifax papers announce that Rev. C. Goodspeed, D. D., of St. John, has been appointed a Professor in Toronto Baptist College. Will he vacate the Messenger and Visitor pulpit? An English denomination waits for a reply. Halifax, July 4. ONSERV.

From India.
THE MEN ARE COMING!
A few days ago we learned that two more men had offered themselves to our Foreign Missionary Board. Our brethren at home can hardly imagine our feelings when the good news reached us. It filled our hearts with great joy and we continue to praise God for His goodness. You cannot know how much we are encouraged by the knowledge that so many are so earnestly and so often praying for the Lord's work in India. Pray on brethren! God is answering our prayers, and that should stimulate us to more fervent supplications. The men are coming—there can be no doubt about that. If three families come out this fall the reinforcement will be none too large, and will come not a moment too soon. Would that the twenty-five men (our share of the fifty asked for in the appeal) were now on the field. But we rejoice that they are coming. Now can we not say that?
THE MONEY IS COMING!
Our Board cannot send these men to India without money. If our people are going to send out these God-chosen men the contributions from the churches must be increased tremendously. Brethren, you must give "your money or your life." God asks of you no less than this. He is not satisfied with our giving the *fruits* which we can spare without feeling it; but He requires that we give until our giving becomes self-sacrifice. Only then will it be worthy of the name of "giving." How few of us ever give until we are impoverished thereby! Surely we ought to be willing to do this for the sake of Him "who though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich." I have been much pleased to notice the liberality of our missionaries. Probably they are all giving one-tenth of their incomes, and some are giving one-sixth. That our brethren at home also are growing in the "grace of giving," is evident. Those who give and those who do are all co-laborers with God in the glorious work of saving the world. Now those who do not go surely ought to take a noble stand in the matter of giving. Hitherto we have been playing with God's work. Is it any wonder that there has been so little success? Surely our lack of zeal has been a shame to us. But we believe that now our people are coming up to the help of the Lord. We pray that, as the men are offering themselves, as so many fervent prayers are being offered, and as God seems to be waiting to bless us, our people may not shrink from the glorious work which God is putting

upon them. It will be a terrible disgrace to us if after the men offer themselves there is not money enough to send them out. This would be to mock God. Oh, brethren, let us all hold our money and our lives at God's disposal.
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"Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, as much as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord."
On Monday afternoon, June 23, a large meeting of the Baptist sisters was held in the pleasant and commodious vestry of the church at Westport. Some 250 were present. Mrs. Burgess, the wife of the pastor, presided, and gave to the sisters from abroad an appropriate and fraternal welcome. This was responded to by Mrs. Rowe of Yarmouth. Reports from six M. A. societies were given. All these were of most interesting character. What was still better, the Holy Spirit's presence was recognized, and joyous experiences were had, as songs of praise to God were sung, prayers offered and addresses given. By invitation the Rev. S. H. Cain and J. H. Saunders gave brief addresses. It was a time of high resolve in mission work, the fruitage of which will doubtless appear in the consecrated lives of not a few of the young sisters who were present. The present financial success of this meeting is represented in a collection of \$9.54.
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Of course these meetings, albeit they last but one day, mean work, and a great deal of work for one person, viz: the County Secretary. Her pen must be busy for some weeks before the appointed day; she must not only correspond with each Society, but she must arrange for two meetings; addresses, recitations and readings must all be planned for, and very often she must visit in person those whom she wishes to interest in the work. But she does it, "in His name," and realizing that she is thus carrying out in some degree at least, her Lord's last commission. God bless our County Secretaries, and raise up more to carry on the work.

The 27th of May saw the first Convention of Kings County, N. S., meeting in Kentville. The day was cold and rainy; not much out of doors that was inspiring, still quite a number gathered in the church in the afternoon. Mrs. Freeman presided. This meeting was an informal one. Reports were read from several Societies, and verbal reports from others. We were sorry to miss the Barwick sisters, but owing to a delay in the mail they were unable to be present.
The various reports spoke of a deepening interest in the great work of Missions, especially among the young people. The old cry with regard to the small attendance at the monthly meetings was still heard. Is it not true that we recognized more fully the command, "Pray ye?"
Earnest prayers, the singing of hymns, conversation regarding the work, and an intensely interesting address from Mrs. Currie, followed the reports, and at the close we had the pleasure of re-organizing the Aid Society in Kentville with six members.
In the evening the pastor of the church took the chair. Devotional exercises were followed by addresses from Mrs. Hutchison and the Secretary, and Bro. Kempton and Price. At this meeting four names were added to the Aid Society, making the number ten.
Wednesday morning saw us on our way to Cambridge, where arrangements had been made for a meeting in the evening. How it rained! Not a gentle spring rain; oh no; but a regular down pour, so that the general verdict was, "No use to attempt a meeting to-night." And so it kept on until six o'clock, and then the clouds parted, and the sun tried to come out, as though in sympathy with the cause; and after all quite a number gathered for prayer meeting. Brother Price opened in the usual way, and then we tried to lay the needs of the mission field and our responsibility in the matter before the friends; earnest words followed from Sister Price and others, and as the result an Aid Society was formed, with seven members, and good hope for the future.
Next morning, by freight train, back to Kentville, and on to Canning in the afternoon by mail. Mr. Ellis very kindly giving the drive as his donation. Notwithstanding the cold, Cornwallis was in all its June glory of blossoms and green fields; and it seemed strange when Canning was reached, to find a bright fire awaiting us, but it was good, nevertheless. The sisters held their meeting the next afternoon; their Society is one of our oldest, and the members earnest in the work. They talk of taking the Mission Band into the school, which is a step in the right direction.
After tea one of the sisters drove us over to Canard, which we reached just in time for the missionary prayer meeting. The members of this Aid Society are somewhat scattered, which makes the monthly meeting somewhat difficult. We hope the proposal to meet alternately in Upper and Lower Canard may be carried out.
Saturday was delightfully spent in resting, and on Sunday afternoon a pleasant drive brought us to Port Williams. It was the evening for their monthly missionary meeting, and the opportunity was taken to speak of women's work in the cause. At the close thirteen of the sisters remained, and after talking the matter over, organized an Aid Society, which we think cannot fail to be successful; and for this reason, one Sunday evening each month is given up to a missionary service. One of the sisters said, "There is such a difference since Mr. Kempton started these meetings. Every one comes, and all are so interested. At one of these services we found a five dollar bill on the plat." Could not this plan be carried out in other churches with as great success as in Port Williams?
Monday morning found us again on our way back to Canning, and on Tuesday drove over with Sister Woodworth to Peregoy. This Society was formed just after the one in Canard, so that it claims to be nineteen years old to-day. It is small in number, but the few are in earnest.
Wednesday afternoon was spent with the sisters in Barwick. The Society here is larger, and has always been foremost in the work. We hope soon to see more of the young people actively engaged.
The collections at these meetings amounted to \$12.07, and after travelling expenses were paid, a balance of \$4.41 was sent in to the Treasurer of our Union. It may be as well to add that the \$12.07 does not represent all the meetings; in some cases, owing to a storm, or the fact that no notice had been given, no collection was taken, so we think that this amount shows that our people are not backward but ready to give to the Master's cause.
There are other counties needing secretarys. It is only in this way that the work can be concentrated and made effective. Who will volunteer for Yarmouth, Halifax, Guys, and Antigonish? Our sisters will not forget the prayer topic for June.
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