

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

PERSONAL.—Hon. Peter Mitchell is about to visit Miramichi.

MILLINGTON Post Office, Derby, has been made a Money Order Office.

SEBASTIAN.—Jas. F. Mitchell, Esq., who is about to leave Newcastle for Winnipeg, was entertained at a complimentary supper by a number of his friends at the United States Hotel on Monday evening last.

A BLACK BROOK correspondent of the *Advocate* gives a very entertaining history of the enterprising firm of A. & R. Loggie of that place, who as the correspondent says may be the "Miramichi Rothschilds" in ten years.

A SEVERE GALE visited the North Shore last week, causing a good deal of damage to small craft. A barque is reported ashore in Bay Chaleur. Two scows loaded with lumber at Jacques River were lost. The *New Era* was obliged on Thursday to discontinue running between Chatham and Newcastle, while the Railway people report their trains as having been endangered by the gale at certain points.

THE LOSTEN CAVERIES of New Brunswick are invited by circular to meet at the Kent County Court House, Richibucto, at 12 p.m. on the 15th of November, "to consider the best means to adopt with a view to obtaining a more equitable period for a fishing season than at present exists, and to discuss matters relating to the trade generally and to lay the resolutions arrived at before the proper authorities." The meeting has been called by Messrs. H. O'Leary, R. B. Noble, and John H. Bell.

INQUEST.—On Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, an inquest was held by Coroner Dr. J. S. Benson, on the body of a young man named Daniel Borden, son of the late Timothy Borden. The deceased was discovered dead about 9 o'clock on Friday evening, near the barn of Mr. Bain, at the corner of Queen St. The body was found in the water, and was brought to shore by the deceased's brother, who was found to have been in the water with him. The medical examination made by Dr. Barker disclosed a varicose condition of the veins, and no large stone on the right leg. The jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the deceased died from exhaustion produced by hemorrhage.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Robert Nicholson, of Newcastle, member of the Freshman class in the University, met with a severe accident Saturday. He ascended a tree in search of beech nuts, and was thirty feet from the ground when the limb gave way. In his descent he struck another limb which stunned him, and he fell on the ground, striking his shoulder and back. Two companions carried him to the University, and it was over an hour before the unfortunate young man was restored to consciousness. The sufferer had great difficulty in breathing, and the cause was shown, when shortly before regaining consciousness, he coughed up a whole beech nut. Mr. Nicholson is now in a fair way for recovery, although he suffers quite acutely from his shoulder and back.—*Farmer.*

Chatham Rural Denary.

The clergy of the Rural Denary of Chatham met in Chatham on Tuesday 18th of Oct. The clergy present were Rev. D. Forsyth, R. D., Rector of Chatham; J. H. S. Sweet, Rector of Newcastle; A. F. Hiltz, Rector of Derby; E. P. Flewelling, Missionary of Restigouche; F. H. Almon, Rector of Richibucto; W. J. Wilkinson, of Baie des Vents; Rev. W. H. Street, Rector of Bathurst; and W. B. Armstrong, of Wolford, were not present. On Tuesday evening prayer was said in St. Mary's Chapel by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, 1st and 2nd Lessons being read by Rev. A. F. Hiltz and F. H. Almon respectively. On Wednesday morning the Litany was said at 9 o'clock by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, after which the Denary Chapter met at the Rectory at 10 o'clock for the transaction of business.

The study of the Scriptures. The chapter met again at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the greater part of the time was occupied in the reading and discussion of a paper on Sunday School Work, by the Rev. A. F. Hiltz. The 1st and 2nd lessons being read by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet and E. P. Flewelling, respectively. After prayers, highly interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Almon and Hiltz; by the former on the "Duty of Aiding Home and Foreign Missions," and by the latter on "The Claims of the Revised Version of the New Testament." After this service there was a parochial meeting in the Sunday School Room, the purpose of which was to consider the best method of aiding the Diocesan Church Society in maintaining the services of the Church in this Rural Denary, when another reduction in the number of the Denary was made within this Denary, should be revised by the clergy when meeting in chapter on the following day, in order that the additional assessment be distributed according to the circumstances of the missions. A Committee was appointed to meet on Monday evening the 25th Oct., at the Rectory to consider the best method of collecting contributions for the special purpose of assisting the missions within the Chatham Denary.

On Thursday morning the Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock, and the clergy met in chapter at 10 a.m. The schedule of the Board of Home Missions was examined, and the amount of additional assessment, excepting about \$70, divided among the seven missions of the Denary which are not self supporting. It was agreed that an effort would be made to raise the \$70 in the Parish of Chatham. The Chapter then proceeded to arrange for a report meeting, which is to be held (N.B.) at Newcastle on the 1st Tuesday in February next.

On Thursday evening the Denary Service was held in St. Mary's Chapel, at half-past seven. Prayers were said by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson. The 1st Lesson was read by the Rev. F. H. Almon, and the 2nd by the Rev. A. F. Hiltz. The Sermon—a very excellent and appropriate one—was delivered by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet.

After the service the clergy retired to their respective parishes, after an enjoyable and profitable reunion. On Monday evening, the 25th Oct., the committee appointed at the Parochial Meeting above referred to, met at the Rectory for the purpose above mentioned. There were present the Rector, Chairman, R. Carman, Esq., Church Warden, G. A. Blair, W. B. Howard, D. T. Johnston, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Howard, Miss Williston, Miss Car-

man, Miss Vandy, Miss S. P. Benson. Some full discussion took place, and collectors were appointed by the Rector, to solicit contributions for the special purpose of raising \$70 in this Parish in aid of the other missions within the Denary. On motion, a list was opened, and \$19 was contributed by the members of the committee. The interest manifested in this matter by those who attended the Parochial Meeting, and in some instances was highly laudable, and good results may be expected to follow.

Fishery "Concessions."

The following changes have been made in the regulations regarding the smelt fishery, and will put an end to a great deal of the grumbling that Kent and Westmorland had an advantage of one month over the fishermen of Miramichi. The right to fish above Burnt Church River Bridge should never have been prohibited and has again been restored.

Bag net fishing for smelt in the Miramichi river and its tributaries to come into force on the 15th November, 1882. The Counties north and south of Northumberland to be governed alike.

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Before the Inspector of Fisheries, aided by local Overseers, succeeded in having unnecessary restrictions placed on smelt fishing in Miramichi and at Bathurst the *Advocate* opposed them very strenuously, while the *Advocate* sided them. Now that some of the privileges for which we contended are restored the *Advocate* calls them "concessions." They are nothing of the kind but simply rights restored to the fishermen.

It is interesting to observe how easily the *Advocate* is pleased with whatever the Fishery Department does. It is all the same whether it takes privileges away, or restores them to the *Advocate* says, yes! yes!

Semi-Annual School Examinations.

On Thursday morning the Semi-Annual School Examinations commenced in District No. 1, with that of the primary department.

In charge of Miss Alexander. The number on the Roll of this school is 60, and the average attendance 45.

Messrs. G. A. Blair and T. Crimmin, Trustees, attended, and among the visitors were P. E. Winlow, Esq., C. G. D. Roberts, A. M., of the High School, and several ladies.

The course in this school embraces Standards I and II. The examination commenced about 9.30 a.m., and after devotional exercises, the small pupils were called to the front of the hall, and seemed to be in excellent health and discipline were set to work in various ways, reading lessons from the black board, printing on their slates from memory, or the black board and reading from the Primer and First Book. They were also exercised in the sounds of letters, forming words from terminations, and in the Elementary rules of Arithmetic, both from the blackboard and by means of the ball frame, one of the exercises being constructing tables for the slates. Miss Alexander also gave her pupils an object lesson on flowers.

The neatness with which the children printed and figured on their slates was very noticeable.

The proceedings were varied at intervals with games and recitations, as shown by the latter of which were the following:—

Cecilia Cormack, "The Baly." Frederick Blair, "Dear Little Dick." Folly Wink, "Learning Her Letters." Mary McCurdy, "Bed Time." S. Loggie, "The Baby has gone to School."

Mr. T. Crimmin at the close of the exercises briefly addressed the children, expressing on behalf of the trustees, the pleasure the condition of the school had afforded them, remarking that the influence of Miss Alexander's work could be seen in every department, and he trusted that it would continue to be so for many years. He hoped the pupils would be regular in their attendance, and that all would grade next spring, and for the rest of the day he would give them a half holiday.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT, DIST. NO. 1. On Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock the examination of the intermediate Department in charge of Miss Haviland, commenced in the school room, St. John Street, at 2 o'clock.

The number of pupils on the roll of this school is 45 and the average attendance 34. The course of instruction embraces standards III and IV.

The exercises of the various classes consisted of reading, dictation, numeration, the elementary rules of arithmetic, mental arithmetic, the geography of New Brunswick, its physical features and general geographical definitions, and drawing maps of the Province on the slate from memory. Miss Haviland also gave an object lesson on the aid of Frang's illustrations, evolving a comparison between the squirrel and the cat. On the blackboard round the room were some very well executed drawings in curved lines by class A and others in straight lines by class B.

The "Echo Song" was sung very nicely by the children in chorus.

Although some exercises were omitted for want of time, enough was done to show the satisfactory condition of the school, notwithstanding that in some instances want of regularity of attendance, either unavoidable or otherwise, had operated to the disadvantage of individual pupils.

During the afternoon the following recitations were given:—

Annie Loggie, "Sent to Bed." Cassy Benson, "The Bottom Drawer." Ada McDonald, "Christmas Eve." Louisa Howard, "The Fashions of the Flowers."

Lizzie McIntyre, "Going to School." Maggie Johnston, "The years pass on." Susie Gillespie, "The Flowers." Christina Walls, "Letting the old Cat Die."

Alfred Pire, "The Farmer's Boys." MISS WILLISTON'S ADVANCED DEPARTMENT. The hour appointed for the commencement of the examination of this essay was one o'clock, on Friday afternoon, but there was no one then present, and the examination was postponed until 2 o'clock, when it was opened.

The number on the roll of this school is 57, and the average attendance about 40. The course consisted of standards 5, 6, 7. The Trustees present were G. A. Blair, Esq., and Thomas Crimmin, Esq. Among the visitors were the Hon. Mr. Muirhead, the Rev. A. F. McBain, Dr. McCurdy, C. G. D. Roberts, Esq., A. M., and W. Whitaker, Esq., of the P. O. Department, St. John, with a number of ladies.

The pupils entered singing, and after taking their places sang "Greeting Song." Miss Williston was assisted in the examination by Miss Basile Ullock, who has since gone to the Normal School, Fredericton.

Class A was called upon to read from the 5th book, "The Prairie on Fire" with another piece, and was then examined in

spelling. Much satisfaction was expressed by visitors with the reading of the class; the spelling was very fair, as was also the explanation given of the meaning of words in the last lesson.

Class C showed some questions in addition and multiplication which they had worked on their slates, explaining the different operations performed.

The C Class read from the 4th book "The White Ship," also the poems entitled "The May Queen," and "The Village Blacksmith." The reading was very good, more especially on the part of the girls. The class was next exercised in spelling and the meaning of words.

The B Class showed Maps of North America which they had drawn on their slates from memory, many of which were very well executed.

Class B read from the 4th Reader, "The Arab and his horse," and another poem piece, also the poem entitled "The Legend of the Heart of Bruce." They were satisfactorily examined on the latter lesson, both as to its meaning and the spelling of words.

The A Class showed Maps of New Brunswick drawn from memory on their slates, the majority of which were very creditable.

The A Class were called for Geometry. They were examined on the definitions of Plane Geometry, and also proved several theorems on the blackboard.

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The B and C Classes were amalgamated and examined in the Geography of New Brunswick, also its physical features, minerals, political history, etc. The examination was ably assisted by Messrs. Blair, Flieger, Maggie Loban, James Loggie, Mary Loggie and John Fowle.

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