

**Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.**—We regret that we shall have to wait another month for the report of the annual meeting of the above body, at Milton, N. S., on the 12th–16th ult. The time of meeting was so late, and the place so remote, as to make it impossible for the account to reach us.

**Rev. Dr. Wilkes** returned in the *Peruvian*, and was welcomed home by his people on Thursday, the 26th ult. We hope to have a letter from him next month, on a great many subjects.

**Rev. W. H. Heu de Bourek** informs us that he purposes to retire from the service of the Congregational Church in Dyersville, Iowa, where he has labored the last nine years, about the first of October, and to remove to Canada. Mr. Heu de Bourek is a man of rare accomplishments and ardent zeal in the Master's service, and the best wishes of his brethren will follow him.—*Advance*, Sept. 25.

**Rev. B. M. Frink.**—The Central Parish of Portland have extended a call to Rev. B. M. Frink, of Mt. Vernon, N. H. They offer a salary of \$1,200. The effort to unite the Central and Third churches has been abandoned.—*Ibid*.

**News of three old friends.**—We are indebted to the *Advance* for the information that Rev. T. Lightbody removed from St. Charles to Milburn, Illinois, on the 30th September; that Rev. N. McLeod remains at Ripon, Wisconsin, until it is safe for him to return to Salt Lake City; and that Rev. John Fraser, late of Australia, steps into the Congregational pulpit at Nevada city, California.

**An ex-Pastor in Parliament.**—It may not be generally known that the person who floored D'Arcy McGee is a former resident of London. The Rev. Jas. Boyd was, a few years since, Pastor of the Congregational Church. His health suffering, he went into the mercantile business at Vankleek Hill, and is now member of the Legislature of Ontario for Prescott. He is a gentleman of excellent abilities, and will make a valuable member. He is an Irishman.—*London Advertiser*.

**The Young Men's Christian Association** which was established in Toronto in 1864, is now, we are glad to observe, beginning to make its power and influence for good felt among the young men of this city; and we rejoice to know that such Associations, having for their object the banding of christian young men together for the promotion of their own real holiness of heart and life and the leading to the Saviour of those of their own age, are being established in many of the principal towns of our country. We cannot value too much the benefits of such associations and the work which they are doing. Young men from other cities and towns who come strangers amongst us are kindly made welcome by christian of their own age, and introduced to members of churches of the denomination to which they belong, and recommended to good boarding houses, lists of which are kept in the rooms; efforts are made to procure them situations, they are kindly invited to the meetings held by the Association, and nothing is left undone that will assist to make a strange place like home. Our Toronto Association has a Free Reading Room open from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M., which has upon its tables 62 various magazines 5 daily and 72 weekly newspapers; and a library of 600 volumes of a very high class of literature, a catalogue of which has been kindly sent us. A Bible class is held on Sabbath afternoons at three o'clock; on Tuesday evening a meeting at which essays are read and discussed; on Saturday evening a Prayer Meeting at which we are glad to hear there is a growing interest in spiritual things, and that lately some through its influence have been led to put their trust in Christ. The city mission work has been very energetically taken up by the Association, and from a report given at a recent meeting, we learn that during a period of three months their city Missionary, Mr. John Beattie,