

the Nonconformists of Wales in consequence of the seizure of their property for taxes to support an Established Church.

Much regret was expressed at the constrained absence of our beloved brother, Rev. Jacob W. Cox. Fervent prayer for his speedy restoration and strength to enter on the active service of our common Master was offered.

The Union endorsed by vote and speech, by prayer and sentiment, the effort made by the churches to advance the temperance reform throughout the land.

A resolution was adopted, recommending THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT to the patronage of all, with the suggestion "that more attention be given to the advocacy of Congregational principles and less to Independency."

There was a strong expression of opinion that a correspondent for the Maritime Provinces should be elected. Mr. J. B. Saer was the chosen victim, with James Woodrow, Esq., assistant.

Seldom—if ever—were the pulpits of other denominations in this city supplied by such a large number of Congregational ministers as on Sunday, July 10.

The meetings seemed to accumulate in interest and power, so that with reluctance we adjourned to meet with the church and bishop of the pretty and ambitious town of Yarmouth, N.S., on the first Saturday in July, 1888.

J. B. SAER.

*St. John, N.B.*

THE New York *Observer* remarks that a morning journal deprecates the epidemic of prize-fighting, suggests that the authorities are not doing their duty, and thinks from the money involved that many business men contribute to help the evil along. But this very journal and many of its contemporaries spare no space and effort to give notoriety to the most brutal prize-fighters. They make elaborate records of their battles and their movements, and do more than all other agencies combined to encourage the degrading occupation of prize-fighting.

It will be startling to most people to learn that Japan possesses 2,000 newspapers—half as many as Great Britain and Ireland. Mr. Sell, in his interesting "Directory of the World's Press," says there are known to be 35,000 newspapers in the world, which is one to every 28,000 inhabitants. Europe has 20,000 papers and magazines, Germany being first with 5,500, of which 800 are dailies; France second, with 4,092—England having about 100 less than France. Outside of Japan there are 1,000 newspapers in Asia, most of which appear in India. Africa has 206 journals, and Australia 700. As regards circulation, Paris, with only half the population of London, circulates 1,100,000,000 copies, to London's 1,017,000,000. Unfortunately, it would be better if a great deal of the Parisian periodical literature never saw the light.

## OUR COLLEGE COLUMN.

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Student Watt, who was spending the vacation preaching at Tilbury, Ontario, left on August 1 for Ireland *via* Montreal. Mr. Watt expects to return to Montreal for the college opening in September. We wish him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

A private note from Rev. W. W. Smith, editor of the Year Book, assures us that there will be no disappointment about the issue of it this year. Many copies were circulated by the students last year. Can we not make an effort to surpass our record of last summer?

[We put in a word for THE INDEPENDENT also.—ED.]

Students Lee, delegate from Baddeck, and Daley, delegate from Noel, represented the college brotherhood at the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Following the example of the Union of Quebec and Ontario, they were accorded the same privileges, as regards travelling expenses, as ministers enjoy.

The claims of the college were presented in a short address by Rev. D. McGregor, M.A., of Guelph, Ontario. In it he told of its past history, and how necessary it was that it should be well supported by sending students and money. A vote of confidence in the college passed unanimously.

A letter from our missionary, Mr. Currie, dated Bailundu, April 7, acknowledges the receipt of two of the monthly letters sent from the students. Mr. Currie was in good health, and wished all the students a happy, useful vacation, and hoped we will continue to send him a monthly letter.

The following report from Student J. P. Gerrie, college representative, embraces work from July 14 to 31 inclusive:

*New Durham.*—Here we have another vacant church looking for a pastor, and the same old difficulty standing in the way, viz., the scarcity of men. This demand the college should supply. There is plenty of room for an earnest worker. The village is surrounded by a fine agricultural country, and the general appearance of farms and farm buildings would indicate a thriving and prosperous community. The neat church edifice bears a debt of \$700, but arrangements have been made for the payment of this before the end of the year. Since the removal of Mr. Pedley, the regular church services have been continued, various members preside in turn, and much profit is received by coming together in this way. Two college meetings were held, and notwithstanding the busy harvest season, the attendance was gratifying. A short conference was held with some of the friends in reference to college work. Under present circum-