

RELIGIOUS.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Rev. John Partridge left on Monday for his new charge at Thomasburg, Ont. He preached in St. George's Church on Sunday morning last.

Rev. Dr. Hole, Rector of St. Paul's, is absent in Middleton, on account of the illness of his daughter, who is the guest of Rev. G. B. Dodwell, and who is not expected to live.

Rev. R. A. Heath has been elected to the parish of Ship Harbor.

One of the last numbers of *Church Bells* contained a portrait and sketch of the life of Rev. W. Rupert Cochrane, M.A., late a Rector in this Diocese. Should the nomination be made to the vacant Bishopric, Mr. Cochrane is not an unlikely person to be appointed. He is a King's College graduate.

BAPTIST.

A meeting of Sunday School workers in connection with the Baptist churches in Halifax County, will be held at the Tabernacle on Tuesday, the 18th instant, for the purpose of organizing a county Baptist Sunday School Association.

A biography of the Rev. Dr. Cramp, by Dr. Higgins, of Wolfville, has just been published. Probably no man has done so much on behalf of the Baptist church in the Lower Provinces as the late President of Acadia. His efforts on behalf of the college cannot be overestimated. Aside from its literary merits, the work should command a large sale.

Rev. Thomas McDonald has undertaken the charge of the Quinpool Road mission.

There are said to be over 500 Baptist churches in Burmah, with over 25,000 communicants.

METHODIST.

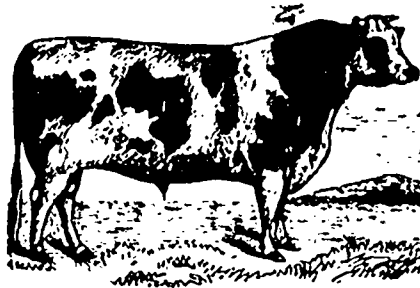
On Tuesday last the N. S. branch of the Women's Missionary Society held its annual meeting in Yarmouth. Business in connection with the Society occupied the morning and afternoon sessions, and in the evening a public meeting was held, at which interesting addresses on missionary work were delivered.

The success attending the services held by the Rev. Mr. Savago and his band of workers in Brunswick St. church, is even greater than that in connection with the meetings in Grafon St. Every evening during last, and the beginning of this week, the church has been crowded with interested listeners, many of whom are connected with other denominations. The services on Sunday night were especially interesting, on which occasion an able sermon was preached by Mr. Savago. As a result of the meetings a large number have professed conversion. We understand it is the intention of the band to hold services for a short season in the other Methodist churches of the city.

The Methodists of Australia are alive to the importance of University education. There are several flourishing Methodist Colleges there, and the foundation stone of a new one has just been laid.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces met in New Glasgow on the 4th instant. At the close of a powerful sermon by the retiring Moderator, the election of his successor was proceeded with, and resulted in the election of the Rev. E. A. McCurdy. The first business before the Synod on the second day was the presentation of an overture from the Presbytery of St. John respecting the administration of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The desire of the Presbytery was to reduce the cost of the administration of the fund. It was decided to submit to the beneficiaries the overture, they to report to the Synod. The Hunter Building Fund Committee reported that they gave only one grant last year, and that was to the River Herbert Mission Station. Free loans were granted to a number of congregations and stations to the amount of \$1,450. The rest of the day was occupied in the discussion of the advisability of sending out another missionary to Santo, the salary of whom the Women's Foreign Missionary Society agreed to provide. After a very lengthy and lively debate, it was decided by a vote of 79 to 60 that the appointment of another missionary to the New Hebrides field would not be advisable. On Thursday the Synod authorized the Presbytery of P. E. Island to receive the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, of the Church of Scotland, into the Presbyterian church in Canada. Rev. Mr. Laing reported on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ladies College, Halifax, in which it was stated that there is a staff of 13 instructors and 140 pupils. The report of the committee on the fund for aged and infirm ministers, was presented by the Rev. Mr. Chaso. Rev. Dr. Burns reported on behalf of the College Board, recommending that the amount required be allocated among the different Presbyteries, which was agreed to by the Synod. The Moderator, as convener of the Augmentative Committee, reported that the whole amount was collected last year, and stated ten per cent less would be asked for this year. The report on systematic beneficence was presented by the Rev. Mr. Henry, and adopted. From the Home Mission report presented, it appears that in addition to a number of vacant pastorates, there are 26 groups of mission stations under the control of the committee. Very interesting reports were also presented on state of religion, Sabbath Schools, and temperance. A communication was received from the Methodist Conference, stating that a committee had been appointed to confer with any committee which may be appointed by the Synod, with a view to some practical result in the way of co-operation. The Synod appointed a committee to confer with the committee of the Conference. Late on Friday evening the Synod adjourned to meet next year in Charlotte-town.



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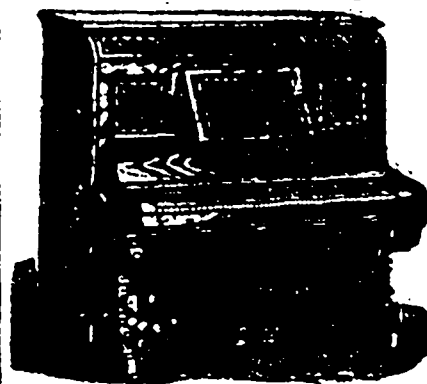
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