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CURRENT HISTORY.

Brown University, Providence, R.I. graduated 106 men and 20 men in arts, on June 15th.

Princeton University has conferred upon Rear Admiral Dewey, the honorary degree of LL. D. Long Live Dewey.

The International Conference arranged for between the United States and Canada will be held at Quebec on July 15th.

Rev. Chas. T. Hsley, who graduated from Acadia in 1892, and is now pastor at Anoka, Minn., is visiting his relatives in Annapolis Co.—Orchardist.

Rev. J. A. Gordon, M. A., of St. John, will canvass P. E. I. in behalf of the Acadia Forward movement, instead of Rev. D. H. Simpson, B. D., as previously arranged.

The United States government has paid the Paris award of \$473,151.26 to Great Britain for illegal seizure of Canadian sealers in the Behring Sea. The amount was paid on the very last day allowed by the decision of the board of arbitrators in 1892. Thus it seems that it took six years and the Spanish-American war to bring our cousins to the south to the payment of an honest debt. How many years and how much more war will it take to arouse the national conscience sufficiently to lead to the repayment of the unclaimed millions of the Alabama award?

Pastor Freeman of Billtown, has gone to P. E. I. for a much needed rest. Mr. Irad Hardy is supplying his place in his absence.

At the Kings College convocation on the 23rd. ult., the honorary degree of D. C. L. was conferred upon Hon. Dr. Borden. The Minister of Militia is a graduate of the Windsor institution.

Rev. Dr. Goodspeed, professor at McMaster University, Toronto, is in Fredericton, accompanied by Mrs. Goodspeed. They purpose visiting friends there for a short time.—St. John Sun.

The reports from the various circuits to the N. S. Methodist Conference recently held at Truro show a net increase of 207 in total membership during the year. The total receipts show an advance of \$5,263.61.

The many friends of Pastor Simpson of the Berwick Baptist church, regret to learn that he is laid aside from his duties by a broken leg. Thus far he is making good progress toward recovery and it is hoped that before many weeks he will be about again. C. W. Rose, B. A., supplies his pulpit during the present month.

The sessions of the Central N. S. Associational B. Y. P. U. at Hantsport last week, are reported as very profitable. The reports showed a total membership in societies reporting of 1,567 and \$662 raised for all purposes. The following officers were elected:

- President—Rev. G. A. Lawson, Halifax.
- Vice Pres.—Chas. Fitch, Wolfville.
- 2nd .. Rev. H. H. Saunders, Kingston.
- Secretary—H. G. Harris, Kentville.
- Treas.—H. S. Freeman, Halifax.
- Executive Com.—Revs. Z. L. Fash, A. A. Shaw and J. Barton.

A meeting of the executive of the dominion alliance was held at Toronto, June 11, when the following appeal was drafted:

To all Friends of Temperance in Canada:

The plebiscite bill has been passed by parliament. The money for the expense of the voting has been appropriated. It is now certain that early in the coming autumn the electors of Canada will be asked to vote yea or no on the vestion of the total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

This contest will be one of terrible intensity. Nothing like it has ever before taken place in the history of our cause. The liquor traffic realizes the situation and will fight as it never fought before. The very life of this wealthy, grasping and powerful evil is at stake.

To meet it we must be earnest, united and organized. We cannot win without personal sacrifice. We must be ready to give money, time and energy to the fight.

Organization must be perfected. Literature must be circulated. Meetings must be held. Every voter must be personally canvassed.

Men and women of Canada, we appeal to you to help in this hour of need. Do it for the sake of the homes that will be desolated and the innocents and weakness that are doomed to ruin and shame if this traffic goes on.

Lose no opportunity for work. Every available assistance will be needed. Wisely seek to promote our cause in your home, your church, your Sunday school, your young people's organization, your temperance society, your business, your social life.

Enlist every one of these influences in support of this great reform. Every one of them may be utilized. Make special efforts to secure the aid of the press in your locality. In it you will often find a warm and potent friend; help it with facts, arguments, information that will nearly always be welcome, appreciated and used.

If there is a plebiscite organization in your locality, unite yourself with it. If there is none, take steps at once to have work begun.

A great responsibility is upon us. A splendid opportunity is given. Do your utmost for God and home and Canada.