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NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE—COMMITTEES ON FINANCE.

Some most important results have grown out of the action of last Conference, appointing a Committee of Ministers and laymen, in conjunction with the members of the Missionary Committee, to consider certain financial questions.

The Missionary Committee itself reached some good conclusions. By paring closely every contingent expense, and keeping down unnecessary outlay, the actual unprovided for deficiency in domestic Missions was reduced to \$214, on the basis of \$750 salary. This, though it still leaves a painful blank in the estimates for ministerial allowances, is much better than last year, and almost equal to anything in our past history of prospective salaries.

In considering the vexed question of a basis for the Children's Fund Tax, good progress was made. A report will soon be in the hands of the Ministers and officials, setting forth a scheme which has the merit of equalizing and simplifying the figures of each year's apportionments.

A scheme for property-aid, combining the intention of Grants, Loans, and Insurance, and applying to Churches and parsonages, was under consideration for some time.

Spiritual interests were not forgotten in these discussions. Arrangements were made looking to the necessities of God's cause amongst us, which will shortly be intimated to the Church through the proper authority.

ARE WE REALLY SINCERE? The proportion of Christians who never think they are under obligation to bring into their systems of managing money and property the claims of God's cause, is something fearful.

ABLE Missionary Meetings were held in Kaye and Charles St. Churches during the session of the Committee last week. The character of addresses and tone of the services

ity and love. They are happy in God—at peace with their neighbors—approved of their own consciences—yet it is just possible they have been living by motives so selfish that a revelation of their heart-workings would strike them dumb!

If only the mere waste of money in frivolous, extravagant ways, could be prevented among Christians, and the stream turned into God's treasury!

It seems at length to be considered impossible to reach the North Pole. An expedition has just returned which penetrated to within 400 miles of the place known by that name.

UNION—WHERE IT MAY BEGIN. A practical Lay brother, whose local surroundings call for the mutual consideration of two or three branches of Christ's Church, advanced strong arguments in Halifax, last week, in support of a measure which we recommended, editorially, a few weeks ago.

There are tricks in all trades, and sorry we are to see that even the sacred calling of preaching is not without them. We insert elsewhere a card, now being issued, for calling attention to the services of certain evangelists.

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WEEK OF PRAYER for Y. M. C. Associations. The second week in November has been set apart by Young Men's Christian Associations throughout the world as a Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving.

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IF experience counts for anything, a good argument was made last week in Halifax in favor of introducing Laymen into our Annual Conferences.

IN an English court recently two men were fined seven pounds for plucking feathers from fowls while alive. There seems to have been some one in Sheffield with sufficient courage to arraign cruel men in the face of all the possibilities of their future spite.

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TIDINGS have been received at the Mission Rooms of the safe arrival of Bros. Meacham and Ebey, with their families in Japan.

FROM a note received from the Secretary Treasurer of the Missionary Society we learn that a Report of the proceedings of the Central Board is being prepared for publication through our connexional papers and otherwise.

THE celebrated doctor who preached recently in the Ottawa Dominion Church, and his great success in raising \$18,000, have both been outdone within the last few days.

THE WAR.—Latest accounts state that the Turks were triumphant, having driving the Servians from the battle-ground, after a heavy engagement.

UNITED STATES.—The Presidential contest in the United States is very uncertain as to results. Great misgivings seem to rest upon the minds of both parties.

"THE DAIRYMAN'S DAUGHTER" has been translated into twenty-five different languages, and six millions of copies have been put into circulation.

M.S.S.—Really we must have a special training for editorial experts. In the great Central Post Offices they keep persons who can decipher addresses, names, localities and all, out of imitations of what our farmers call "Snake-fences."

REV. A. FALCOFFER (Presbyterian) of Dartmouth, N. S., is to go as a Missionary—rather as a Pastor of a congregation sometime established—to Trinidad.

ANOTHER FENIAN INVASION is talked of in the North West. Probably the Fenians will think better of it. Their success hitherto has not been so remarkable that they can take much heart in the purpose of conquering the Dominion by way of bringing Great Britain to terms.

WANTED. Several manuscript diaries or journals kept by the late Benjamin Chappell, Esq., Post Master of Prince Edward Island, were borrowed some years since in Charlottetown, and up to the present time they have not been returned.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER. DEAR MR. EDITOR,—The news of the fortnight is not of much importance, for there is little or no change in the situation of affairs.

AN AUTUMNAL SESSION of Parliament will not be granted. The Government is firm upon that point. It has been sorely pressed, but will not yield.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION has just met for its early winter session in the busy town of Bradford. The attendance of visitors connected with the union was unusually large.

THE BAPTIST UNION met at Birmingham. It too, has had a most successful meeting. As in the case of the Congregational Union so with the Baptist, there is full freedom of theme and right to discuss.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS at Plymouth was imposing in numbers and the high rank of many of the clergy. The Bishop of Exeter was the President, as the Congress met within the bounds of his Diocese.

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