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We regret that owing to the pressure on our columns this week it has been necessary to hold over to another issue an account of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the St. Stephen Church and also some other matter reserved late in the week.

We are glad to know that the exploring party under the direction of Mr. Tyrrell reached Selkirk a few days ago in safety. The stay of the party in the Hudson Bay country beyond the bounds of civilization had been prolonged so much beyond the time at which its return had been expected that the friends of Mr. Tyrrell and those who accompanied him had naturally become very anxious. Mr. Tyrrell is a son-in-law of Rev. Dr. Carey, of St. John, and Mrs. Tyrrell who has been for some months with her parents here expects shortly to leave to meet her husband in Ottawa. Mr. Tyrrell reports that as a result of the expedition a fine region of country, having valuable timber lands and showing indications of mineral wealth, has been explored. The party travelled 700 miles on snow-shoes before reaching Fort Selkirk.

A despatch from Halifax states that James Paul, Chief of the Micmac Indians of Nova Scotia, died on Thursday last at the Indian Reserve, Shubenacadie. The Chief, it is stated was born January 5th, 1800, and had accordingly just entered upon his 95th year at the time of his death. He was installed as Chief by the late Archbishop Walsh 35 years ago, succeeding Francis Paul, and has since been recognized as the head of the tribe by the 2,500 Micmacs scattered through the province. An assembly of the Indians is to be called, we are told, to elect a new Chief, and in the mean time John Noel, who has been acting Chief for some years past and who attended the funeral of the late Premier in that capacity, will continue to discharge the duties of the office. Perhaps some of our readers are sufficiently acquainted with the tribal affairs of the Micmacs to inform us as to what are supposed to be the duties of the Micmac Chief, what relation he holds to his people, what authority he has over them and by what methods or agencies his authority is exercised. An article on this subject by one who has sufficient knowledge of it would be instructive and interesting.

We were shown a few days ago some plans which our friends of Main Street have under consideration in connection with the new church which they are to build. Some matters of detail are still to be arranged. It has been determined however, we understand, that the work of building will go forward without unnecessary delay, that the new building will occupy the lot on which the present building stands, that it will be of brick and stone and will be new throughout. The main audience room, according to the plan under consideration, will have 700 settings, with a school room in the rear which may when necessary be connected, giving two or three hundred additional settings. The plan seems well adapted to meet the requirements of the congregation. There is no church we know of which has more need of room and increased facilities for its growing work. It is evident that Pastor Gordon is leading his church with the wisdom and ability that was to be expected of him. The past year has been for the church one of marked prosperity. Probably more of our churches in these provinces has a more encouraging prospect of growth and enlarged usefulness. We trust that hearty unanimity and the greatest success may attend our brethren of Main Street in the important work to which they are now putting their hands.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in St. David's church on Thursday evening last. The attendance was large, the church being well filled, and the meeting was one of much interest. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. John E. Irvine, who in an introductory address spoke at some length respecting the purpose of the society and the great work which it was accomplishing in giving the Sacred Scriptures to the people of the world in their own languages. The annual report was read by the secretary, Mr. Joshua Clawson. The report showed that the society has closed its nineteenth year with issues of Scriptures for the year of almost 4,000,000 copies in nearly 320 languages, distributed in almost all the countries of the world by 600 collectors and 400 Bible women and other agencies. Its ordinary income was \$141,225, being \$3,888 more than the previous year, \$1,316 being also given for the special department fund. The

sale of Scriptures yielded £33,700, which was some £8,000 less than in 1893. The committee state that they have limited their expenditure where it seemed desirable, but have neglected no clear call to enlarged operations. Excellent addresses in support of resolutions endorsing and commending the work of the society were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Dickar, Bruce, Gordon and Marshall.

A report has been started that the death of the brilliant writer Robert Louis Stevenson, recently deceased, was caused by excessive cigarette smoking. Whether there is any truth in the story or not we cannot say, but as it is accompanied with the absurd statement that Mr. Stevenson was accustomed to smoke 150 cigarettes in a day, one is inclined to believe that the whole story is an invention of some unreflexing brain. If the story were true, allowing Mr. Stevenson a reasonable time for sleeping and eating, he must have smoked something more than one cigarette every six minutes. The Springfield Republican, alluding to the absurdity of this, recalls the statement of a preacher who, denouncing Mormonism, said if the winding sheets of the persons whose death could be traced directly to the Mormons were laid side by side they would cover the State of Maine. "Had the speaker paused," says the Republican, "to consider even for a moment, he would have realized that he was telling a story that would have made Munchausen hide his head with shame. For allowing a square rod for each winding sheet which is a pretty generous measure, he was crediting the Mormons with being responsible for the deaths of the 3,061,948,000 persons."

PASSING EVENTS.

THE Toronto fire of January 6th, in which the *Globe* newspaper building and equipments, the plant of the Toronto Lithographing Company and much other valuable property was destroyed is said to have been the most disastrous in the history of the city. The fire department was placed at a serious disadvantage in coping with the fire, the chief being disabled early in the progress of it, and the deputy chief being away. One brave fireman was killed and five others seriously injured by falling walls. It is feared that some of them will not recover. The fire originated in the *Globe* building. Its loss is estimated at \$145,000, with \$100,000 insurance. The loss of the Lithographing Company is placed at \$120,000. The *Globe* building was a very fine one and had been occupied by the paper since January 1890. Besides its building and expensive plant, including two fine Bullock presses and eight type-setting machines, the *Globe* lost all its files and its valuable library, the accumulation of nearly half a century. The *Globe*, under the editorship and management of the late Hon. George Brown, became a great political, social and intellectual force in Ontario, and the paper has continued to be one of the best established, and most influential in the Dominion. It has been of course and is still a partisan in politics but of a moderate and honorable character, and apart from politics, the paper has always been a recognized force in promoting the material and moral interests of the country. The promptly extended courtesy of the *Empire* in placing the ample facilities of its office at the *Globe's* disposal was accepted, and it is accordingly enabled to continue its publication with little disadvantage to its readers. Since this paragraph was written another great fire has occurred in Toronto, starting just where the fire of Sunday ended. The total property loss is very heavy of course, but the estimate of a million dollars damage, which was given to the public after each fire, is probably far beyond the mark.

THERE is talk of important railway extension in Manitoba. It is stated that as increased facilities are demanded for the opening up of the country, and as neither the Canadian Pacific nor the Northern Pacific seem to be in a position to undertake the work, the Manitoba government proposes to build an independent line from Winnipeg northwesterly some two or three hundred miles to the Dauphin district. There is talk also of legislation being secured at the approaching session of the Legislature authorizing the construction of a line south-easterly from Winnipeg to the boundary line, there to connect with roads to Duluth. These two lines, it is said, "would open up vast stretches of fertile and timber lands, and the line can then be pushed on north-westward along the line originally intended for the C. P. R., through Great Saskatchewan Valley to the base of the

Rocky Mountains, there connecting with a line to be built with the aid of the British Columbia government through Yellow Head Pass to the Pacific coast, thus making another transcontinental line from Duluth via Winnipeg to the Pacific Ocean." The Northwest is a large country and its people forecast large schemes. Some part of the scheme here noted may perhaps be carried into effect in the not distant future, but probably we shall be some little way along in the next century before it shall be fully realized.

THERE has been during the past week trouble between the miners of Springfield and the management, but the difficulties appear now to have been amicably adjusted and work is going on as usual. The recent fire had made it necessary for the company to curtail its operations on account of damages to its works. The company seem to have been disposed to arrange matters so as to give as much work to the miners as was practicable under the circumstance, but the latter held that their interests or their convenience was not sufficiently consulted by the management. They especially objected to the very early hour in the morning at which the men were requested to go to work. Another contention of the men was that they should be lowered into and hoisted from the pit. They complained that under the existing arrangements some of the men after working hard in the pit had to walk up a rough haulway of 3000 feet in length, which greatly exhausted their strength. The difficulties have been settled, it is stated, by the management conceding this latter point and the time of going to work is arranged by mutual concession. It is matter for congratulation that what threatened to be a very serious matter, involving much bad feeling and much suffering as well, has been brought to an amicable settlement.

Halifax Letter.

THE HON. SAMUEL LEONARD SHANNON.

Mr. Shannon passed away on the seventh of January in the 79th year of his age. He was a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Shannon is a daughter of deacon Benjamin Fellows, of Bridgetown, and sister of the late Mrs. John M. Parker, of Berwick. In religious circles in Halifax Mr. Shannon's name is associated with those of the late Hon. P. C. Hill, James B. Morrow and J. S. McLean. He was a graduate of King's college and a lawyer by profession. For eight years he served as member for his county in the local legislature, and for a time was a member of the administration, the late Judge Johnston being Attorney General. In 1867 he retired from political life with the right to retain the title, Honourable. In 1881 he was appointed Judge of Probate. Mr. Shannon had a calm judicial mind and throughout his whole life he was a consistent christian. He had refined and literary tastes, and was broad and charitable in his views and sentiments. He consistently and constantly gave his sympathy and support to all the charitable and religious enterprises of the city. He died honored by all his fellow citizens. A large number of them followed him to his grave.

The Nova Scotia Bible Society, associated with the British and Foreign, held its anniversary at Brunswick Street Methodist church on Thursday evening the 10th, J. C. McIntosh, Esq., was in the chair. Rev. Foster Almon read the report. Bishop Courtney, Revs. F. H. Wright, H. H. McPherson and E. M. Saunders were the speakers. The chairman complained that the anniversary meetings of the society had dwindled down to the officials and here and there a hearer. Because of this the society had begged for a place in the week of prayer. This was granted. Notwithstanding this experience, the preliminary exercises, including the chairman's address which was very long, and was mostly made up of statistics, given again to the meeting by the secretary, were about four long, and when the first speaker of the six on the programme had finished it was time to give the collection and receive the benediction. Anniversaries, conducted in this way, ought to die. The speakers kept within the time allotted.

The society gives the world the bible in nearly 300 languages. Since March last it has sold and otherwise distributed 4,000,000 copies of the bible. Its income is £141,225. It sustains 402 bible women in India, China, Mauritius, Ceylon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and other places. The work done is on a large scale.

The Halifax District Committee held

its monthly meeting at the Book Room on the seventh. There was a good attendance. Progress was made in the matter of securing more missionary work for the county of Halifax. The two methods discussed were these: First to have a Missionary appointed by the District committee and subsidized by the Missionary Board. This plan was thoroughly examined. But it was seen that if the district committee should undertake to raise the greater part of his salary in the churches of the county, it would interfere with and embarrass the operations of the convention plan. Finally it was decided to ask the H. M. Board to give five or six months work if deemed expedient; one of their missionaries to the county. The society reserves the right to name the man for the work.

Rev. M. W. Brown reports twelve baptisms at Mill Cove and three at the head of the bay. The joint labors of the pastor and the Rev. Mr. Marple have yielded good fruit. The Holy Spirit's power was remarkably displayed in some cases of conversion. Mr. M. A. McLean, a student of Acadia college, preached in the vacant lot at Fall River, Rev. D. G. McDonald would have been with him on Christmas and New Year's days, had not the great storms prevented him. Brother D. G. enjoys preaching and revival on these days far better than turkey and puddings. All desire that he should have an abundance of both. Students from the college supply the West End. Rev. W. A. Saelling is in the eastern part of Halifax county. He preaches three times each Sunday and conducts fire services in the week besides. He has had special services in connection with Rev. Mr. McKay, Presbyterian. At Eton Secum the interior of the church building has been finished. The outside now claims attention. Our young men are self-sacrificing and earnest in their labors. The Lord bless and prosper the young men. Rev. J. D. Spidel is laboring hard at Wittenburg and the other stations connected with it.

The week of Prayer is passing over without any special religious manifestations. There is harmony and good will in the churches. On Wednesday evening last Deacon Lewis Payzant, an excellent deacon in the first church, passed away. He was a member of the church, and was in the last stage of life, arranged by the church, and is not eligible for re-election till after a year has passed. Hon. Dr. Parker went out two or three years ago, and declines further nomination. Mr. H. H. Reid was elected to fill the vacancy made by the retirement of Mr. Payzant. Dr. Reid takes a deep interest in all church and denominational matters. E. M. S.

N. B. Convention.

The regular Board meeting took place in Brussels St. church, St. John, on Tuesday afternoon, 8th inst. The Seminary classes, as previously announced have been removed to the Wishart building where they will continue until June next. The principal reported as paid in on Seminary accounts, including students fees, \$1,202.00. The expenditure during the same period has been \$1,339.15. There has also been paid in addition to the treasurer of the N. B. Convention nearly \$300 for Home Missions and the Seminary.

By resolution of the Board a grant of \$20 was ordered to be given to Immanuel Neales, in aid of Otisagog church, Queen's Co. The following amounts have been paid on the Mission account by the treasurer: to Rev. E. K. Ganong, Tabernacle church, \$37.50; to Rev. J. J. Bleakney, Newcastle, Miramichi \$20; to Rev. P. R. Knight, Nashwaak and Gardigan \$25.

Rev. J. W. S. Young, general missionary of the Board reported to Dec. 16th; Baptisms at Jemseg, 25, not including some others baptized by Rev. A. B. Macdonald with whom he labored; at Salisbury 20, besides ten more subsequently baptized by Rev. M. Addison. He also reports the following collections received: at Jemseg \$53.76; at Salisbury \$34.74; other amounts, \$11.83; total to Dec. 16th, \$100.33.

Collections have also been received for Home Missions from the following quarterly meetings: Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska, York and Sunbury, Queens and Kings counties.

We are grateful to several of the churches for this ready and generous response and hope that all will become sufficiently interested to help us bear the burdens we have undertaken.

Brothers, remember this part of our work, and by your gifts permit us to extend it more and more until the destitute settlements of this province are all occupied with good and earnest laborers. At the meeting of the Board it was suggested that each church be requested to appoint two young lady collectors in its neighborhood to help forward the gathering of funds. Will the pastors assist in carrying out this idea? The Board is to meet on the first Tuesday in February with the executive of the Free Baptist conference to discuss affairs relative to the Seminary. We would like all the pastors and interested friends to come in with us and take part. The meeting will be held in Brussels street church Feb. 5th at 2 p. m.

W. E. MCINTOSH, Secy.

Are the Baptists of Nova Scotia Making Any Advance in Raising Funds for Denominational Work?

By denominational work, as here used we mean Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Acadia College, Ministerial Education, Ministerial Aid and Relief, Northwest Missions and Grande Ligne Missions. Besides these there are other objects, such as Alumni Professorship, Interest Fund of Acadia Seminary, Manual Training School and Ministers' Annuity Fund to which a number of the members of our churches are regularly contributing. To these might be added the appeals from churches to aid in building houses for worship, and persons from abroad, who go through the province soliciting aid for different enterprises. As we have not the means of estimating the amounts gathered for these different objects, we confine our examination to what we regard as our regular work as named above. It is safe to say, however, that at no time in our history has more been given for objects outside of our regular work than in the last few years. For the answer to our questions we call attention to the following statement which shows the amounts given each year from 1881 to 1894. We include the amounts collected by the Aid Societies, because they come chiefly from church members and because they go to some of the regular objects named above.

Years.	From Churches, etc.	Aid Societies	Totals
1881	\$5,806.27	\$977.37	\$6,783.64
'82	7,442.91	1,550.48	8,993.39
'83	8,860.92	1,971.79	10,832.71
'84	7,732.52	1,744.19	9,476.71
'85	8,664.88	2,326.69	10,991.57
'86	10,164.86	1,782.90	11,947.76
'87	11,448.17	2,212.56	13,660.73
'88	9,892.62	2,204.57	12,097.19
'89	10,420.71	2,444.19	12,864.90
'90	11,486.66	3,150.41	14,637.07
'91	12,866.10	3,784.64	16,650.74
'92	12,422.52	4,259.99	16,682.51
'93	10,947.34	4,443.62	15,390.96
'94	14,874.31	4,464.92	19,339.23

It will be noticed that the amount contributed in 1884 is less than in 1883, and in 1888 less than in 1887. The explanation is that in 1883 and in 1887 there were special efforts to clear off all debts on Home Mission Board. Also that the amount in 1893 is less than in 1892. This is accounted for by the fact that the amount raised for the Centennial or Memorial Fund in 1893, \$3,175.27, did not pass through the hands of the provincial treasurer and is not included in the amount as given above.

From the above it will be seen that the amount contributed in 1894 is a little more than double the amount contributed in 1884 and nearly three times the amount contributed in 1881.

If we compare the increase of contributions with the increase in members we find that it has been very much greater. The membership for N. S. in 1881 was 23,527, in 1884 it was 24,270, and in 1894 it is put down at 27,003. These figures include non-residents.

Clearly then there has been considerable advance in raising funds for our denominational work in Nova Scotia.

But it may be said that the increase of some of the departments has not been in proportion to the general increase. The reason for this is first that the increase in the amount raised by the Aid Societies has not been in proportion to the increase in the number of churches, as shown on page 27-31 of Year Book, ought to convince the members of these churches that they are able to do much more. We invite all the leaders in our churches to examine these pages and see what their several churches have done, and then strive to make the amount for 1895 greater than that of 1894.

A. COLEMAN, Treas. for N. S.
Wolfville, N.S., Jan. 8, '95.

W. B. M. U.

MOVING FOR THE YEAR:
"Be ye strong therefore and let not your hands be weak for your work shall be rewarded."

Contributors to this column will please address Mrs. J. W. Manning, St. John, West, N. B.

PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY.
For Mr. and Mrs. Higgins and Miss Clarke, and the other active helpers, a teachers, that the Holy Spirit may go before them and prepare the hearts of the people to accept salvation through Christ.

Our readers will be rejoiced to know that our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Corey and Miss Clark have arrived safely in India. A letter just received from Miss Clark says they arrived at Bimlipatnam on Dec. 10th. They have decided to remain at Bimlipatnam until the Candona conference which takes place on the 20th of December. It will be very pleasant for these new comers to meet so many of the missionaries from the Ontario Board as well as our own soon after arriving in the country. Mrs. Churchill hoped to join them there before the conference closed as they will have a joyful meeting. Miss Clark says, "As we came in sight of Bimlipatnam we were met by the glass that there were two

white men in one of the boats and as the boat came nearer we recognized Mr. Morse and Mr. Shaw hurrying out to welcome us to India. We did indeed receive a hearty welcome at the Mission house. I am staying with Miss Grey. She is indeed a most consecrated worker. I expect to go out calling with her tomorrow and get a glimpse of what my work is to be.

Yesterday morning Mr. Morse preached in Telugu then asked us each to say a few words to the people, he interpreting for us, then we partook of the Lord's supper for the first time in a foreign land. I did enjoy looking at the christian faces, they have such a happy look, so different from the heathen on the street. I noticed it first at Colombo where some native christians came on board to meet a church missionary and his wife. Then at Miss Day's chapel meeting at Madras, when we heard a Telugu preacher.

You cannot imagine how much encouragement it gave me to look into their faces and note the transforming power of Christ. I expect to begin to study the language tomorrow. The missionaries all assure me that I will get the language if I only have patience.

Let us pray most earnestly for our dear sister that she may acquire the language rapidly and be fitted to enter fully upon her work among the women and children.

A few extracts from a letter just received from Mrs. Morse will be read with pleasure: "The past year has been such a busy one and I have done much less letter writing than ever before since coming to India. The last boy was very trying on Mr. Morse and myself, especially Mr. M. Now we are enjoying the pleasant days of the year. I have been on tour with Mr. M. two weeks. We are in a small village thirty-one miles from Bimlipatnam and fifteen from Chicoleo. We are living in a travellers bungalow, it is very comfortable indeed. There are only a few of these buildings on our field so I hardly know what we will do when we go in camp. It will be rather light quarters, now that little Marion has to go with us. Three coats, with table and everything needed on tour in one small room. However, we shall manage some way for I want to go with Mr. M. to visit all our field. I have had two letters from Mrs. Archibald urging me to come and spend a day with her when so near, but it will be impossible. She sent us some bread and fruit, which we were so glad to get as our provisions were getting very low and we all have ravenous appetites. Ayah told me yesterday we all three had roses on our cheeks. How thankful we should be for such good health! Mr. Morse had a bad attack of fever about a month ago, but is as strong as ever now. Miss Grey with her Bible women and all her boarding children are in a village five miles from Bimlipatnam. She writes she is having a very interesting time."

Mr. Morse has had most encouraging talks with Brahmins and other high caste people. They come to the bungalow and listen so well.

And now a few words from an old friend of our W. B. M. U. Armstrong, the founder of our W. B. M. U. She still loves and thinks of her sisters in these provinces and we feel assured there are many here who cherish her memory and remember the strictest words she spoke that awakened our sisters to understand the great work they have so long carried on. Mr. A's daughter Katie went out to Burma a year ago to engage in mission work with her mother, Mrs. A. says: "Today I have a little quiet and I draw near Christmas. I want to touch for a moment again the threads that were woven with my earlier life. I cannot even sketch all that has happened since I last wrote; that must be left for the long leisure of eternity." But I will tell you a little of the reason and you must guess what lies between. Katie is with us that seems the most prominent feature, just full of life and vigor and enthusiasm. She bears the heaviest burden. She is young to be out here; but for that reason she is all the self quicker to the people and the place. She is quite at home in Telugu and loves these little black mites as well as she always did the white ones at home and the children, gather around her and cling to her just as they did in the home land. Mr. Armstrong has charge of the whole Telugu and Hindoo work in Burma. Rangoon came under our charge only a short time ago. We care for it by placing native helpers in all the principal places and visiting them as frequently as possible. It is a splendid opportunity! Mr. A. Katie and I have been for two months travelling among the people, finding them glad to listen almost everywhere we went. Katie and I came some to Maulmain a few days ago to the home which we have called home ever since coming to Burma. It is a large old fashioned building in the midst of a great field, a pleasant, quiet home if you don't mind the noise of 200 or 300 school children. The Burman girls' school as well as the Hindoo schools are on this compound. Our boys are happy and making good progress in their school in England. New Years blessings on you all, the shadows lengthen, our day draws to its close. With us all I treat - as evening time it shall be light, and after that the everlasting day at Home."

A ladies union missionary meeting representing all denominations was held in Germania street Baptist church on Thursday afternoon. It was a season of great refreshing. A good attendance, earnest prayers, songs of praise and helpful words were spoken. The meeting was most interesting and profitable.

USE SKIFF'S BLOOD PURIFIER, the great Blood and Nerve Remedy.