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IN THE COUNTRY.

Congregational Union at Keswick Ridge.

Some Notes of Interest About a Keswick Church.

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Bazaar at Gibson.

It will be seen by advertisement in another column that the ladies of the Baptist sewing circle at Gibson are to hold a sale of useful and fancy articles at White's Hall, on the 30th of this month. This bazaar should be well patronized. The ladies, under whose auspices it is to be held, have spared no pains to make it well worthy of the patronage which its object calls for.

Remember: tea will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Sunbury Sunday School Convention.

The Sunbury County Sunday School Convention will meet at the Congregational church in Sheffield, on Tuesday, the 13th day of July next, at 10 o'clock, a m. Sunday school workers from other counties will be heartily welcomed.

Besides the usual business of the sessions the following subjects will be introduced for discussion:—(1) Is it advisable to make more general use of the lessons helps or "International Series;" (2) If used, how? What qualification should be required of a Sunday school teacher? (3) Does the work of the Sunday school lessen the responsibility of parents for the christian learning of their children?

Rev. Jos Barker is president of the convention and Thos L Alexander, secretary.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregationalists at Keswick Ridge Next Week.

The annual union of the congregationalist churches of the maritime province convenes with the church at Keswick Ridge beginning on Friday July 2 and continuing till Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week.

In addition to the representatives from all the churches of the denomination in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and P E Island of whom the Union is composed, large delegations are expected from Ontario and the United States, as this is a favorable time for ministers and others to take advantage of their holiday season for a tour in the country. Many prominent preachers are expected, among whom is Rev Dr McGregor of Guelph, Ont., who is a man of the highest scholarly attainments and stands high among the eminent preachers of Canada He will be expected to preach before the Union on Sunday. All the meetings promise to be full of interest and the discussion upon the various topics under consideration, such as missions, education, sunday school work, temperance, etc., will be open to the public and will doubtless be exceedingly profitable and interesting. A trip to this beautiful section just now when the country is looking its best will be very pleasant to the many visitors who may attend.

REMOVAL OF AN OLD CHURCH.

A Bit of History about a Keswick Church.

The old Episcopal church near Mouth Keswick has been torn down and removed to the farm of Mr. Ross Currie at Lower Douglas to be erected again for church purposes in that place. This was probably the oldest church building in York county and among the oldest in the province, having been built upwards of 75 years ago, when the country round about was nearly all in wilderness. There is only one man now living in the place, Mr. Geo. Dunphy, sr, who is now over 80 years old, who has any recollection of the time when the church was built. The early settlers of the place took part in its erection, most of whom now lay buried in the yard which surrounded it. They were Major Abraham Yerxa, Mr. Shephard, Mr. Dunphy, Mr. Smith, Mr. Pickard and Mr. Merithew, from whom are descended most of the inhabitants of the place at the foresaid time. As none of the material composing it now could be used in the erection of a new building excepting portions of the frame, many regret that it has been removed as it has stood for so many years, and seem like a relic of the past. It has always been a parish church, the Easter sessions being held there. Rev. G G Roberts, of this city, was for many years rector of this church. By its removal the graveyard has been left in a bad condition, and the rubbish should be at once removed and the place put in as good order as when the building was standing. It is understood that the church was removed against the wishes of the church wardens and a large number of the people of the place.

Church Notes.

Canon Medley, of Sussex, preached the ordination sermon at the Cathedral on Sunday morning.

Rev. Mr. Williams who was ordained priest, preached in St. Ann's church at the afternoon service.

Rev. F D Crawley, of the Baptist church, and Rev. W A Taylor, of the Methodist church, exchanged pulpits on Sunday morning last.

Liberal Convention.

The York County Liberal Convention will be held in the liberal club rooms on Thursday next beginning at 10 o'clock a m.

The Provincial Liberal Association will open on the afternoon of the same day at 2.30 o'clock. The association promises to be very largely attended.

Crock's Point.

Mr. Enoch Lunt, of Crock's Point has begun the erection of a new horse ferry boat to take the place of the one destroyed by the ice last spring. He expects to have it completed for service this fall.

City Schools Examination.

The public schools examinations will be held in all the city schools tomorrow, beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Parents of pupils, and the public generally, are cordially invited to attend.

A COMPLICATED CASE.—Harry Ricardo, of Meaford, Ont., testifies that he suffered from rheumatic gout and chronic trouble of the stomach and liver, which Burdock Blood Bitters effectually cured, after all other tried remedies had failed.

A FIENDISH TRAMP.

A Night of Horror for a Woman and her Daughter on the Back Road.

Mrs Rice and her daughter are the only occupants of a house on the back road, commonly known as Petitcodiac road, about a mile from the Nashwaak bridge. On Thursday night last, late in the evening, a tramp called at the house and requested food and lodging. He seemed tired and hungry and the women had compassion on him, and gave him supper and made him a bed on the kitchen floor. Between two and three o'clock the next morning, Mrs Rice was awakened by a noise, proceeding from her daughter's bedroom. She called out to ascertain the cause of the trouble and as she did, the young tramp made a sudden rush into her room and grasped the bedclothes and held them over her mouth and told her that her would brain her if she made any further noise. The daughter, who had slept on undisturbed, although the tramp was trying to break into her room, heard the racket in her mother's room and ran to her assistance. The tramp tried every means within his power to keep both women in the bedroom, but the old woman fought her way out and gave the alarm. Her brother, who lives a short distance away, heard the cries for help and was soon to the scene of the disturbance. Mrs Rice did not wish to go far away from the house for fear that her daughter would be murdered, but the tramp since the alarm was given, was more concerned about defending himself. He did not leave the house, and defied the few neighbors that had gathered to come near him. He held the fort for upwards of an hour, threatening death on anyone that came near him. As daylight approached, however, the tramp left the house and fled to the woods. Shortly afterwards a party of eight men was gathered together and started out into the woods in pursuit of the man. They kept up their search for several hours but could find no trace of him. Before Mrs Rice was awakened by the noise in the house, the tramp it appeared had ransacked nearly every room and was trying to break open the door which lead into the girl's bedroom. From the daring resistance which the big muscular fellow showed when the men arrived, it is a wonder to many how the women escaped his clutches. The women noticed when he was eating his supper that he had an anchor painted on the back of his hand. The police authorities in the city have been notified of the occurrence and Detective Roberts is keeping a close watch for him.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

The Interesting Exercises in the Free Baptist Church on Sunday.

Sunday last was children's day in the Free Baptist Church. At the morning service the Sunday school children occupied the choir and sang some very beautiful songs of praise which were listened to with more than ordinary interest. The pastor, Rev. Dr. McLeod, preached a sermon especially to the younger flock, choosing for his subject the making of promises and obedience. The discourse was delivered in such a way as to attract the attention of the children and contained many practical and useful lessons for them.

In the evening the whole of the service was given up to the Sunday school children, and a very entertaining programme of music and recitations was admirably carried out. There was a large congregation present and everyone seemed delighted with the efforts of the children. The exercises were conducted by the superintendent, Mr. Jas. A. Vanwart, and the children sang several of their Sunday school songs at the opening. After prayer by the pastor, the following interesting programme was gone through which reflected the highest credit on all who took part:

PROGRAMME.

"Sabbath Chimes" ..... Chorus.
"Work for Jesus" ..... Chorus.
Recitation, "Her Accompaniment," Ida Burden.
Recitation, "God Wants Them All," Roy Vanwart, Annie Taylor, Alfretta Dorcus and Willie Taylor.
Song and chorus, "I'm so Glad," Lily McKenzie, Annie Brewer, Helen Gaunce, Alf Gravell and Max Gravell.
Recitation, "Twinkle, Little Star," Claire Vanwart.
Recitation, "What's the Use," Norman McLeod.
Solo, "Tell it Again," Annie Brewer.
Recitation, "Two Mites," Lily Anthony.
Song and chorus, "Gathering Jewels," By five girls,
Recitation, "What not to do," Chester Vanwart.
Song, "Infant Band," by the infant class.
Recitation, "A Short Sermon," Ernest Vandine, after which the collection was taken up by four little boys.
Chorus, "Shall we Gladly Meet," by the school
Recitation, "Kindly Deeds," Bessie Segee.
Song and chorus, "Footsteps of Jesus," Jennie McLeod, Mamie Burt and Annie Dorcus.
Recitations, "Song of Willing Workers," by nine members of the infant class.
Recitation, "Chasing the Butterfly," May Dorcus.
Solo and chorus, "Lo the Golden Fields are Smiling," Bessie Taylor.
Recitation, "Jack Frost," Robbie Vandine.
Chorus, "Busy Little Gleaners."
Recitation, "The blessing of song," Ella Segee.
Recitation, "Be Careful," Fred McKinnon.
Song, "Now I lay me down to sleep," by the Infant Class.

One of the most pleasing features of the musical programme was the chorus "Busy Little Gleaners," the echo of which was given by several little girls of the infant class from the class room. "Lord dismiss us with thy blessing" was sung by the congregation, the benediction pronounced and the interesting exercises brought to a close.

Mrs. W G Gaunce and Mrs. Nason presided alternately at the organ. The excellence of the entertainment was due largely to Miss Carrie Thompson, who has charge of the infant class, to Miss Amelia Atherton, Mrs. W G Gaunce, Miss Ella Atherton and Mrs. Nason for their painstaking efforts in preparing the children for the work.

Fredericton Junction.

The pie social and musical entertainment at Fredericton Junction, on the 15th inst, in aid of the Sunday school library proved quite a success both sociably and financially, the amount raised being thirty dollars and six cents. The ladies desire, through THE GLEANER, to bestow their thanks to the many friends for their liberality.

HIGH PRAISE.—Mrs. John Neelands, writing from the Methodist Parsonage, Adelaide, Ont., says: "I have used Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam in our family for years. For heavy colds, sore throats and distressing coughs no other medicine so soon relieves."

A FAIR PROPOSITION.—There could be no offer more fair than that of the proprietors of Hagyard's Yellow Oil, who have long offered to refund every cent expended for that remedy, if it fails to give satisfaction on fair trial.

HOME RULE.

Parnell Thinks Gladstone is Certain to Triumph.

Liborals Expect a Majority of Ten for "The Old Man,"

And the Tories Estimate a Majority of Twelve the Other Way.

Election Fights—The Duke of Norfolk Throttled by a Stalwart Radical.

NEW YORK, June 20.—James O'Kelly, home rule member of parliament, cables that, in an interview with Parnell, the Irish chief considers the outlook most favorable. At least fifty English constituencies, now held by conservatives by slender majorities, will go to the liberals. The loss of liberal seats, he thinks, will be counterbalanced by a return of home rule liberals for seats now held by liberal dissentients. Parnell thinks Gladstone is certain to triumph if his health and strength last. His appeal to the English democracy will go home and the working classes will see that a settlement of the Irish question is unavoidable, if those great reforms for which Great Britain now waits, with regard to land and social problems, are to be attended to.

T P O'Connor cables that Lord Salisbury's speech is regarded as a proof that the tory party have made enormous progress in their education up to home rule. It declares, in effect, that something in the direction of concession, conciliation, self-government, home rule—whatever you please to call it—has come within the sphere of practical politics. It recognizes that Gladstone's policy has rendered future coercion impossible, and for all practical purposes admits that it must henceforth be abandoned as a part of the tory creed, or explained away. Local self-government for Ireland is henceforth the cry of the tories.

A cable correspondent says the prospects of the new parliament are hard to arrive at. A majority for Gladstone of about ten is expected by the least confident of liberals. The tory estimates are twelve the other way. It is getting very hot in the meetings discussing the question now; election fights occur daily and it would not be surprising if there was heavy rioting in many places where the feeling runs high at present. At Islington, a northern suburb, which is a hot bed of radicalism and contains besides a large Irish population, there was a grand fight. The Duke of Norfolk, whose dukedom is so excessively lofty that he is earl marshal, and who is a leading Catholic of England, has always been a whig and now parades as an opponent of home rule. To a unionist meeting in Islington went the duke who, though high in nobility, is rather puny in person. A row was soon begun. The radical mob stormed the platform, and one stalwart radical pinned the noble duke against the wall, throttling him and punching him with great vigor. Finally, receiving a kick which elevated him and propelled him toward the front of the stage, he was hustled off the platform and so escaped from the tory mob at Brentford in the last campaign.

Geo. W Smalley cables to the New York Tribune: The remarkable thing about Goschen's address is its approach to Chamberlain's ideas of federation as the ultimate solution of the Irish difficulties. Goschen and Chamberlain are feeling their way to a system under which England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland shall all have local legislatures for well defined local purposes, with an imperial parliament in which all four countries shall be represented as now for imperial purposes. Passages in Lord Hartington's address point less distinctly in the same direction.

William Henry Hurlbert cables to the New York Sun: If the elections make Lord Salisbury premier, as many of the ablest radicals believe, the friends of Ireland may rest assured that Lord Salisbury and his party will find themselves forced to deal with the principle of home rule as a substantially accepted principle. Joseph Cowen, the oldest friend of home rule in the house of commons, told me a day or two ago that he regarded this as certain. He voted for Gladstone's bill, but he was more than reconciled to its defeat, because he knew that it could never become a practical measure and because he sees from the broad democratic discussion which has now begun, that a practical measure of home rule must arise. Meanwhile discussion is bringing to the front other and perhaps larger questions which affect the political framework of Great Britain herself. Colonial representatives, too, are agitating in a more or less practical way the subject of imperial federation, to which a smart feeling has been given by the recent conduct of France in the New Hebrides, and which recalls the action of Germany in the Caroline Islands affair. But England is going through an electoral crisis, and is not swift to resent French trifling with the union jack as the Castilians are to indicate their honor against Teutonic aggression. While the expulsion of the princes is still an open question in the French senate, M de Freycinet evidently means to play a clouded and uncertain game with England. But there is a decided impression in official circles here that France really means to occupy New Hebrides. When decisive steps towards the expulsion of the princes have been taken and M Waddington, French minister to the court of St. James, has resigned, the British foreign office will be invited to consider the propriety of conceding what France wishes, notwithstanding the clamors of Australia.

College Students.

The college students, about half a hundred strong, marched through the principal streets of the city at a late hour on Saturday night and entertained the citizens to a number of college songs and other songs that were not quite so academical. As encœnia approaches the students must have their own time, and the policemen are not disposed to interfere. The seniors have their class supper at the Queen to-morrow night and the Juniors at the Barker.

Novel Strawberry Bed.

A Maryland farmer has a novel strawberry bed. He took a barrel and knocked the bottom out of it, then filled it with earth, and set it in the ground about six inches. He then bored it full of holes, and in each orifice put a strawberry plant. The berries grew very nicely, and it presents a unique spectacle.

CHURCHMEN AT WAR.

Serious Split in the Church of England in Canada—A Scene in the Synod.

MONTREAL, June 18.—A serious split exists in the Church of England here between the High Church and Low Church parties, and the annual Synod meeting, which closed today, has been marked by stormy scenes and much bitter feeling, which ended in a scene to-day. The trouble arose out of the dispute on the college question. The College of Lennoxville, in the diocese of Quebec, and which is regarded as a High Church institution, has so far had the exclusive right of conferring degrees in divinity. Recently, however, the diocese of Montreal went before Parliament and endeavored to obtain the same power for the Montreal Diocesan College, a comparatively young institution, but the High Churchmen succeeded in defeating the bill.

Then the subject was brought up before the Synod, and an attempt was made to have the Synod ratify the action of the Montreal College. The High Churchmen strongly opposed any increase in the degree conferring power, but the Low Church party succeeded by a heavy vote, and then avenged themselves by leaving every High Churchman off the Executive Board of the Synod. This action caused intense feeling, and the Synod to-day broke up in confusion. An attempt at reconciliation was made, but the meeting ended in a scene.

His Lordship Bishop Bond of Montreal had pronounced the benediction and the gathering was about to disperse, when the rector of the English cathedral in this city, the Rev. J G Norton, stepped forward and said that, although the Synod had been a very painful one for them all, he thought they should part in peace, and he moved a vote of thanks to his Lordship.

Bishop Bond—I would rather hear nothing about it at all. I am utterly disgusted with the whole business.

Mr. Davidson (a prominent High Churchman)—And your Lordship's disgust is shared in by other members of the Synod.

This remark was received with loud cries of "shame! shame!" and a storm of hisses, during which Mr Davidson and other prominent members of the High Church party left the Synod, and the Rev Mr Norton's motion of thanks to the Bishop ended in a perfect fiasco.

The difficulty has created intense feeling among the two parties and tended to widen the breech. The High Churchmen feel that the granting of the power to the Montreal College to confer degrees will be a danger to the Church of England in this province, and that the degree-conferring power should be held exclusively by Lennoxville, which holds a high position in this province as an educational idstitution. The fight will doubtless be resumed at the next session of Parliament.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The Students Valedictories on Saturday Evening.

The last meeting of the University Literary and Debating Society for the present year was held on Saturday evening, when the members of the graduating class delivered their valedictories. The meeting was the largest one held for a long time, nearly every student of the University being present. Some of the valedictories were very touching, and all of them were listened to with marked attention. Great sympathy was expressed for Mr. Hughes, who has been prevented from graduating this year owing to the long illness of his brother, whose death was announced a few weeks ago. Mr. Hughes was the foremost member of his class, and one of the most popular students of the University, owing to his fine manly qualities. He occupied the position of editor-in-chief of the University Monthly, for which his natural abilities most admirably fitted him. In the monthly he always upheld the rights of the students. He wrote what he meant and meant what he wrote. It is a matter of general regret that he is not allowed to take his degree on Thursday along with the other members of the class. After the valedictories had been delivered, the students sang "Auld Lang Syne" in a manner that indicated their emotions at being about to depart from each other.

Minstrels Coming.

On Monday and Tuesday next Whitmore & Clark's minstrels are to appear at the city hall. This troupe is the oldest in America, and has succeeded without resorting to the many artifices adopted by others to draw large houses. Good faithful work has won them friends wherever they have gone, and it is evident that they have done the same in St. John as the press there are unanimous in their praise. The comedians are funny and the specialty artists provide many novelties. There is one thing worthy of mention—that the company do all they promise and by keeping faith make friends.

Dry Weather

The long continued dry weather is having its effect on the crops and vegetation generally. Everything is assuming a parched appearance, and the farmers talk very discouragingly of the prospects of the hay and other crops this season. Reports from all parts of the county are to the effect that the hay crop will be very light this year, even if the rains should come on now. The last two or three days the atmosphere has become very smoky, owing to the forest fires that are beginning to rage in many parts. A heavy cloud of smoke rose to the north of the city yesterday from fires that are beginning to spread along the Upper Keswick.

Sad Drowning Accident at Tait Settlement.

A sad accident occurred at Tait Settlement, Douglas, on the afternoon of Sunday last. A young lad, George Stone, of about 16 years, in company with two younger boys, went into Tay Creek for a bath, when, getting into deep water and being unable to swim, it is thought he was seized with cramps, and before his comrades could summon any assistance for his recovery was drowned. The young lad was of excellent character and his untimely death has cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood. Dr. Moore of Stanley was interviewed in regard to holding an inquest, but owing to the clear nature of the accident deemed one unnecessary under the circumstances.

Forest Fires.

Owing to the protracted dry weather forest fires are beginning to rage with much fury in many parts. The fires in the vicinity of Vanceboro the latter part of last week had become so widespread that the destruction of the village was threatened. The inhabitants seeing the danger they were in took every precaution to ward off the fires, and had over 700 feet of hose stretched about the village on Friday and Saturday. The village has escaped any damage as yet, although the fires are still raging.

QUININE AND CHILLS.—Quinine is the popular remedy for chill fever, but it does not always cure. Esquire Pelton, of Grass Lake, Michigan, took in all 600 grains of quinine for chronic chills and malarial fever. After that and various other remedies had failed, five bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

FIRE THIS AFTERNOON.

The Late Judge Fisher's Residence Almost Entirely Destroyed.

Total Destruction of the Barns and other Outbuildings.

Household Effects Saved, but Greatly Damaged by Hasty Handling.

A few minutes before two o'clock this afternoon the Methodist church bell rang out a fire alarm. The central company was quickly on hand, but it did not seem to be definitely known where the fire was except that it was somewhere down town. A huge volume of smoke was seen ascending at the lower end of the town. The barn in rear of the late Judge Fisher's residence was in a mass of flames. Before the firemen reached the scene (some of the companies made a quick run of it) the fire had extended to the long woodhouse and conservatory and was sweeping everything before it.

The residence is situated a considerable distance below the limits of the water works and the fire department experienced considerable difficulty in getting sufficient hose to reach the building. Some 800 feet of hose was quickly stretched, but that was not more than half enough to be of any service. Teams were sent back to town for more hose which of course occasioned considerable delay. In the meantime the rear and roof of the fine Fisher residence, commonly known as

"Somerville," was in Flames.

It was soon obvious that the building was doomed to destruction. The large crowd that had gathered assisted the Salvage Corps in saving the household furniture. Mrs. Fisher was upstairs in her room and every effort was used to induce her to get beyond reach of danger, but the urgent solicitations of her friends were of no avail. It was only when the burning heat forced her to retire that she left the room in which was much that were precious treasures to her.

Much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. and the Misses Fisher in their great loss.

The steamer Alexandra arrived and was placed on the river bank, but sufficient hose had been obtained to reach the fire from the water works hydrant, but too late to save the building. Within a few feet of 1600 feet of hose had to be stretched to reach the fire.

When the Alexandra got steam up, one of the hose companies was ordered back to the city as the town was left without any fire protection.

A large quantity of the household effects were saved, but most of them were considerably damaged in the hasty handling.

The origin of the fire is not known.

The fire was not under control when the GLEANER reporter left the scene at half past two. The residence was then almost entirely destroyed.

The buildings were insured for $6,200 $2,500 of that amount being in the Hartford, Messrs Black and Hazen agents.

The furniture was insured in the Ætna for $1,500, Messrs Black and Hazen agents.

In Short Metre.

The City schools close tomorrow for the summer holidays.

The roads throughout the country districts are now undergoing repairs and improvements.

The York County Teachers Institute opens on Thursday morning next.

The interior of the Temperance Hall on York street is undergoing extensive improvements.

A largely attended private picnic was held at the Hermitage yesterday afternoon.

Disastrous forest fires are raging along the northern division of the I C R.

Two dollars counterfeit dominion bills have been afloat for some time.

The missing ballot box at Annapolis County, N. S., has been found. Attorney General Longley, whose election was in dispute has been declared elected.

What is known as the New England Fair building at Boston was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. About 100 cars of the Metropolitan Street Railway Co., which were in the building at the time, were destroyed. Several lives were lost. Total loss estimated at $300,000.

Found Dead in a Barn.

On Friday morning last, G Holland Snow, the well known music teacher, was found dead in Craig's barn at Perth Centre, Victoria County. Mr. Snow was well known in Woodstock and throughout the upper counties, being for a good many years a teacher of music. He was also well known to a large number in this city. A few years ago Mr. Snow was claimed by many to be the most capable and talented musician in the country, but over indulgence in strong drink crippled his efforts in this direction and was finally the cause of his death. He was travelling the upper counties selling organs at the time of his death. Mr. Snow, previous to coming to New Brunswick, was one of the bandmasters in the American army at the time of the Southern rebellion.

The River.

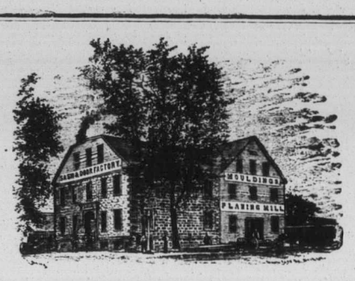
Parties about the river on Sunday were quite surprised to find that the water in the river had risen some eight or ten inches since Saturday night. The arrival of the Florenceville yesterday brought the news that heavy rains had visited the upper sections of the river the latter part of last week. The steamer left on her regular trip for Woodstock this morning and will continue to run all week. The river rose in all about a foot, but is now falling again.

Great Bargains.

Messrs. Yerxa & Yerxa, two doors above Peoples Bank, are just now offering great bargains in marmalade and jams, of which they have an immense stock of the very best quality. Read their advertisement, then try the article they advertise. Imagine, a two pound jar for 25 cents

Bazaar at New Maryland.

The bazaar in aid of the Presbyterian church, now in course of erection at New Maryland, will be held on the church grounds tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon. Busses will be on the road to accommodate people who wish to attend from the city.



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THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Qualifications of Candidates for the Ministry—Rev. D D Currie's Case.

Saturday morning the Nova Scotia conference, consisting of about 60 delegates, arrived at Sackville by special train from Amherst and were met at the train by a reception committee, who escorted them to the Methodist church, where the sessions of the conference are being held.

Rev Mr Heartz moved, seconded by Dr Allison, that the representatives of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P E Island do hereby express their opinion that the representation of Eastern Methodism, appointed by general conference on the general board of missions is inadequate, and requests the general conference of the church to increase the same. Carried.

The charge of seduction and adultery brought against Rev. Mr Currie has been investigated by a committee of the conference, and upon the former part of the charge he has been acquitted and upon the other "not proven" was the verdict.

Dr Lathern explained certain difficulties experienced in the N S conference resulting from the inadequate supply of candidates and probationers and a too rigid adherence to disciplinary requirements.

A motion was made, the object of which was to endeavor to secure from the general conference discretionary power in exceptional instances in dealing with candidates for the ministry.

Dr Williams claimed the privilege of speaking on this matter, deprecating any interference with the provisions of the discipline.

Rev C H Paisley contended that inability to pass examination in the studies of the curriculum does not argue literary deficiency.

Dr Stewart feared there was not in the church to-day that fervency in prayer that there should be, that the Lord would send forth laborers into the harvest and hoped that instead of lowering the standards we would rather elevate them.

Rev G O Huestis gloried in the old times when the only entrance into the ministry was satisfactory answers to the questions, "Has he gifts, graces and fruits."

Rev Messrs Berrie, Allison, T Marshall, A D Morton, J Gaetz and Strothard, also spoke on the question.

The resolution was put to the meeting and declared lost, the vote standing: For 55, against 60.

After devotional exercises Monday morning a special ministerial conference was held to consider questions of character. Lay delegates and the press were excluded. After an hour's discussion another committee was appointed to investigate the charge against Rev D D Currie.

When the conference resumed business a number of reports was submitted among which were the educational and missionary report. The pastoral address which was read by Rev Mr Weddall was adopted and ordered to be published.

The ordination service was held in the evening when J W Tait the only candidate for the ministry, was ordained.

Personal.

P A Melville, of the St. John Telegraph, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. Huntley, general agent of Whitmore & Clark's minstrels, is at the Queen.

G Herbert Lee, of St. John, was among the arrivals at the Queen yesterday.

Mr. S Elligood, of Dumfries, left the city yesterday to take up his abode in Wisconsin.

The Metropolitan left to-day to attend the encœnial exercises at King's College, Windsor.

Mr. D. Rogers and wife, of Summerside, P E I, are spending their honeymoon in this city They are staying at the Queen.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, of the Free Baptist church, has been granted five weeks leave of absence beginning with this week. He proposes attending a number of the district meetings of the denomination.

Miss Clara Shea, the efficient teacher of the third department of the model school, will retire from that position at the close of this term. Miss Shea intends going to India as a missionary for the Free Baptist denomination, and will take the field which Miss Hooper, of this city, formerly had charge of.

The Haverhill, Mass., Gazette in speaking of an enterprising drug firm, Messrs. Mitchell & O'Connor who own and operate three large stores, states that the working force consists of Mr. Andrew L Richey, a pharmacist, Mr. Chas. L Rundlett as assistant and a number of clerks. The many friends of Mr. Richey will be glad to learn of his success since he left here.

Mr. Alex. Baring and wife, of New York, who have been spending a few days fishing on the S W Miramichi, returned to this city by the Northern and Western Railway on Saturday evening, when they were driven to the junction to take the night train for the West. Mr. Baring expressed himself highly pleased with the waters for fishing purposes and regretted much that he had to leave so soon, but pressing business called him home.

Died.

At Kilburn, Victoria Co., N B, June 14th, of cancer of the stomach, M Jane, wife of William Kilburn, aged 69 years.

SPORTING NOTES.

Cricketing.

The Fredericton cricketers have not yet named the day for holding their concert, there being such a variety of entertainments on deck just at present. They are waiting for more golden opportunities.

In the match on Saturday between the St. John and Sussex cricket teams, the St. John men were defeated by 26 runs, the score standing: Sussex, 127, St. John, 101. The playing of the St. John team was conspicuous for its looseness and poor fielding.

On June 3 and 4 the Australians won their second match in England, beating the Gentlemen of England at Lord's by seven wickets. Gentlemen, 99 and 136; Australians, 150 and 86 for three wickets. Spofforth, the demon bowler, in making a catch on the first day had a finger broken and the hand badly cut. He will be an absentee from matches for a month.

Teemer Defeats Ross.

NEWPORT, Vt., June 21.—The exhibition race on Lake Memphramagog on Saturday, between Ross and Teemer, was won by Teemer in 21.21, the course being three miles with one turn. Teemer crossed the line not more than half a boat length in front of his adversary. Although this was an exhibition race it was well contested from the start to the finish. It is estimated that 10,000 people lined the shores of the lake. The water was smooth and all conditions were favorable.

In the two-mile single scull race between Ten Eyck and McKay, the latter was the winner in 13 min. 15 sec

University Notes.

The encœnia at the University begins at 2.30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

The senate of the University meets tomorrow.

The encœnial meeting of the Alumni Society will be held to-morrow evening.

The calendars of the University for 1886 and 1887 have been distributed at the University.

At the encœnia on Thursday the degree of D C L will be conferred upon his honor Judge King, of St John, and probably two other prominent legal gentlemen who will be recommended by the alumni at their meeting to-morrow night, and the degree of L L D *ad eundem* upon Dr. Harrison (Trinity College, Dublin). The degree of M A, (honorary) will be conferred on Prof. W F Stockley (Trinity college, Dublin), and M A, *ad eundem*, on Prof. S W Dyde (Queens college, Kingston). The following have passed a successful examination for M A and will receive the degree: C H Lugrin, J A E Steeves, J G McFarlane, W C Cushing, A W Teed, W F Ganong, R Nicholson and S Neales.

Runaway Accident.

A horse driven by Mr Chas. Smith became frightened at the hose carts this afternoon, and attempted to run away with him. He was trying to curb his horse, when the bit broke and the horse dashed away at full speed up Brunswick street. Mr Smith managed to clear the carriage uninjured. The horse was captured after running for some time about the town.

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