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EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

INVITATION FOR WEEK OF UNITED AND
UNIVERSAL PRAYER AT THE COM-
MENCEMENT OF THE YEAR.

January, 6-13, 1878.

BELOVED CHRISTIAN BROTHEREN:—
Union in prayer for blessings which Chris-
tians everywhere are agreed in their need
of and their desire to spread before God
through the mediation of our one Lord
and Saviour, has been an object which
this Alliance has always sought to pro-
mote. At the formation of the Evangeli-
cal Alliance, in 1846, its members through-
out the world were enjoined to set apart
the first days of each New Year for United
prayer. Hence arose the January Week
of Universal Prayer, which has since been
annually welcomed with increasing inter-
est and cordiality.

This annual concert in prayer, now be-
come an institution among Evangelical
churches, besides supplying a hallowed
occasion for Christian fellowship, mutual
sympathy and communion at a throne of
Grace, has been followed by innumerable
evidences of prayer answered, such as call
for grateful acknowledgement and thank-
giving, and to enforce on Christians the
duty and privilege of everywhere renewing
their united intercessions at the opening
of each successive year, and of promoting
its observance in their congregations and
neighborhoods.

The Council of the Evangelical Alliance,
in the prospect of the commencement of
1878, and in view of passing events of the
greatest possible importance affecting the
nations, and the various sections of the
Church of Christ at large, earnestly and
affectionately invite Christians everywhere
in the unity of the Spirit, and the faith,
and in the exercise of charity, to set apart
the week commencing January 6, 1878, as
a special season for united supplication,
remembering the sure and covenanted
promise of Our Lord Himself to those of
His disciples who pray "agreed touching
the things they ask of God."
Beloved Brethren, let us, if spared in
the providence of our gracious God to see
the opening of another year, be found
waiting upon him and lifting up our voices
with one accord for the fullness of the
blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

The following topics have been suggested as
suitable for exhortation and intercession
on the successive days of meeting:—

SUNDAY, January 6th.—SERMONS:—
Christian union perfected. Rev. vii. 9-10.
MONDAY, January 7th.—Prayer and
Praise:—Remembrance of personal and
relative mercies; Prayer for the Divine
blessing on past privileges, and for a hum-
ble and contrite spirit.

TUESDAY, January 8th.—Prayer:—For
the Church of Christ in all lands; for its
deliverance from error; for its increase in
faith and holiness, and in power as a wit-
ness for the Lord Jesus Christ; for the
grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY, January 9th.—Prayer for
Christian Families:—For sick and afflict-
ed members; for children at school; for
young men entering upon the active busi-
ness of life, and for those abroad; for our
sons and daughters openly professing
Christ.

THURSDAY, January 10th.—Prayer for
Nations:—For rulers, magistrates, states-
men; for the Army and Navy; for all be-
nevolent and philanthropic institutions;
for religious liberty and the opening of
doors great and effectual for publishing
the Gospel; for the cessation of war and
the reign of righteousness and peace.

FRIDAY, January 11th.—Prayer for
**Christian Missions to the Jews and Gen-
tiles:—**For Sunday Schools, and for the
Divine blessing on all efforts to spread
the glad tidings of the Gospel of Salva-
tion.

SATURDAY, January 12th.—Prayer for
the Circulation of the Bible:—For the ob-
servance of the Sabbath; for the removal
of intemperance; for the rescue of the
fallen; for the safety of those who travel
by land and by water.

SUNDAY, January 13th.—SERMONS:—
Christian life. "Let your light shine."
Matt. v. 16.

The following arrangements have
been made for the City of Halifax:—

SUNDAY, Jan. 6.—Meeting 4½ o'clock,
conducted by the Young Men's Christian
Association.

MORNING MEETINGS will be held
throughout the week, (beginning on Mon-
day) at Argyle Hall, at 9½ o'clock. Even-
ing meetings will be held as follows,
commencing at 7½ o'clock.

MONDAY, Jan. 7.—Fort Massey Church
and North Baptist Church.

TUESDAY, Jan. 8.—Brunswick Street
Methodist Church and St. Andrew's
Church.

WEDNESDAY, January 9.—In all the
Churches.

THURSDAY, Jan. 10.—Granville Street
Baptist Church, Poplar Grove Presby-
terian Church, Charles Street Methodist
Church.

FRIDAY, Jan. 11.—Grafton Street
Methodist Church and Third Baptist Church
(Tabernacle).

SATURDAY, Jan. 12.—St. Matthew's
Church, at 3½ o'clock.

COLLECTIONS will be made at these
meetings in aid of the funds of the Al-
liance.

S. L. SHANNON, President.
ROBERT MURRAY, Secretary.

THE 15TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

Will be held in Dalhousie College, Hal-
ifax, December, 26th, 27th & 28th, 1877.

The programme which we subjoin,
promises a rich treat to teachers and
others who may make it convenient to at-
tend the sessions of the Convention.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26TH.

7½ p.m.—*Opening Address* by the Presi-
dent, A. H. St. Jacques, Esq., M. A.,
Principal of Pictou Academy.
Lecture on "HOOD," Rev. Canon
Dart, A. M., D. C. L., President
King's College.

Notices of Motions.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27TH.

10 a.m.—*Grecian History.* An introduction
to the Study of, by J. F. Tufts,
Esq., M. A., Acadia College.
Science in Schools. W. H. Wad-
del, Esq., High School, Halifax.

3 p.m.—*Object Teaching.* J. B. Calkin,
Esq., M. A., Principal of the Nor-
mal College and Model School.
The Teaching of Drawing. By a
Lady Teacher.

Discussion. "On the desirability
of the appointment by the Govern-
ment of a Drawing Master, to in-
struct Teachers in the Chief
Centres of Population in the Art
of Industrial Drawing."

8 p.m.—*An Address.* President David
Allison, L.L.D., Superintendent
of Education.

Course of Study. Charles Mc-
Donald, M. A., Professor of Ma-
thematics, Dalhousie College.

Educational Addresses, by the
Inspectors of Public Schools.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28TH.

10 a.m.—*Teachers' Institutes.* A. N. Ar-
chibald, Esq., Principal Rich-
mond School, Halifax.

Reading and Text-Books. A. McN.
Patterson, Esq., M. A., Horton.

Discussion, On "Our Text-Books."

3 p.m.—*Home Lessons.*—D. H. Burbridge,
Esq., M. A., Morris Street School.
Public School of Ontario. S. P.
Groat, Esq., late Inspector of
Public Schools, Middlesex, Ont.

8 p.m.—*German Education.* Herbert
Bayne, Esq., M. A., Ph.D., High
School, Halifax.

Valdatory Poem. Mrs. A. N.
Archibald, formerly Miss Mel-
lish, Preceptress Sackville La-
dies Academy.

AMONG OUR ENGLISH
EXCHANGES.

These two items appear in the Lon-
don *Methodist*:—

Our readers will be glad to hear that
the Rev. Gervase Smith and
Mrs. Smith on board, arrived safely
at Melbourne on Nov. 13.

We understand that, at the request of
the Board for the Fernelay Lecture, the
Rev. George W. Oliver, B. A., has con-
sented to deliver the next lecture in con-
nection with the Conference at Bradford,
on the subject of Eternal Life and Ever-
lasting Death.

Darwin's investiture with an L.L.D.
at Cambridge, was an amusing affair.
We have already given an inkling of
what passed; but by private account
from one who was there, we have a
rich delineation of the scene:—

I went to the Senate House to see
Darwin, L.L.D. You perhaps have seen
the Senate House, and remember that the
gallery occupies one end and half of two
sides of the interior of the building. This
gallery, you must know, is assigned to
undergraduates on such occasions. The
ceremony was to begin at two o'clock.
Thither I bent my way as soon as I could
escape from my 'Composition man's'
clutches, and there I arrived at twenty
minutes to two. The place was full.
Undergrads were climbing balustrades,
may almost the perpendicular walls. I
clomb a balustrade, finding no standing
room. I swayed hither and thither; my
gown had well-nigh left me; but at length
I settled, with a good commanding view
of the theatre of action. Between the
opposite galleries the undergrads sus-
pended a rope; they hung a monkey on
it; they shouted, 'Three cheers for prime-
val man; 'Our father; 'Am I not a man
and a brother?' On another rope they
hung one link of a chain, this they styled
the 'missing link.' Meanwhile everybody
below was laughing; we upstairs were
shouting, roaring, hissing, groaning, pers-
piring, charging. After all the officials
had trooped in, amidst shouts of approba-
tion and the reverse, Sandys, public
orator, read a speech written in Latin for
the occasion. He was saluted by cries of
'False quantity,' 'Go on, next boy,'
'Very well read, go three up,' 'Con-
strue,' 'Take a lozenge,' &c. The speech
took about a quarter of an hour in read-
ing. In the middle of it another monkey
was hoisted, much to the delight of every-
body. The Dons. One bold young
man threw the monkey down, and it
dropped about six yards from Darwin, but
was hoisted up again before any below
could seize it. Another bold young sang
three verses of the 'Leather Bottle,'
amidst cries of 'encore.' That same
young proposed a riddle, shouting at the
top of his voice, 'What's the difference
between a monkey and —' (naming a
much disliked proctor)? Then, in answer,
he yelled out, 'One cracks nuts, the
other's nut's cracked.' Screams, roars,
laughter, pandemonium. After the pub-
lic orator finished, Darwin rose to shake
hands with the Dons. 'Go back,' said
one, 'You've left your tail on the chair,'
and 'Wait for your brother,' said another,
as he launched the monkey at him, which
unhappily fell short. Then all was over.
We trooped out, all beaded with perspira-
tion, and much thinner than we went in."

A controversy has been carried on
for some time in the *Amherst Gazette*,
between Baptist and Pedobaptist
writers. In last week's issue we find
one or two paragraphs which convey
what will be news to some of our
readers:—

It is a well-known fact that the Ameri-
can Bible Union was brought into exis-
tence for a specific object, and that the
lowest of sectarian purposes, viz, to extend
by means of the Holy Bible the peculiar
tenets of a sect of Christians. In this—
thanks to the universal outcry against
their misdoing—they have but feebly suc-
ceeded, and their translation has been
consigned to the unimportant position
which otherwise it did not deserve of
being the mere exponent of a small party,
a memorable monument of the folly and
extravagance of the religious sectarianism
of the age which gratified itself at the
expense of the truth.

The gratuitous circulation of the
Baptist Bible may be as large as W. H.
R. makes it out to be, but as I have as-
certained from reliable sources, the sales
of it are very small. The book cannot
be bought either in Halifax or St. John,
and the reason assigned is "no calls for
it."

I have also been informed that two-
thirds, and perhaps more, of the Baptist
Churches in this Province as well as else-
where, do not use it in their pulpits. Does
the *Amherst Baptist Church*?

And I may add that a distinguished

Baptist Minister told me personally that
he disapproved of the Version. So that
W. H. R. has plenty of work before him.
The present Authorized Version needs
further revising, and is now receiving it
at the hands of many eminent Biblical
scholars, both English and American
(although principally English) of all de-
nominations, which, to meet the highly
honest and eminently scholarly criticisms
of the day, must be altogether free from
any approach to partiality or sectarianism.

A FRENCH-CANADIAN PRIEST'S
DEMISSION.

To His Lordship Elzéar Alexandre Tas-
chereau, D. D., Archbishop of Quebec:

MY LORD,—Nobody in Canada has had
more than me the opportunity of appre-
ciating the kindness of your heart. If I
have gone through a complete course of
study of literature, philosophy and theo-
logy at the Seminary of Quebec and the
University of Laval, it is to you and the
reverend gentlemen of the Seminary of
Quebec, after God, that I owe it. And if
I had the honor of having successfully
gone through all the examinations which
have opened to me the doors of an hono-
rable future in my country, it is to your
benevolent protection and to that of the
reverend gentlemen of the Seminary of
Quebec that I am indebted for it. You
were always kind to me, and God knows
that I had also for your Lordship a great
gratitude, and I will keep it for ever. But,
in spite of the ties which attached me to
your Lordship and to the reverend gen-
tlemen of the Seminary of Quebec, the
voice of my conscience tells me that I must
no longer conceal from your Lordship the
lights that the Almighty God has given me.

The more I have studied the principles
of the philosophy and theology of Rome,
the more I am certain that they are in op-
position with human conscience, and that
they contradict the Word of God as the
Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has given
it to us.

These last two years I have tried to
struggle against those lights which were
coming from Heaven. The idea of break-
ing forever so dear and sweet ties which
attached me to the Church in which I
was born; the church of my mother,
brothers, and my friends, and the church
of my country, frightened me. To separ-
ate me from all that my heart was loving
on this earth; from all that I have learnt
to respect in this world, was a sacrifice
above my forces.

But I have prayed, and the merciful
and Almighty God, who has promised to
grant everything we ask in the name of
Jesus, has heard my prayer, and he has
given me the courage which was failing in
me.

Now, my Lord, I take the liberty to in-
form your Lordship that, with the grace
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