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Ordination.

Mr. Selden W. Cummings, formerly of Truro, N. S., a son of Wm. Cummings, Esq., and well known in the province, was ordained to the gospel ministry at Chester, Pa., on June 16. After the usual examination by a council of delegates from the churches in the Delaware Union Baptist Association, the Upland church and the First Baptist church, Philadelphia, together with the Faculty of Crozer Theological Seminary, convened at the Emmanuel church. Mr. Cummings was introduced to the council by the moderator, Rev. S. S. Woodward, of the First Baptist church, Chester, and having given a statement, respecting his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of Christian doctrine, with which the council declared itself satisfied and accordingly recommended Mr. Cummings' ordination. Words of commendation as to Mr. Cummings' life and work were spoken by President Weston, of Crozer, and others, and arrangements were made for the public services of ordination which were carried out in the evening as follows: Presiding officer, Rev. Dr. H. G. Weston; sermon by Rev. Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, of First Baptist church, Philadelphia; ordination prayer, Dr. Weston; charge to the church, Dr. M. G. Evans; charge to the candidate, Rev. F. C. Woods, of Upland church; hand of fellowship, Rev. Dr. B. C. Taylor. The Chester Times says that Mr. Cummings has been identified with the work at Emmanuel Baptist church for the past eighteen months and it has been steadily progressing with a splendid outlook for the future. To-morrow evening there will be seven candidates for baptism.

News Summary.

Last week more than a thousand tons of fodder and war material was forwarded from the Woolwich dock yard, London, to South Africa.

McClure's Magazine for June tells about motor vehicles and is in every way a most desirable number. It is for sale by T. H. Hall, Cor. Germain and King Sts.—also all other standard magazines.

The French fishing vessel Nouvelle Ecosse, from Grand Banks, arrived at Cape Broyle Monday in quest of herring bait. She was seized by the customs officials for a violation of the fishery law. An officer was given the custody of the ship and crew, but the latter attacked him, got the ship to sea, threw him into a boat and left. The British special service vessel Columbine was ordered to chase and seize the Nouvelle Ecosse. Serious complications are expected to result.

The Halifax exhibition commission has arranged for a spectacular event by the military, under the direction of Lord William Seymour, representing the famous march by General Roberts from Kabul to Kandahar and the battle at the latter point. Engineers will construct a bridge across a wide trench of water and a fort will be blown up. The exhibition will give the military \$3,000 to defray actual outlay.

The London Daily News says that the Russian man-of-war Gerzog Edinburgskii, whose officers and men were recently the recipients of Swedish courtesy at Karlskrona, returned the same by secretly, at night taking soundings until they were discovered by the governor of the fortress. Karlskrona is the chief naval station of Sweden; its approaches are well fortified by modern naval defences, while it has also a ship channel difficult to navigate.

The first step has been taken in what looks like the beginning of a war between the International Steamship company and the D. A. R. for the St. John Boston passenger and freight business. The International has had the business for thirty years and has provided a service which was slow, as stops were made at Eastport. Last week the Dominion Atlantic announced two trips a week direct by the Prince Edward and to-day the International company announces the steamer St. Croix will not call at Eastport in the future, but will make two direct trips each week. The next step in the fight will probably be the placing of another boat on the route by the Dominion Atlantic.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins of the Newton Centre Baptist Church, Boston, has been elected to the Presidency of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, to succeed Dr. Whitsett, resigned. The election of Dr. Mullins was unanimous. Although pastor of a church in New England, Dr. Mullins is a southerner by birth, and it was not until the past few years that he was called to Massachusetts. He is a native of Mississippi. He was at one time pastor of Lee Street Baptist church at Baltimore, and has also been Associate Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr and Mrs Ruddock, of Chatham, and their washerwoman, Mrs. Walsh, were poisoned on Monday and for a time were very ill. They had eaten roast lamb with dressing, and it was found that a box of catarrh smoking mixture had been on the self near the summer savory. Dr. Benson pronounced it a case of bellonna poisoning and blamed the catarrh mixture.

Personal.

Dr. and Mrs. Rand are again sojourning at Partridge Island, Parrsboro.

Editor Black is in attendance upon the Island Association and will later be present at the meeting of the N. S. Eastern, at Oxford.

Rev. F. C. Wright of Troy, New Hampshire, formerly pastor in Pennfield and Harvey, is spending a few weeks in the provinces.

Professor Wm. Elder, Mrs. and Miss Elder, of Waterville, Maine, were passengers to Digby on Friday of last week. They are making their annual visit at Hantsport.

Rev. C. W. Jackson of Cavendish, P. E. I., has been visiting Massachusetts. While in St. John he was the guest of his former classmate, Rev. A. H. C. Morse.

We were pleased to receive a call from Professor D. F. Higgins. With Mrs. and Miss Higgins he has been enjoying a visit at the home of his son the Carleton pastor.

Rev. Henry G. Mellick and wife of Emerson, Manitoba, are again visiting their many friends in the Maritimes. Mr. Mellick will visit some of our Associations. Mrs. Mellick has hastened to the home of her father, Rev. Isaiah Wallace.



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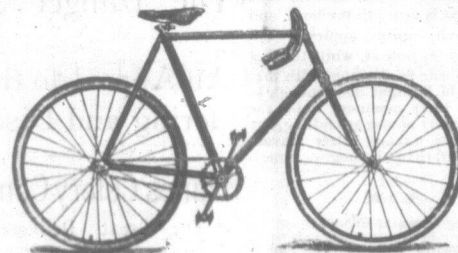
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