

MOUNT HOPE ASYLUM.

A very remarkable letter appeared in some of the Halifax papers during last week. Intimations had been given that Dr. DeWolfe, Medical Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane, Dartmouth, was called upon, with three of his associates in office, to resign.

When the Report of the Legislative Committee appeared, we read it with much avidity, and resting under a very natural impression that something very dreadful was to be revealed. We have followed the history of this institution for years, with painful yet pleasurable interest, having again and again seen very valued friends committed to its keeping, and in every instance rejoiced in the joy wherewith they were restored to society.

A SERVICE of very considerable revenue to the Churches are the Publishing Concerns, when safely managed. There is no investment in which money can be sunk so readily as in printers' ink; and there is no way in which money may be so profitably expended as in this same commodity, only let the machinery be regulated with prudence.

"The general business of the Book Concerns, as conducted at New York and Cincinnati, has been profitable during the past year; the most of the Depositor-

ies, however, have been unprofitable, and at some losses have been sustained. The general policy of the church in regard to depositories was carefully considered.

If we mistake not, our own General Conference will have similar cause for congratulation. It may be a good hint to our brethren, that perhaps the source of greatest profit to the American publishing houses, is the publication of their own Hymn Books.

It is always easy to launch arrows against a public institution. Sometimes the arrows may fall within the ramparts, wounding the loyal defenders, when they little deserve it.

Here is an extract on salaries:—"On the question of appointments and salaries your correspondent remarks that 'men in cities and towns, in many cases inferior in ability but superior in scheming to their country brethren, are getting more than double their salaries.'

This is a forcible paragraph on missionary appointments:—"Your correspondent goes on: 'In the missionary work this inequality is partially apparent. There are men in British Columbia and Manitoba getting from one thousand to eighteen hundred dollars a year, while the maximum salary on rough and toilsome missions in Quebec and Ontario is five hundred and fifty dollars.'

BLESSINGS on John Boyd of St. John! He has been before the public many years as a lecturer, and always as an instructive, comforting, and amusing platform man.

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We mistake the true spirit of poetry and patriotism if both be not contained in the stanzas given in our columns this week—"Canada to England." Mr. Knight is surely our ministerial Laureate. It is somewhat singular that a telegraphic message comes at once responsive to the song. The poet writes: "Let the great cable call for aid, And ere the next appeal is made Ten thousand warriors will reply, And speed to victory or die."

The ink was not dry on the page containing these sentiments in print, when the following telegram came flashing over the wires:

OTTAWA, March 2. A cablegram received to-day, from England, stating that ten thousand Canadian troops are to be raised for European service, creates great excitement among the volunteers. There would be no difficulty in enrolling that number.

The poet did not mistake the temper either of England or Canada.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.—Circulars are being sent out to the ministers of all our Circuits, which we earnestly desire may be placed in the hands of the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools, where these have not received them direct.

The increase in our sales to Sabbath Schools, within two or three years, is something very remarkable, showing two or three facts. 1. Our people are beginning to see how valuable a means of attraction and instruction is afforded by good books and papers for children.

By the way, it is a fitting comment upon recent discussion in the Wesleyan, that Annapolis Royal expends on two Sunday Schools of the Circuit not less than a hundred dollars a year, each! We assume the day is not far distant when the church in those localities will begin to draw the interest upon this investment.

INSTEAD of the essay on Teaching we give this week one on the Medical Profession. The writer may be accepted as an oracle on the subject, so far as he has gone in its treatment. He is himself a fair illustration of that peculiar something in the successful physician, which he finds it so difficult to define, the possessor of a keen insight as regards constitution and disease—a sort of physiological intuition—which marks the true doctor, whatever other qualifications he may possess.

BRITISH SUBJECTS who may have married in the Colonies sisters of their deceased wives, now find their children recognized by English law as entitled to inherit and own property. This was provided for recently by a law passed for that purpose. It is a step in the direction of alrogating the restriction altogether as regards the relationships alluded.

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ed form, his views—which have the merit of being original and forcible—upon the topics selected for discussion. We are glad to find a sound, scholarly literature coming into existence in these Provinces.

THE International Sunday School Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 17-19. The subject for discussion is "Our Work" in its various phases. It is of great importance that the Maritime Provinces be well represented by Delegates.

MT. ALLISON COLLEGE.—The Board of Trustees and Governors for this institution was called together for Wednesday last at 10 a. m., to consider the question of appointing a successor to Dr. Allison. Since Mr. Sprague declined, members of the Board were disposed to hesitate before taking another step.

The following telegram reached the office on Wednesday evening:—

SACKVILLE, N. B., March 6. Principal Inch elected unanimously at an early stage of the meeting to Presidency of College. Rev. David Kennedy to Principalship of Male Academy. Rev. George Milligan and lady requested to take the places vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Inch.

We learn from a Woodstock, N. B., correspondent, that a letter most generally signed by the congregation of the Wesleyan Church, in that place, has been sent to Lewis P. Fisher, Esq., formerly in charge of the Sabbath School and choir, requesting him to take his old place among them, which we understand he has consented to do, as soon as his health has sufficiently improved.

NEWS FROM THE CIRCUITS.

JOTTINGS FROM MANCHESTER.

When the revolutions of the itinerant wheel were brought to a termination last June, we found our name opposite the above circuit. This being our first move in the new relation of pater familias, we naturally felt some solicitude in reference to this field of labor, an expedition of enquiry was at once started among the brethren, but unfortunately for us and ours, we could not discover any returning from the goodly land laden with a "cluster of grapes."

A few days after our pastoral inauguration, a number of the elect ladies took possession of the comfortable little parsonage, and after spending a few hours in loving labor and pleasant intercourse retired, having during their short stay effected a pleasing transformation, that both improved the appearance of our home and greatly added to our domestic enjoyment.

Although not in a position to report any special spiritual work, yet we are not without cheering proof that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. A new church is now in course of erection at the Interval, which is expected to be ready for occupancy next summer. At Port Mulgrave, where the cause has suffered so severely and sustained so many drawbacks in connection with the loss of two churches, we are pleased to state that there is at present a fair prospect of having a comfortable place for Divine worship.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I., Feb. 25th, 1878. The good work in this town, of which you gave some notice in your issue of the 16th inst., has continued since that time, resulting in the conversion of quite a number, and the awakening of more. Last evening it was my privilege to receive into the church and upon trial, fifty new members, four of whom were baptized on the same occasion; and several others have expressed their desire to connect themselves with us at an early date.

ACADIA.—A gracious work is in progress in our new church at Tazet. Among the "first fruits" we received into church fellowship eleven persons yesterday. The whole service was unusually interesting. To God be all the glory. We also baptized and received into connexion with us here, a sea captain. We are feeling the strains of continued hard work, but thankful we are not laboring in vain nor spending our strength for naught. Several cases of diphtheria.

STANLEY, N. B.—We have just concluded a series of special services at Stanley with cheering results. We expect it will result in an encouraging addition to our church. God has abundantly blessed us. To Him be all the praise.

FOR BOSTON.—Rev. W. W. Brewer, left by train on Saturday last, for Boston, and was to have lectured in the interests of the Inebriate Home, at Needham, Mass last night. On his return next week it is expected that he will give the Reform Club an account of his visit to D. Banks McKenzie and his favored institution.

LECTURE COURSE GIBSON UNION HALL.—The seventh lecture of this course was delivered by the Rev. W. W. Lodge, of Salisbury, on "Mental Development." The subject was treated from a practical standpoint. The lecturer proceeded to show that man's superiority was to be seen in his "God stamped nature," and though having lost his primal innocence and fallen low, yet he was possessed of those faculties which if developed would prove his lordship over creation, and be a refutation of the ape theory of Darwin. The well-timed and earnest advice given that we were not like the rustic, to wait for the river to run by, to wait for the good time coming, nor even to be biliously complaining, but buckle to the work of to-day, and with indomitable perseverance overcome obstacles, and attain the goal within our reach, was well received and applauded by the audience.

LOWER CAVERHILL LECTURE COURSE.—An evening entertainment was given in the School House on Monday evening, February 18th. Singing by the choir and a reading formed the opening part, which was followed by a lecture by the Rev. R. Duncan, of Marysville, subject: "An evening with the Celestials, or China and the Chinese." In a very pleasant manner much useful and interesting information was given concerning the past history and position of the extraordinary people who inhabit the Celestial Empire.

These entertainments are supplying a want felt in this community, and will be no doubt a pleasant intellectual stimulus to the people who gather there from this and the adjoining settlement.

RELIGIOUS.—Quite a revival is going on at Billtown, Woodville and Grafton. Sixty persons have been baptised by Rev. Sydney Welton, Baptist; and several by Revs. I. E. Thurlow and C. Lockart, Methodist.—Derwick Star.

POWNA, P. E. I.—Our friends on this circuit intimated to us their intention of making a donation visit to the parsonage on the 13th of Feb'y. The night was stormy, but there was a large gathering nevertheless. The friends living farthest away from Powna village, and who were hindered by the storm, not willing to submit to a defeat, appointed another night, viz, the 20th, and again the parsonage was crowded. On both occasions the tables, at which the ladies waited for hours, were heavily laden with good things. Short good speeches were delivered, select readings were given, and very choice music was discoursed. Mr. Millar, of the firm of Millar Brothers, Charlottetown, kindly put one of their handsome, fine toned organs into the parsonage for

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