

creasing blessing from the Lord in the gathering of many sheaves.

What shall I say next? O I meant to say just now that it has been much to the credit of Provincial Baptists that they so long and so well sustained two weekly papers; for it is known that only two are published in England, and while they are ably conducted, and published weekly, at a penny, I am sorry to say they are rather weakly sustained. They have not anything like the subscribers they so well deserve to have. While, however, as I have said, we have only two Baptist papers (the *Freeman* and the *Baptist*), there is an uncomparative paper, *The Christian Commonwealth*, which on the subject of baptism quite outstrips the Baptist papers themselves; giving full weight to the pound, and perhaps half an ounce over the sixteen. It is a good paper and rising in circulation rapidly. It offered some time ago a hundred guineas for the best essay on "The Mode, Substance, and Meaning of Baptism."

I meant to give a few items of news when I sat down to write, but my pen took a fancy to run in other directions, and I find I have not much time or space left now. Events of importance are transpiring in rapid succession, most of which will no doubt have been noted by the eagle eye of the Editor, and duly chronicled. The capture of Khartoum, death of Gen. Gordon, and other matters connected with the Egyptian campaign, will be read long before this reaches N. B. so I will pass them and many others by.

There has been quite a rustle among the religious and other papers over the fact of a clergyman preaching in a Baptist pulpit, viz. in that of Dr. Clifford, Westbourne Park, London. But Dr. Clifford did not preach for the clergyman. Well it is pleasant to see that one clergyman has courage enough to break through the ecclesiastical barriers, and if it were not that fear prevented, many more would be willing to do the same, and to exchange pulpits as well, "but the time is not yet." The link of gold that binds Church and State is not yet snapped. But in time snapped it will be.

Have you heard anything about the new way (which, indeed, is an old way) of reckoning time? The authorities at Greenwich recommend that the hours of the day (and night) count up to 24, instead of 12 twice. So that instead of 12 a. m., 1 p. m., 2 p. m., etc., it is to be 12, 13, 14, etc., thus dispensing with the a. m. and p. m., and when it is generally adopted, will be found to be much simpler. The Railway Companies are going to adopt it. If they had done so some weeks ago I should have saved 12 hours. A train I was going a long journey by, was found to late it was 7 p. m., by which I was detained 12 hours in a city which I had gone the night before. Had it been marked 19 no mistake would have been made. I therefore favour the new system.

Wishing you, Mr. Editor, much success in your very influential and therefore responsible position, and that the *Messenger and Visitor* may be a means of blessing to many for many years to come.

I am with affectionate remembrances,
J. Brown.
Melksham, Wilt., G. B., Feb. 1st, 1885.

Canadian Baptist Missionary Conference.

The ninth annual session of the Conference of the Canadian Baptist Telugu Mission opened on Jan. 19th, at Bimilipatnam. All the missionaries on the two fields were present. The officers appointed were J. McLaurin, President; I. C. Archibald, vice-pres.; R. Sanford, secretary; J. R. Hutchinson, assistant. The conference continued for five days and was marked by the usual unanimity of feeling and fraternal co-operation. Many subjects of the most vital importance to the home and foreign interests of the missions were fully discussed. Some of the more important resolutions adopted by the conference were the following:

That A. V. Timpany be the representative of the conference to confer with the brethren of the A. B. Union, south, on the compilation of a new and much-needed Telugu Hymn book.

That immediate steps be taken to print the Telugu tracts, "The Way of Life" and "An Examination of Caste," and Mrs. Archibald's Telugu catechism.

That J. McLaurin and J. R. Hutchinson be a committee to formulate the educational policy of the missions, bring it to the attention of the educational authorities, and seek certain concessions because of the peculiar nature of our work, to the education of certain lower classes which the present government system leaves wholly untouched.

A long and interesting discussion on the question of a Union Seminary followed. It was resolved to again bring to the notice of the respective boards the basis of union adopted by this conference last year, and to urge that they again give the matter their earnest consideration.

The sessions of conference were interspersed with meetings for prayer and praise. These proved seasons of rich blessing to all present. On Tuesday a public meeting was held at which a well written paper on the "Power and Work of the Holy Spirit" was read by Miss Firth and spoken to by a number of those present.

A hearty welcome was accorded by all to Miss Wright and Miss Grey, the newly-arrived lady missionaries.

The very interesting station reports showed the number of baptisms for the year to be, Cocanada, 106; Bimil, 4; Chiosole, 9; Tuni, 3; Bobbili, 6; Akidu, 125-total, 253; present membership at all stations, 1720.
J. R. H.
Bimil, Jan. 24, 1885.

From France.

PARIS, Feb. 24, 1885.

Bright summer weather has come upon Paris with the suddenness of a theatrical mise en scene. The boulevards are redolent with violets, and to see the myriads of children playing in the Tuilleries Gardens, one would never for a moment suspect the population of France to be on the wane. Victor Hugo walks about the Jardin de Luxembourg, occasionally stopping with some student in a cafe to sip a glass of coffee. The *Lesseps* youngsters on ponies gallop daily through the Bois de Boulogne and Champs Elysees with a speed and recklessness worthy of a swarm of Bees. They are followed by their ever-green father, mounted on a smart brown mare. Political Paris is deeply absorbed in the solution of the question whether or not rice is contraband of war. The Duc Dezares, in an interview this morning, says, "The French government has an undoubted right to declare rice contraband of war. Rice is on exactly the same footing as coal, and indispensable to the Chinese troops, who cannot fight without it. The legality of the question has never yet been decided by the tribunals, and until this is done France has quite as much right to declare it contraband as England has to declare to the contrary. Admiral Courbet should lose no time in capturing all vessels laden with rice, no matter whether under an English, German, American, or any other friendly flag. After Admiral Courbet has seized the ships there is plenty of time for the tribunals to decide the legality of the seizure. If the worst comes to the worst the French government will merely have to pay the damages. Meanwhile Admiral Courbet will have gained his object—namely, to prevent his enemy from receiving supplies."

The Year Book.

The notice of Prof. E. M. Kierstead, in your issue of last week, states that the delay in publishing Year Book was not due to delay in furnishing MSS. to the printers. The resolution of Convention called for the work to be done in "nine weeks" after the Convention closed. The MSS. was not furnished to the printers in nine weeks, or twice nine weeks.

We make this explanation in justice to ourselves, as we are not prepared to shoulder that portion of blame which properly belongs to others.

We would also state that the One-Paper Company had no responsibility in the matter—directly or indirectly.

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(Overcast from last week.)

Halifax Correspondence.

(Conclusion.)

I believe legislation looking towards a change in the working of our county academies will be asked. The desirableness of this change has been, during the last two or three years, brought to the notice of the people, and it is to be hoped in the interests of intermediate education that the legislation asked for will be granted. At present the county academies are not doing for the county what they were designed to do when they were established. At present almost the whole benefit of the \$600 grant is confined to the town which enjoys the grant. It is indeed a benefit to the town and it is feared local interests may defeat the present endeavour to make intermediate education in N. S. more efficient. Not only is the advancement of intermediate, but also that of higher or collegiate education deeply interested in this proposed change.

But I must hurry on. Space is your valuable paper, I know, is limited. But I cannot quit this subject of education without referring to the claims of Acadia College. For several years an attempt has been made to get a grant from the government which shall in some measure place her upon a footing of equality and of justice along with Dalhousie. It seems to me now is a most favourable time to push this matter to a final issue. The government state they have a surplus, the member who has the matter in charge is a member of the executive, and the composition of the house is such as would give a favourable hearing to the claims of the various colleges. The committee which has this in charge, it is to be presumed, is at work. Now is the time to speak and not wait until the session is nearly closed. Hitherto the subject has been introduced into the House in the last hour of the session, and by this means a fair and impartial bearing has not been had, and the claim has at last been shuffled out of sight.

It is high time another mode of procedure was adopted.

The friends of temperance in this city have before them an heroic task—the securing of the adoption of the Scott Act. They need all the faith, the wisdom, and the heroic courage, and perseverance, that they can receive from the Saviour of fallen man. This city is cursed with rum. You frequently see the prostrate drunkard, you meet him staggering on the sidewalk, the records of the police court testify to the prevalence of this terrible evil. If liquor could be banished from our midst the police magistrate would have but little to do. The friends who have the adoption of the Scott Act in hand need to be vigilant and active. Every man who has the least love or regard for wife and children, or that of the city, should plant himself on the side of temperance workers. As you know the liquor dealers are trying to control the press. This is usually one of their chief points of attack. Notice the advocacy of their claims by Goldwin Smith in the "Week" published in Toronto. It is much to be regretted that a paper such as the "Week" which aims to be a literary one, should stoop so low as to become the organ and advocate of rum-sellers and distillers. Every temperance man should return it to the publisher. Here in Halifax, one of the daily papers has followed in the wake of the "Week." It advocates the disgraceful proposal—compensation to those who are destroying our altars, our firesides, our country. Perhaps this is the result of that delegation of liquor dealers which not long since waited upon the editors of our daily papers. We ought to be thankful that there are some papers which will not bow down and worship this mighty power which tends to soul and body destruction.

Diphtheria is quite prevalent in the city especially in the north end. The theory as to its cause is that the disease has been caused by bad milk. It is said that one of the dealers in milk waters his cows from a brook which has become impure from the drainage of a piggery, manure-heap, and a slaughter house. An investigation is now going on. We will report conclusions. The schools are being denuded of pupils, and much anxiety is experienced.

It is refreshing to hear such good news from the churches. The call for money and the call of souls is being graciously answered. To God be praise and thankfulness. May the blessings of his free grace be more abundantly bestowed in the prayer of SEASIDE.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

ROUND HILL.—We hesitate almost wondering as our pen forms the unfamiliar name, *MESSANGER AND VISITOR*. We have been so long accustomed to the old one, for we have known the old paper almost from its very birth in the little office in Halifax, our father, then in the prime and strength of early manhood, having been a subscriber from the very first, and ever since. Through all the years in which so many changes have shadowed his early home, it has come, a welcome visitor, with cheering helpful words; and still, under its new name, it finds its way to that same home, with its messages of gladness and blessing.

Why, remember how pleased we were when we could point out the capital letters upon its pages; and later on, how proud we were to sit down before the great wide old fashioned fire place in the old farm house, in the long winter evenings, to read the paper aloud to father and mother.

How eagerly we looked for it! (Books and papers were not so plenty in those days as now.) How often we read to the top of the little hill beyond the orchard which overlooked the dusty road "far beyond" to catch a glimpse of the great rumbling coach drawn by its four horses two abreast, and laughing and clapped our hands when the driver drove from the back beside him the white welcome paper, and tossing it lightly at the foot of the green lane, with sounding horns and a flourish of his long whip, hurried on to the village beyond.

Now the loud shriek of the "iron horse" is heard as it rushes through the green fields of that same goodly farm, and to our childhood's home has come "a change and many a change. Faces and footsteps and all strange things have come and gone. The head is white with the crown of years, though he bears full lightly his burden of time, yet we know his feet are surely nearing the river from whence he shall hear the call to rest. And other things, where, perchance, the lost voices of his early youth shall sound the first note of welcome from that "High Land."

But we are forgetting our purpose in coming unbidden into your editorial presence, to talk about Zion, and tell you of the good work of the Lord in which we know you are interested.

The Rev. F. O. Weeks, pastor of the Annapolis Baptist church, of which this (Round Hill) is a branch, has been holding special services during the evenings of the past four or five weeks, and surely the "sound of his Master's feet is behind him." Surely the spirit and power of the gospel of Christ have rested upon his servant, and the "I am with you" has been verified in the direct manifestation of the divine presence.

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At Canterbury, on the 11th inst., by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, Mr. Jacob R. Cummings, of Canterbury, to Miss Mary A. Hillman, of Southampton.

At the residence of Richard, Hetherington, Esq., Johnston, Q. Co., on March 3th, by Rev. E. Kierstead, Mr. Haze Brown, of Campbell, Charlotte Co., and Miss Isadora Clark, of Charlotte, Q. Co.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Clarence Annapolis Co., Feb. 23th, by Rev. D. Price, John E. Beals, of Ingleside, to Amanda E. daughter of the late David Edgett, of St. John.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 5th inst., by Rev. Dr. Day, Mr. A. Camerlin, to Miss Marion A. Robbins, third daughter of Mr. A. J. Robbins, of Yarmouth.

At the residence of the bride's father, Isaac farm, South Range, Digby, by the Rev. A. Cogswell, Mr. James Powers, of South Ohio, to Mrs. Martha E. Marr, daughter of Asa Porter Esq.

At the residence of the officiating clergyman, by the Rev. Treuman Bishop, Mr. William Smith, to Miss Anna M. Reed, all of Isaac Harbor, Guysboro county.

Deaths.

At Nictaux, N. S., March 1st, James Vido, brother of the Rev. N. Vido, aged 67 years.

At Nictaux, March 2nd, Susan Jane, relict of the late John Hartwick, aged 77 years. All is well.

At Paradise Annapolis Co. N. S., on Tuesday Feb. 2d, Warren Shaffner, beloved child of Joseph S. and Ella M. Longley, aged nine months.

At Isaac Harbor, Jan. 23rd, John Clark. His illness was long and was borne with the fortitude and valor of a true follower of Christ.

At Isaac Harbor, Feb. 7th, of brain fever, after an illness of one week, James Malay in the 27th year of his age.

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At Isaac Harbor, Nov. 24th, Capt. John MacNeil, of scar. Ban. His end was peace. He spoke of death as the making harbor in a storm.

Very suddenly of heart disease, at Bonnell's Corner, Lutes Mountain, March 3rd, Rosanna, widow of the late Abram Lutes in the 62nd year of her age. She was a member of the 2nd, Mountain Baptist church and lived true to God in her life.

IN MEMORIAM.—Henry Keeler, born Aug. 1848, died March 3, 1884. The deceased was a member of the congregation worshipping with the Dartmouth Baptist church. He had lived an upright life, was a dutiful son, an affectionate brother, a kind and thoughtful husband, but while his outward life was without reproach, like many others, while in health, he resisted the Christian influences by which he was surrounded, and while brothers and sisters, one after another gave Christ their hearts, he remained unconvinced.

In the summer of '84, while on his sick bed he was led to think more than usual about eternal things, and was frequently urged to make his peace with God. At last the Saviour's gracious invitations were heeded, his heart was opened to admit the "waiting guest," and peace of soul took the place of the unrest that haunted him. His illness was attended by paroxysms of intense pain, which he bore most patiently, and seemed to have a clear conviction that God's hand was in it all. Up to the last he had an earnest desire to live, that he might glorify God by faithful service, and for the sake of "Annie," his patient wife, but had strong confidence that in any case God's will would be the best.

As the end drew nearer his faith grew stronger, and all about him was that he was borne up by more than human power. He became solicitous about the spiritual welfare of those around him, and was anxious that his experience might be blessed to them. On the Thursday preceding his death, a decided change took place in his physical condition. His pain left him, but weakness increased. On Monday evening he sank into a stupor, which continued till ten o'clock on the following day, when he quietly breathed out his life, departing, no doubt, "to be with Christ, which is far better."

His funeral sermon, preached by Rev. M. P. Freeman, was a very earnest appeal to the unconvinced.

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