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**GRAND TIME.**—Bro. Stewart, in a private note, advises us of his arrival at Mobile, Ireland, after a passage of eight days. He had "done" Londonderry, and was off for Belfast. He is captivated by the Irish jaunty car. The readers of the Messenger and Visitor may expect to hear from him soon.

**DELEGATION.**—A paper of the Lutheran Church of America calls attention to the loss sustained by their denomination. It gives a table showing that in a German parish in New York City, out of 2,616 children confirmed in twenty years only 230 are members to-day. A large proportion of these go over to other denominations. If they unite with evangelical bodies this cannot be regretted.

**REMARKS.**—The following clipping helped a subscriber of the *Intelligencer* to pay his overdue subscription.

An engineer once went into his boiler to test it, and after finding out the condition of the boiler attempted to come out, but his clothes being wet from perspiration, he found it a task; and after exhausting himself he concluded to remove his clothing, but this proved of no avail, as from the heat and exhaustion he had swollen so that exit was impossible. The ill-fated engineer concluded that his time come, and he began to think of all the evil things he had done in his life, and it occurred to him that he had been borrowing his neighbor's mechanical power for a whole year, and had willfully cheated the publisher out of one year's subscription. So the thought of this great evil made him feel small enough to crawl through a two-inch sugar-hole, and he crawled out of the boiler without any exertion whatever.

**WISDOM.**—The great Methodist body of the United States recognizes the importance of the circulation of denominational literature. They have no less than seven great denominational papers. The financial responsibility for these is assumed by the denominational Book Rooms. Some of these are published at a large loss each year, but it is thought the money spent on them is the most profitable investment for the body. The leaders evidently believe the circulation of denominational papers one of the great reasons and assurances of the success of Methodism. Let our people be wise, also, and push their paper, as one of the best ways to strengthen and enlarge our denomination.

**NATURE.**—The *Western Recorder* having remarked that "more Presbyterians leave their church every year for the Baptists than for all other denominations put together," we stated that these converts from Presbyterianism make the staunchest, most intelligent Baptists. To this our good friend the *Witness* replies:

In reply to this statement, which has often been repeated, one of our ministers remarked, "If I were in your place I would be ashamed to confess that the most ignorant Presbyterians make the most intelligent Baptists."

It is very naïve of the *Witness* to give wide circulation to the ill-tempered vaporing of that spokesman of a minister. As the *Witness* well knows, those who become Baptists from their denomination are such as study the Word of God and think for themselves, rather than take the word of ministers and editors, who tell them that salvation is by descent from christian parent, etc. We doubt whether even the editor of the *Witness* himself would care to have a word with one of the least of these brethren who have studied and prayed themselves out of his denomination into our. We have known the best equipped pedobaptist ministers to be routed, foot, horse and artillery, by Baptist laymen of this kind.

**RE.**—J. R. Hutchinson, retired missionary, will visit as many of the Associations this summer as he can reach, beginning with the Western (N. S.) Association, which meets at Clarence, N. B. He will also visit the churches of the Maritime Provinces before and after Conventions, and present the cause of Foreign Missions. The Foreign Mission Board solicits for Mr. Hutchinson a cordial welcome by the ministers of the body and also by the churches at large, and anticipate a deeper and more wide-spread interest in the great cause of Foreign Missions, from the increased information in regard to the field and the work which Bro. Hutchinson is prepared to give.

**LEGISLATION.**—The great Methodist Episcopal General Conference has just closed. It was held in New York City. It continued in session for about one month. All questions received full and free discussion. This is in great contrast with the method of our denomination. The May Meetings at Washington of the great Baptist body represented a much larger membership, and these meetings lasted only three days. Certainly the deliberate way of our Methodist brethren is more in keeping with the importance of the interests under consideration. This same haste is seen at our anniversary in the Maritime Provinces. Some do not attend at the beginning of the deliberations, many leave before the close, although the time is very short as best, if we could but believe

that these business matters connected with the cause of Christ are of vast importance, it would help to work a remedy. We notice, too, that both the Methodists and the Presbyterians pay the expenses of all delegates. There is a collection taken in all the churches for this special purpose. This is also only fair. The cost of the entertainment of the Conference just closed foots up \$75,000.

**EXTENSION OF TERM.**—Many of the Methodists of the United States have long felt that the term—three years—which ministers were permitted to pass in a pastorate, was too short. There have been many evasions of the rule, especially in case of popular pastors of wealthy churches. A committee has had the question of the lengthening of the term under consideration for some time. The majority reported adversely, at the recent general conference. The minority report, recommending the extension of the term to five years, was, however, adopted. While the term of pastorate will have its disadvantages, in some cases, we believe, it will have a stimulating effect on the ministry, by leading them to exert themselves to stand the mental straining by the longer service over the same people. We notice the lay members of the conference did not so generally favor the change as the ministers. This seems to show that the laity are more fearful of long pastorate than the ministry.

**ELECTING AN EDITOR.**—Some delegate, as a piece of pleasantry and as he afterwards explained, nominated Miss F. E. Willard as editor of the *Christian Advocate*, the official organ of the church. The veteran, Dr. Buckley, long editor, and one of the ablest men in the body, was the other nominee. She received 105 votes to Dr. Buckley's 284. That she received so many votes for such a position shows the strong hold she had upon the sympathies and confidence of the delegates.

**LATEST FROM MR. SPURGEON.**—A cable despatch to the  *Tribune* says:

The Calvinist Methodists have, perhaps, an idea that it is possible to annex Mr. Spurgeon to their denomination. They have been passing a vote of sympathy with him in his present ecclesiastical troubles. He replies in a remarkable letter. "Monstrous," he says, "over a great evil in some of the churches, I scorned peace, friendship and I repeat to be clear of it. My protest was rejected and judged to be needless." But he considers that the discussions have more than justified his charges, and repudiates again the compact which was made without his concurrence. He then adds: "It has cost me many wounds and much dishonor to have been the scouser of my brethren. It is still more painful to find their great errors not regarded as serious by the mass of professors. My only course is to follow a separate path; not, however, separating myself from any of my denomination who hold the faith once delivered to the saints."

This is a plain statement that he is a Baptist and must remain one, and is not prepared to sever his connection with any Baptists that abide by the old doctrines held by Baptists in the past.

Nevertheless, this is the comment of a contemporary, after quoting the above:

That is Mr. Spurgeon's way of saying that the Calvinist Methodist who agrees with him is a better Christian than the Baptist who follows the "down grade" with the Baptist Union. Wider than ever, therefore, is the breach between the Baptists and their great preacher.

## Correspondence.

II.

Again my pen is turned aside from its purpose, this time by the sad event which you properly term "The Charlotte town Calamity." I venture the assertion that not many of your readers feel deeper and more genuine sympathy with the dear brethren in Charlotte town, in this trying hour, than the writer. They must be assisted. They need help. They deserve it. When a similar calamity overtook one of the Baptist churches in St. John, Charlotte town was the first to show her sympathy by a gift of \$450. I know Gernham and Leicester have not forgotten this, and very likely their contributions are already in the Charlotte town treasury.

The Charlotte town church have been noted for their liberality ever since their organization. I have taken over \$300 of a missionary collection at an ordinary missionary meeting; and I think there is but one church edifice on P. E. Island which they have not helped to build.

Now, brethren of the Lower Provinces, with our already many present and pressing demands, shall we not take hold of this Charlotte town matter with a strong and generous hand? It only wants a determined, well-directed effort to do it. An average of twenty-five cents from the membership of our 357 churches will revive their hearts and re-establish their work for our common Lord. It can be done. Brethren, shall we not do it?

Let the clerk, or deacon, or pastor of each church take this matter up without delay. Form a committee that will

canvass the entire church and congregation; in the meantime answering the question asked you by Bro. Stearns by the announcement that you are about to make the effort herein stated, unless you have already planned a more excellent way.

Should the brothers addressed, in any one of the churches, be unwilling to do this service for Christ, is there not some sister that will take the matter in hand?

I am in hot earnest in this matter, my dear friends. My seven years of toil with these dear brethren have given me a very deep interest in their welfare. This is one feature of my apology for making this appeal in their behalf. I am ready to give to the utmost limit of my ability, and in any other way to show my willingness to help raise the Baptist cause in Charlotte town from the smouldering ashes of its present desolation. "Men of Israel, Help!"  
D. G. McDONALD.  
314 Balmurst St., Toronto, May 29.

**S.**—Since writing the above, a letter comes from Bro. G. O. Davies which praiseth for unostentatious liberality in all the churches, from which I send you the following sentence: "If we do not get the genuine sympathy of our sister churches we shall be blotted out of existence in this city."

Oh, ye "sister churches" by the sea! bear with me while I again beg of you to send to A. W. Stearns, Charlotte town, P. E. Island, a card of sympathy, promising an effort to send an average of 25c. per member.  
D. G. M.

## Appeal.

To the Mothers, Wives, Sisters and Daughters of Shelburne County.

At a recent meeting of the Shelburne County Temperance League, reports were made of excellent temperance work being performed by some of our sisters. It was there suggested that we perhaps had not hitherto sufficiently appreciated the importance of female influence in the great work of temperance reform, and we, whose names are appended, were appointed to convey to you the expression of our regret for any real or apparent neglect in this regard, in the past, and to appeal to you now for that aid which you alone can render. You are, almost without exception, blameless so far as the use and sale of intoxicants are concerned, and yet wherever the curse exists, your sex has been compelled to suffer. Mothers have shed bitter tears over darling sons going the downward road; wives have seen the companions of their youth transformed into demons; sisters have mourned deeply on account of the recklessness of beloved brothers, and children have suffered from the neglect of fathers—and all through strong drink. You who know nothing of these things by experience cannot be indifferent to the woes of the poor victims of rum. Do you ask what you can do in this regard? Allow us to reply.

I. Discontinuance entirely the use of anything that can intoxicate. Many a miserable soul has taken his first glass from the hands of or with the approval of a lady friend, and that has proved his first step from respectability and honor to degradation and perdition. One word or even look of disapprobation at that critical moment might have saved him. It is dangerous to tamper with liquor, even as a medicine. Many a career of dissipation and shame has commenced with a dose of ardent spirits prescribed for some ailment. Did space permit we could cite painful cases of this kind, which have come under our own observation. Sisters: set your faces as a flint against the use of intoxicants in any form or degree or under any circumstances, and your decided opposition may deter some from entering the pathway to ruin.

II. Do you know of any who are indulging in an occasional glass? Will you not pray for them, and plead with them to "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup"? You may thus save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins.

III. Do you know of any who are engaged in the sale of liquor, over whom you can exert a moral influence which may be very effective? The temperance crusade of the women of the United States wrought a grand and glorious work. You can appeal to those who are engaged in this cursed traffic, in the name of God and humanity, to give up this woful business. Some of you are mothers, with children around you; others are teachers in the week-day or Sabbath schools; and all of you come in contact in some way with the young, who will soon go out into the world and be exposed to temptation. Your influence with them now may fortify them against the attacks of the destroyer, and "an ounce of prevention will be better than a pound of cure."

IV. Will you not help in sustaining our temperance organizations? Many of you are identified with these institutions, and we have lately heard with gratitude of the noble efforts of some of you to bring our

sisters into the ranks. There is work to be done by you in connection with these bodies which only your sex can perform.

Finally, we earnestly plead with you to aid in forming a sound and strong public opinion as to the need and wisdom of advanced and prohibitory legislation; also, to strengthen the hands of those who are striving to enforce the present enactments, designed to curtail and destroy the liquor traffic. Our warfare is a moral one; we are "co-workers with God." He is "the only final public opinion, and that one with God is always in a majority." The hindrances and difficulties are many, but the helps and encouragements are abundant. God is for us—the Word of Truth, the Sword of the Spirit, is on our side, and the awakened, ever growing, ever deepening moral sense of the vast body of our people sustains us. So

"We bate no jot Of heart or hope, but still bear on, and steer Up-hillward."

As we "Fight, fight, fight the battles of the Lord!"  
Mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, may you often be found at "the throne of grace," seeking in prayer and supplication that help which alone the battle can be won. And of each may it be said, at the close of life's service,

"She hath done what she could!  
Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done,  
Life's crown well won;  
Now comes rest."

(Signed) W. H. RICHARD,  
J. R. BORDEN,  
T. H. STODALL.  
Barrington, May 7, 1888.

[The above appeal may well be heard by wives, sisters and daughters everywhere. Editor.]

## Suggestions.

The time for the annual meetings of our Baptist Associations is drawing near, and the churches will soon be appointing their delegates, etc. I wish, through the Messenger and Visitor, to suggest to the churches that before appointing their delegates they should prayerfully consider, and discuss among themselves, the various subjects which most deeply concern their individual church, and the denomination in general. And having arrived at definite conclusions, let each church select one or more of the wisest and most competent of its members to represent its opinions at the Association. Then, let there be at each Association a free and full discussion of these important subjects which most deeply concern either the well or the woe of our churches; and of the kingdom of Christ throughout the world. Doubtless, the subject of Missions, of education, of literature, of Sabbath observance, and of temperance will, as usual, come up for discussion. And certainly, each delegate should be prepared to discuss these subjects intelligently and earnestly, as they are subjects of vital importance to our denomination. But there are subjects of equal (if not of more) importance to our denomination and to the cause of christianity in general, which should be prayerfully considered, and promptly and fully discussed by our churches, Associations, and by the Convention also! And such measures should be adopted, with reference to them, as shall be for the glory of God, and for the welfare of the denomination, and each individual church, and each member of each church. I allude to "basket societies," and any and all other schemes which savor of a lottery, in order to obtain money for religious or for any other purpose whatever. They are unscriptural, and should not be patronized by christians. And, then, Freemasonry, and other like institutions, in which many of our church members and some of our ministers are already entangled! These various and set fraternities propose to fit their members for heaven or, in Lodge parlance, for the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Grange above! as the case may be. But, they have no Christ, and ignore the statement Christ has made! While their initiation ceremonies are foolish and degrading, and their oaths and penalties barbarous and blasphemous! Yet all these secret orders have their altar, chaplain, ritual, prayers, songs and burial service, and each candidate before being initiated is required to confess his or her belief in a Supreme Being, etc., all of which proves that these orders are religious organizations! But, their religion is opposed to christianity! And as Rev. J. H. Saunders has said of the Salvation Army, "While the members profess to be servants of Christ, they are the sworn servants of General Booth!" So with ministers and church members who adhere to secret path bond societies. While they profess to be servants of Christ, they are sworn to obey the edicts of the Subordinate and of the Grand Lodge! These things ought not to be.

I hope my brethren will look into this matter; it certainly demands investigation. Let it be done speedily, and in the spirit of Jesus. Some of my cherished friends and loved brethren in Christ belong to some of those secret societies! It is not against my brethren I lift my voice and employ my pen; but against the secret empire to which they belong.  
R. S. MORRIS.  
Milville, May 11, '88.

## Missionary Conference.

Bro. Stearns, writing of the conference held at Brookfield, Col., N. S., recently, says they very much missed Bro. and Sister Martell. During the services, two deacons were ordained. The welcome of an aged deacon to these stalwart helpers was very touching. Bro. Stearns continues: "At one time some one was wicked enough to say that the Baptist cause in Brookfield would die out. No! then false prophet; not while truth shall hold her throne! Has there not been salvation? Bro. Fields has labored, and God has blessed his efforts. The church has been revived; sinners saved. The pastorate and diaconate are now well filled. Peace now dwells in Zion, and prosperity within her palaces."

"Progression along the lines of truth is our motto, and I think we have advanced a little. Many good things were said by the brethren. The collection taken was the most liberal that we have had. The churches are beginning to vie with each other in giving. Come brethren, you are doing nobly; but nobler things remain to be done. To these let us advance."

## How They Found the Saviour.

"Girls, suppose we go to the revival to-night?" exclaimed Helen Wade, turning from the piano.

"The revival!" "Why, Helen Wade!" "Of all things," said a chorus of voices. Helen laughed lightly, but said nothing. In a moment they began:

"You really do not mean it," said one; and, "What is your idea in going?" said another.

"Why, Helen, have you forgotten that the Social Hour Club meets in your parlor to-night?" said voice number three. Helen's face grew suddenly grave.

"I cannot answer you all at once, so I will take you in turn."

"Yes, Josie, I do mean every word of it; but, Maude, I do not think I can tell you my idea, for I scarcely know myself. As for the club, Josie, I have not forgotten it, but I shall propose that we suspend the rules, adjourn until next week, and go in a body to the church. Girls, I am tired of my hollow, empty life."

"But, Helen," said Jennie, "what has started your thoughts in this channel? I never saw you so serious before."

"No, you never did; for I never thought of it seriously until a week ago. You know I had a sore throat, and one evening when I was lonely and trying to 'kill time,' I went into the library to look for a book. Papa had a caller in his study. I could hear their voices, and knew it was the new minister. On the table were some books which Mr. Holt had borrowed, and just brought back. I took one and began to turn the leaves, when it slipped from my hands and fell to the floor, and a piece of white paper fluttered out. I picked it up and read these words, 'Whether your years be few or many is of no consequence. What has your life been? Will be the great question in eternity.' Why, girls, I was dazed. Mechanically, I picked up the book, and placing it upon the table, I turned and left the room. When I reached my own room, I found that I still had the slip of paper in my fingers. I read it again, and then began to question myself. I tried to see my life as it had been, and I can tell you I felt small. I was in a perfect tumult for hours. The next evening I astonished papa by asking him to take me to church. I assured him my throat was quite well, so he took me. The subject was 'Christ's Sermon on the Mount,' and for the first time I began to realize what it is to hunger and thirst after righteousness. Since then I have been several times, and to-night I want every member of the Club to go. What do you say?"

"Say!" exclaimed Jennie Lodell. "Why, that you will carry out your plans as you always do. Every member of the Club will follow where you lead."

"Then, may God help me to lead them aright," said Helen, softly. The evening proved that Jennie was right, for every member of the Club was there. They made a goodly procession, and as they filed into the church the minister devoutly exclaimed under his breath, "Praise the Lord!" The sermon was from the text, "Ye will not come to Me that ye might have life." As it closed the choir sang "Almost Persuaded," and then an opportunity was given for inquiries to rise. There was a hush as Helen Wade arose. She hesitated a moment, and then said—

"I have been almost persuaded for nearly a week, but would not surrender.

To-night I am fully persuaded; pray for me."

Six months later, we again see Helen Wade seated in the same parlor where our story opened. What wonderful changes have been wrought during those six months! But let us listen to their conversation:

"Girls," said Helen suddenly, "it is the night for our prayer-meeting again."

"Yes, and Harry Lane is to be leader," exclaimed Jennie Lodell joyfully. "Oh, Helen, how happy I am, and now thank! Six months ago we did not think it possible to give up our Club. Now it has been literally transformed into a prayer-meeting."

Kissing her friends good-by, Helen went out thoughtfully, humming the words:

"Oh, to be nothing, nothing,  
Only as led by His hand;  
A messenger at His gateway,  
Only waiting for His command."  
—Herald and Presbyter.

## Have Ye Kept the Faith?

A dear brother of the writer, living in New York, was recently, on a train which was just leaving the station. By the side of it, on the next track, was another train, which was about starting in the opposite direction. A man near my brother suddenly jumped to his feet, opened the window, and hurriedly called, "John!" A man at an open window in the other train, instantly recognized his friend, and quickly responded, "William!" A hearty grasp of hands, and the short, solemn inquiry came ringing from William:

"John, have you kept the faith?"  
"Aye, by the help of God, I have."

The cars moved away, a smile of pleasure on the face of each, and they saw each other no more. Was it strange that a thrill of Christian sympathy took possession of my brother's heart, as he at once took a seat by the side of William, who had hitherto been a stranger, but now was a Christian brother.

No, "Have you made money?" "Have you made a great name for yourself?" "Have you kept the faith?" What stronger evidence of conversion could have been given than in the question and answer which came from these two travellers to eternity?

Happy the man who can give a right answer to this important question, and who at the end of life and in the day of judgment, can say, with Paul, "I have kept the faith."—The Christian.

## This, That, and The Other.

—The cathedral at Ulm, on the Danube, is the finest and the largest of the Lutheran churches; it can seat 28,000 worshippers. The spire was never finished, but the work of completion has been carried on so vigorously that the capping stone of the magnificent spire may be placed at the height of 534 feet in 1889. The corner stone of the minister was laid in 1377; the church was cleared of Roman idolatry in the year of the Augsburg Confession.

—The orator holds a thousand men for half an hour breathless—a thousand men as one, listening to his single word. But the Word of God has held a thousand years spellbound; held them by one abiding power, even the universality of its truth; and we feel it to be no more a collection of books, but the Book—F. W. Robertson.

—The *Missionary Review* lately noted the fact that the Presbytery of Dakota, composed of churches of Sioux Indians, gave during the colonial year \$571 more to foreign missions, and \$234 more to all benevolent purposes than any white Presbytery in the Synod. The Indian work seems to pay.

—A Hebrew name for wine comes from a root which means "to take possession," and an Arabic name, from a root which means "to hold captive." These meanings are the history of the use of wine "with small."

—It is a daily greater sin, or the worship of the world, which holds us back against the drawing of Christ; but the soft pure happiness of home, the easy round of kindly offices, the calm and blameless toil of a literary life, the gentler and more peaceful influences of earthly cheerfulness as these two, with the lights and shades, the anxieties and joys which fall across an even path, steal away the heart, and wind all its affections about a thousand moorings.—H. E. Manning.

—The love of Christ is like the blue sky, into which you may see clearly, but the real vastness of which you cannot measure. It is like the sea, into whose bosom you can look a little way, but the depths are unfathomable.—McCrone.

—Mrs. M. L. T. Witter, of Berwick, has entrusted the Baptist Book and Tract Society with the sale of her book, "The Etonians." Notices has already been given of the work. Price 50c., post paid.





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MORE FALLACIES.

The following appears in the Presbyterian Witness of May 19:

Our blessed Lord and His disciples never laid any stress on the mode of performing rites or administering ordinances. For example, the mode of administering the Lord's Supper has greatly varied. There are instances who attach undue importance to the "circumstances" of the Supper, just as many Baptists do with regard to the quantity of water to be used in baptism. But the better way is to stand by the Apostolic precept, to do everything decently and in order, in the fear and love of the Lord, and in obedience to His command. The Supper can be celebrated with an ounce or a crumb of bread and a drop of wine, as well as with a full meal—far better indeed! And so baptism can be administered with an ounce of water, as well as by means of a ready larger quantity—far better indeed. And as the fact or circumstance of the man it is as well that the water should be applied to the face or head as it is when applied to the whole man—far better indeed! There is ample ground for the positive conclusions reached by the Westminster Divines; pouring or sprinkling is sufficient, because scriptural and reasonable. To insist on submergence may not indeed invalidate the ordinance, but it is—well, it is supererogatory! And to lay undue stress on the way of performing these rites is to do much harm to the Kingdom of Christ.

The assumption necessary to the above argument is this: The Lord's Supper was originally a full meal; but all except ritualists admit that a crumb of bread and a drop of wine will serve the purpose; in the same way, even though baptism may have originally been an immersion, the sprinkling of a few drops of water will answer the purpose equally well.

What are the facts? The Supper was not a full meal as instituted by our Lord. Its institution took place at the close of the passover meal. This can be learned from the gospel accounts, especially that of Luke. We learn also that churches need one common loaf (1 Cor. 10: 17), which could not have been true had full meals been eaten. In using a small piece of bread and a sip of wine, Baptists, in common with others, follow the example of our Lord and his inspired followers. If we ate a full meal at the Supper, we should be violating, in a measure, our Lord's command, "Do this in remembrance of me"; for the "this" spoken of was not the eating of a meal.

On the other hand, as the Witness would no doubt admit, the word baptize means immerse, and it never did mean sprinkle or pour, in its literal use. If he denies the first statement or asserts the opposite of the second, let him produce his example. When our Lord used the word baptize to express a command, can anything be plainer than that he did command immersion and that he did not command sprinkling and pouring, which the word baptize never meant? This is equivalent to saying that two and two make four. Those who sprinkle or pour put what he did not command in place of what he commanded. Two and two make four again. Are we to say then that to accept a little bread and wine for the Supper when this is what our Lord commanded, is similar to accepting a sprinkle of water for baptism, when the Scripture is not what he commanded? This is not even living logic; it is not logic at all. Our friends who use this fallacy try something easier, and prove that two and two make five.

But this is not all; even though it might be permitted to accept sprinkling for baptism on some ground we know not of, the fact that it destroys all the symbolism of the ordinance would rule it out. How can a sprinkle of water symbolize the complete cleansing effected by the blood of Christ? How can it represent death to the old life and resurrection to the new?

We should like to know, also, where there is to be found justification for the statement, "Our blessed Lord and his disciples never laid any stress on the mode of performing rites and administering ordinances." Paul praised the Corinthians because they kept the ordinances as he delivered them unto them (1 Cor. 11: 2). John utters a terrible warning against those who add or take away from the words of the prophecy of the book (Rev. 22: 18). If the Witness will show us a passage where either our Lord or his disciples gave any permission to change what he commanded, it will be a revelation to us indeed. If he will show us in the Bible even where there is the looseness he speaks of in the observance of the ordinance, we would be glad to publish it, so that our people might be rebuked for their scrupulousness in adhering to the command of Christ, rather than abridging it out of all ignorance to what he enjoined. We consider all such arguments not only without foundation in Holy Writ, but most pernicious. They tend to make men feel they

can take license with what God has enjoined, to alter and vary to suit convenience. This principle of looseness is introduced by the hands of the age. Surely we honor Christ most by adhering to his instructions, and we pity those who have to tell people they are at liberty to be quite careless with the institutions of Christ, in order to justify their own practice.

Here is another fallacy. Some one asked the Christian Advocate whether our Lord was sprinkled at his baptism. The editor of this great representative paper of the Methodists of the United States replies he thinks not; but adds that had our Lord intended immersion exclusively to be baptism, he would have made his teaching so plain on that point that there could have been no room for controversy. Exactly. Had our Lord intended that the trinitarian view was to be the exclusive view of the church, he would have made his teaching so plain that there could have been no doubt; so also of the ending of probation in this life, the everlasting existence of the wicked, their eternal punishment, and a thousand other doctrines about which differing or opposing views are held. As our Lord did not make his teaching so plain as to make erroneous views impossible, therefore he intended people to believe error. A fine principle this surely, as a last resort to uphold a departure from Christ's baptism.

Here is another. A correspondent, referring to the definition of baptism in Thayer's-Grimm's-Wilkes' Lexicon of New Testament Greek, asks if the fact that this greatest authority on New Testament Greek gives to baptize only the meaning to immerse, did not support the Baptist view. The reply was, this could not be so, because Thayer, Grimm, and Wilkes were all Pedobaptists. Here is a parallel case. We think it is Lange declares that infant baptism cannot be found in the New Testament unless put there. Still he remained a Pedobaptist. Therefore, according to the reasoning of the Congregationalist, Lange believed infant baptism scriptural, which he did not. The vitiating assumption is that people cannot be inconsistent in practice with the conclusions forced upon them by their scholarship.

AMERICAN BAPTISTS.

The first meeting at the great anniversary of the Northern Baptists at Washington was that of the North American Educational Convention. The object of this gathering was to consider the question of forming a general Baptist Educational Society, corresponding to the other great societies of the Baptist denomination. There was considerable discussion. Drs. Strong, president of Rochester, Bright of the Examiner, Core, Boyd and others, spoke in favor of postponing action for one year; but the feeling of the Convention was overwhelmingly in favor of immediate organization. It was felt that the motion to postpone was to give time to thwart the measure altogether. It was finally decided to organize, which was done. There is, therefore, another great society. It shows the trend of the thought of the age, when a separate society should be formed to have a general oversight of the educational interests of the Baptist brotherhood. There is here a grand sphere for effective work.

THE HOME MISSION.

was the first of the great societies to hold its anniversary. The annual report stated that the receipts were as follows: From contributions, including \$22,266.62 of trust funds, \$249,078.06; from legacies, \$245,484.63. There, with other receipts, make a total of \$551,895.92. There has been expended during the past year, in gifts for church edifice work, \$32,737.37. The late Governor Coburn, of Maine, left two hundred thousand dollars to the treasury of the Society and another fifty thousand to Wayland Seminary at Washington, one of the colored schools under the patronage of the Society. The Society's operations have been conducted during the past year not only in the United States, but also in British America, Alaska and Mexico. The whole number of laborers supported wholly or in part was 745, being 65 more than last year. The Society aids 18 schools for the colored people, Indian and Mexican. Several of these schools for the colored people are large institutions with an extensive equipment in buildings and other property. The number of churches aided in building houses of worship was 88. In the schools of the Society 135 teachers and 3,661 scholars have been enrolled. Of the colored students, 310 are preparing for the ministry, 943 for teaching and 36 for the medical profession.

THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

reported a good year's business. The gross receipts of this Society, in all departments, last year, were \$582,490.93. Of these, \$449,882.73 were from the sales, etc., of Book department. In the missionary department, \$25,623.43 were received from Children's Day; \$28,377.22 from churches and individuals; \$8,738.95 from legacies and \$32,429.55 from other sources, making a total of \$551,169.15. In the Bible department, \$22,846.54 came from Bible Day; \$5,013.89 from churches and individuals, and \$1,089.31 from sales, a total of \$29,439.05, or \$16,066.64 more than last year.

Quite a stir was caused during the anniversary discussions of this great society by Dr. Caldwell. He asked by what authority contributions had been solicited for the issuing of a revision of the Old Testament by the Publication Society. The whole question was referred to a committee to

report next year. There is danger that this will be the end of the wedge to reopen the vexed question of the Bible Society, which was thought to have been settled at the Saratoga Convention two years ago.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Secretary Murdoch presented the annual report. The treasurer has received from all sources \$411,385.39. In the missions to the heathen there are 60 stations, 831 out-stations and 263 missionaries. In all the missions, including those in Europe, there are 263 missionaries, 1796 presbyters, 1296 churches and 127,268 church members, of whom 10,662 were baptized last year. In the Burman mission 159 were baptized; in the Karee, 1,977; in the Chin, 52; in the Garo, 165; in the Assamese, 37; in the Telugu, 2,321; in the Chinese, 37; in the Japan, 211; in the Congo mission, 191. Dr. Murdoch suggested that an effort be made to raise \$100,000 as a special Judson Centennial Fund. The suggestion was finally adopted. It is to be raised in subscriptions of not less than \$1000 each.

The report on European Missions gave the following facts. It is fifty-five years since Mr. Rostin began labor in France. There are now ten ordained missions. Spain does not give great promise. The German churches report 35,561 members, and nearly \$100,000 of contributions. In Russia and Poland there are 16,000 members. A Sunday school institute at Copenhagen was a great success. Austria is largely shut against us. Hungary and Bulgaria are open.

A resolution was adopted, to the effect that it was the duty of the Northern Baptists to increase their contributions 50 per cent. Dea. Niel Davis, in seconding it, is reported to have made some very pertinent remarks. We commend them to our readers. He said: "I shall not speak here many times more. I want to know how I shall meet these 800,000,000 of Christless heathen. 1,200 years ago our ancestors were heathen. Suppose the gospel had not come to us, what should we have been? We are trustees, just as the trustees of a savings bank. Two-thirds of our churches are not giving or praying. Achan, Ananias and Sapphira died for one sin. It is good to be sound in doctrine; but it will be sound in obedience. Dear pastors, I appeal to you. Lay it down to us in the pews. I appeal to my brother deacons. I beg of this body that we clear our skirts from the blood of the heathen."

THE WEEK.

The British news is of no great importance. It becomes more plain that the leaders of the Nationalists have a great mass of the Irish people with them in their protest against the Pope's rescript. It is now said that the pressure upon him is becoming so great that he is preparing an explanation of the rescript. How those who refuse to abide by the rescript can still have confidence in the Pope's infallibility, is one of the mysteries.

Chamberlain has made an address on his election to the position of president of the Liberal Unionist Society of Birmingham. In this he explained his scheme for the settlement of the Irish question. It proposes to give the Irish a certain share of local self-government, and to aid them by expending large sums in public works. It also holds out the hope of compensation to the Irish landlords. The scheme is said not to be regarded as worthy of very serious consideration by the English people, and will not add to Chamberlain's reputation, for he has sustained the government in refusing to grant much smaller concessions to Ireland. Some think they see signs of the weakening of the government, and are prepared for a break up. Two measures are exciting the fears of numbers of the best people of the country. The Commission on Education is looked upon with suspicion, as it is feared it will lead to retrogression, if new measures are adopted under a Tory regime. The provision in the Local Government bill to grant compensation to publicans whose licenses have been refused excites the alarm and indignation of all good men. As the Freeman says, it amounts to granting an endowment of \$1,000,000,000 to the rum traffic, so that it cannot be rooted out except the people put their hands in their pockets and pay this immense sum to those who have been fattening all along on their hard earnings.

The coquetting with the Pope has not raised the government in the eyes of Protestants, while it has enraged the Irish. John Bright has been seriously ill, but is recovering. The Hungarian premier has given an ungraceful answer to a speech in the Diet. France is easy to take offense. Boulanger is running his candidates in vacancies that occur. He has thus headed a district party. In the United States, the presidential election fever is getting quite up. The Protectionists have had their convention at Indianapolis, and have nominated Gen. Clinton B. Fisk as their standard-bearer. It is a foregone conclusion that Cleveland will again be nominated by the Democrats. Blaine has absolutely declined to be put in nomination by the Republican party. His letter to this effect speaks well for him, so far as a desire to save his party from division is concerned. There is also certainty as to the coming of the Republicans. Social interests seem to predominate,

and there is no man toward whom the different sections of the great country look as the best man. Sherman has stood a good chance in the past; but other names are being put forward now.

The Fisheries treaty is being discussed in the U. S. Senate. Frye, of Maine, has given the chief speech thus far. He opposes it bitterly as a disgraceful surrender to Canada and Great Britain. Rather than sanction such a treaty he would have "Non-intercourse" proclaimed and punish Canada by stopping all trade with her. There is no doubt the Republicans will do their utmost to destroy the treaty and create trouble, hoping thereby to secure the presidential election.

Mr. C. H. Tupper, son of Sir Charles, has been appointed to the department of Marine and Fisheries. Sir Charles Tupper has published a letter of thanks to the people of Cumberland for having elected him continuously ever since he entered public life, some thirty-three years ago. There are conflicting rumors as to other changes in the cabinet.

Chicago Letter.

Your correspondent has just returned from attending the

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES.

which were held this year in the city of Washington, D. C. The meetings were held in the Calvary Church, but owing to the fact that over four thousand delegates were present it was found necessary to divide the evening congregations, and have services in two places at the same hour, and even with this arrangement many persons were unable to gain an entrance to the vast auditorium. Among those we had known in Canada in former days and were privileged to greet once more, were Rev. Mr. McDiarmid, of Ottawa, Ont.; Mrs. McMaster, Toronto; Rev. R. B. Montgomery, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Rev. C. B. Cook, of Bloomfield, N. J.

The anniversaries may be said to have begun on Sabbath, May 15th, when Dr. G. C. Lorimer preached before the

WOMEN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

This society was organized in Chicago in 1877. At present it number 1624 branches and bands and has on its roll 926 life-members. Its receipts for the past year represent thirty-seven states and territories and aggregates nearly \$41,000. It has seventy missionaries laboring at forty-five different stations among ten nationalities.

THE MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

is an important branch of this society's work. It is located in Chicago and has been in existence seven years. During that time it has sent forth one hundred and twenty-four trained workers. The ladies are at present engaged in an effort to raise the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting a suitable building in which it may have a commodious and permanent home. No meetings in connection with the anniversaries were more dignified, enthusiastic and spiritual, than the Women's.

A NEW BAPTIST SOCIETY.

Formerly three great societies were represented in these annual gatherings,—the Home Mission Society, the Publication Society, and the Missionary Union; of late years the Women's Society has been added, making four. Last year at Minneapolis, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of organizing a Baptist Educational Society. This committee issued a call for an Educational Convention, which assembled on Tuesday of anniversary week. The result is a new society, with Judge Wayland as president and Washington as its headquarters. The Baptists are waking up to the fact that other denominations are leading them in the work of higher christian education, especially in the great West; nay, what is worse, that they have been doing scarcely anything in this line in this growing and important field.

THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

held its fifty-sixth anniversary on Wednesday. The president, Samuel Colgate, Esq., opened the proceedings with an able address. The society carries on its operations in forty-five states and territories, and has 745 missionaries laboring among eight different nationalities. Its educational work embraces seventeen colleges and schools. The society closed the year free from debt.

Among the important acts of his body were the appointment of two committees—one to confer with the Post Office authorities for the preservation of the law prohibiting the dissemination of obscene and immoral literature through the mails. This law, so important to the preservation of morals, Col. Ingersoll has labored to have repealed. Mr. Constock, of New York, was present and spoke of the importance of the law and of the work of the society of which he is president. The other committee is to act with committees of other denominations in an inter-denominational movement for the better observance of the Sabbath.

A JUDSON MEMORIAL.

The special event of interest in connection with the anniversary of the Missionary Union was the passing of the resolution to raise a memorial fund to the memory of Judson, its first missionary, this year, of not less than a hundred thousand dollars; this fund to be used for strengthening and extending the work in foreign lands. Judson's spirit is still marching on, and best of all, the spirit that brought our Lord from heaven to die for men, and that gave the great commission, is still with his people.

THIS AND THAT.

President Cleveland having sent word that he would receive the Convention at the White House on Friday afternoon, about three thousand delegates, men and women, marched two and two up the streets of the city and through the front door of the Chief Magistrate's residence, and after shaking hands with him, marched out again through one of the windows. Poor man, he looked tired before the long procession had half passed. We told him we were the advanced guard of three million Baptists, and that we had another three million of adherents, but that we were not all coming to see him that day. He said, "I am glad you number so many." It must be hard to be a president and have to shake hands with so many people you don't know and don't want to, and yet there are several men among our 60,000,000 who would like to take his place next year. There's no accounting for some men's wishes.

The enthusiasm was not so great this year as last. This may in part be accounted for by the fact that the meetings had to be divided on account of numbers. There can be too many people. Gilead had too many at the first. The Persian had too many at Marathon. There were too many at Washington. Mr. Moody used to seek a crowd—a multitude, but he has learned that great mass meetings are not the best for successful soul winning.

Chicago invited the Southern and Northern Conventions to meet here next year. The Southern Baptists cannot be of condition of their charter, and the Northern Baptists will not; they will go to Boston. Well, we showed our good intent and our fraternal spirit.

Home Missions.

CONCERT EXERCISES.

Fearing that the year will close with a heavy debt against our Home Mission Board unless special effort is put forth, and encouraged by the success of our Sunday school concert exercises last year, we have prepared another, copies of which have been sent to all our schools, in the hope that they will have the concert as soon as possible, and send the proceeds to our treasury. The subject of the concert is Temperance. It is about twice the length of the exercise last year, and we have no doubt, if well rendered, will afford an interesting and profitable entertainment. We have inserted suitable music from Gospel Hymns, as those books are in common use; but schools can change if they choose to suit themselves. We hope all our schools will have the concert, as the exercise can be readily adjusted to the capacity of any school.

As we were not sure of the addresses of superintendents, we have for the most part sent the exercises to the pastors, on whom we rely to hand them to the proper parties, and otherwise encourage the undertaking. If any schools do not receive copies, or if more are wanted, they will be furnished on application.

Brethren and sisters, will you not cooperate with us in this effort as you did last year? God is wonderfully blessing our Home Mission work in opening up new fields and strengthening old ones. Let us show our gratitude by liberal offerings for the work. A. CONOOR, Cor. Secy. Hebron, June 1.

Church Organization at Port Greville.

According to previous announcement, a council met with the Baptists of Port Greville, Cum. Co., N. S., May 29th, to advise them concerning the organization of an independent church. Delegates present were: Spring Hill, Rev. J. Murray and Bro. C. Totton; Amherst, Rev. D. A. Steele; Oxford, Rev. T. M. Munro; Pughwash, Rev. C. C. Burgess; Little River, Dea. Rushton; Westbrook, Dea. Rocelle and Atkinson; Advocate, Bro. A. McLellan, A. Atkinson, M. Atkinson; Diligent River, Dea. D. H. Jenks, Bro. T. Bentley; Parrot, Dea. F. L. Jeak, Rev. I. W. Porter. Rev. D. P. Harris and M. B. Shaw were invited to seats in the council. The council was organized by the appointment of Rev. C. C. Burgess, Moderator, and I. W. Porter, Clerk. The resolution of the meeting calling the council was read from the minutes. Reasons given for such action were, the seven miles distance from the parent church, Diligent River; need of freedom of action in opposing the laws of unneighborly neighbors; the local control of the ordinances. Many careful questions were asked by members of the council, and answered by resident members. The articles and covenant of the Baptist church were read by the Moderator, and cordially assented to by those calling the Council.

In the afternoon a public meeting was conducted by Rev. D. P. Harris, and the council sat in private session. After long and careful consideration of the propriety of organizing, the following motion was offered by the Rev. D. A. Steele: Whereas it seems necessary to the brethren at Port Greville, for the more orderly observance of the ordinances of the gospel, to separate themselves from the church at Diligent River;

Therefore resolved, that we recommend that they be organized into a separate church in the usual manner to-day.

The new church was organized in the evening. Rev. D. A. Steele preached a splendid sermon from John 17: 16, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world." Distinctions growing out

of the new birth were dwelt upon, and a most interesting feature of the sermon was a discussion of the question "How much of organization is compatible with this view of Christianity?"

At the close of the sermon Rev. T. M. Munro gave a stirring address to the church. The central thought is found in the words "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Prayer was then offered for the new church by Rev. J. Murray.

Bro. S. C. Moore and G. E. Allen were elected deacons. Bro. F. Canning, treasurer, Sister Alice P. Hatfield, clerk. The name adopted was "Port Greville Baptist Church." The deacons were ordained by the laying on of hands, and prayer by Rev. C. C. Burgess, after which the session closed.

This new church starts with promising prospects. There are at present twenty-nine members. Bro. Wm. Schurman, Lic. is their pastor. May the favor of the Lord rest on both pastor and people. The brethren at Port Greville desire to express their gratitude to the ministers and delegates who gave such a prompt response to their call. I. W. PORTER, Clerk.

Charlottetown Baptist Church.

The Baptist Church of Charlottetown to the Baptist Churches of the Maritime Provinces:

DEAR BROTHERS,

Through the press you have already heard of the great loss by fire of our church building. We have left to us in addition to the ruins a debt of \$5000. To meet this obligation will tax our energies to the utmost for more than five years to come. And even this cannot be done without a house of worship to keep our congregation together. To pay this debt, which must be paid at once, and at the same time build a house of worship, is beyond our ability. If left to struggle on unassisted, we cannot long survive. We are determined to do our best, but to succeed must have generous assistance. Brethren, the interests of our denomination demand that a building suitable to our needs be speedily provided. We are resolved to try and meet this demand; will you help us? Will you help us at once? For further information write to Hon. Neil McLeod, Chairman of Building Committee, to whom, also, all contributions toward the building fund may be forwarded. By order of the church. EDWARD WHITMAN, PASTOR.

Charlottetown Baptist Church.

The reading of Bro. Stearns' letter in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR last week, informed myself—and probably a majority of the Baptist denomination—of a state of things existing in connection with the above church, unknown before: first, the large cost of the building; secondly, the small amount of insurance on it; and thirdly, the amount of debt still due.

The building is destroyed but the church lives, and should look hopefully to the future. Advice is inexpensive. I will tender a little, I hope without giving offence.

First.—Let the church decide on the nature or kind of building they aim to build to answer the purpose required.

Secondly.—Let them minutely estimate the money required to erect and finish the same.

Thirdly.—The Associations are soon to be held; let them appoint a suitable agent to visit each of them and place their case before the delegates and others assembled.

Fourthly.—Let it be understood that what may be contributed will be held sacredly to renewing the building, and not to pay the debt now due of \$5000.

And lastly, let the church feel that they must proceed energetically but cautiously, so as to incur no debt on the new house. It may take two years to do this, but better wait than to have a crumbling debt resting on their shoulders. Hire a hall and put up with inconveniences, do anything rather than place themselves in an embarrassing position. I give no further advice, and must apologize for what is offered. I truly sympathize with our brethren of the church referred to and will contribute my mite when the time comes. As far as I know the sympathy of the Baptist body in our lower provinces is with the sufferers, and save no doubt but it will be expressed in a tangible form. Only be not discouraged. God will sustain his own cause, and if trials are sent they often prove mercies in disguise.

Tables Paid.

T. MARGAUNT'S BAY.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes J. S. Shank, M. U. Haffield, M. J. Shank, Mrs. Chas. Shankle, Mrs. Ephraim Hubley, Joseph H. Ham, Rev. George Taylor, George Hay, Chester.

MARSH BAY.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes J. B. Millet, A. Eisenhar, George A. Parker, Lunenburg, Isaac Gates, Joseph H. Ham, W. J. Procter, W. J. Nichol, M. J. J. aph Ham, Mrs. D. W. Crandal.

R. M. S.

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**Acadia College Jubilee Fund.**  
100,000 SHARES OF 50 CENTS EACH.

**PAYMENTS**  
since last report:

Rev. W. H. Robinson and wife, Riverside, Cal., for 15 shares; Prof. J. F. Tufa, Toronto, for 15 shares; Mrs. A. J. Walker, Toronto, for 10 shares; Mrs. C. B. (2nd inst.) 10; Harry D. Oread, Fredericton, 4; Rev. J. I. DeWolfe, Beaver River, bal. 40; Peter B. McIntire, Lime Hill, West Bay, C. B., 2; Mrs. Edward McCabe, Whiteburg, 2; 297; before reported, 7298; total, 7595.

A. COMBES, Sec'y. Jub. Com.  
Hahoon, June 3.

**Acknowledgment.**  
Will you allow me through your columns to express hearty thanks to friends in Wolfville for kindness shown? A rumor went abroad that I had lost my watch, which had more foundation, in fact, than many other reports which gain even greater currency.

Some of the members of the 1st Horton Church, of which I am the unworthy pastor, conceived the idea that I must be kept up to time in some way, and so three of their number took me greatly by surprise a few evenings ago, by calling at my house and placing in my hands a new and really beautiful gold watch, fresh from "Elgin Nat. Watch Co." with the following inscription very neatly engraved upon it:

PRESENTED TO  
REV. T. A. HIGGINS, D. D.,  
by Members of the Baptist Church,  
Wolfville, N. S., June, 1888.

May the donors be abundantly rewarded, is the wish and prayer of  
T. A. HIGGINS.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**—Received from C. D. Everett his annual donation of \$10 for Home Missions and \$10 for Foreign Missions, to be placed to the credit of Germain Street Baptist Church. J. MARSH,  
St. John, June 5. Treas. F. M. B.

**Religious Intelligence.**

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.**

**LOWER JAMES.**—On the Queen's birthday a social and concert was held at Lower James, in aid of the new Baptist church now being built in that place. The result, financially, equalled expectations; but the concert, with David E. Wright for Chairman, and with the young people of the place for performers, as a literary entertainment, far exceeded expectations, and was considered, by a delighted audience, to be a credit to all concerned. Com.

**DORCHESTER.**—The church at Dorchester after the fifteenth instant, unless some body is engaged in the meantime, will be without a pastor. The Dorchester church, though organized in 1845, made but little progress until 1850, and its present membership has been largely gathered from families formerly belonging to other denominations. Its members are scattered throughout the community, and largely surrounded by hostile influence, and in some localities it is looked upon with feelings akin to jealousy. For the latter there is some reason, as Baptists must necessarily be aggressive, and while as much as in them lies they desire to be at peace with all men, they hold to the principles received by them from the Bible with the greatest tenacity. Another difficulty we have to contend with here is that many who are Baptists are not members of the Dorchester church. A few are members of other Baptist churches who have not affiliated with us, others are Free Baptists, and some are Catholics. Of late years things have been working very harmoniously among the different classes of Baptist and now they are pretty well mixed up in our Sunday audiences, and in our conferences and prayer meetings. Much has been done to consolidate the Baptists of Dorchester, and were it not for the very large numbers we have lost in the last five years by the exodus, our church would now be one of the strongest in the Province; we yet hold our place as the second largest church in the parish, the Catholics alone not numbering us, and feel more than ever the necessity of having a minister constantly in the field. The headquarters of the church is Dorchester Corner, and it is here that the most of the work must be done, as it must always be the common centre. The corner has about twenty-five per cent of the members, and contributes about four-fifths of the minister's support, and let it be said to its credit: says its share promptly. The ordinary contributions to the support of the minister are \$650, and house rent.

The church is about settling its mission house, which is not very conveniently located, and will as soon as possible provide another better situated. The preaching stations of the church are scattered broadcast over the parish, and it has two over the line in the parish of Sackville. The stations are Caloun's Mills, North Rusklin, Centreville, Woodville, Fairview and Doychester corner, and the church has good buildings at all those places, Caloun's Mills excepted. This will give you some idea of what our pastor has to do, and it is to be hoped will not intimidate any good brother who is looking for a place in which to work for his Master. We have to regret the resignation of Bro. Young, who is esteemed among us for his piety and ability, and has the entire confidence of the community. The exodus fever seems to have seized him, and we almost regret our proximity to a state that has taken away from us about one-fifth of the members of our church, and is about to take our pastor. It is to be hoped that we Baptists of the Maritime Province will some day learn that there is humanity enough among ministers to draw them to a country where they are better supported, and have other privileges not accorded to them here. We want, and we must have a minister at Dorchester as soon as Brother Young leaves. The Baptist elements here have to be consolidated, and the mass to do the work should have a fair share of mental and physical ability. The community is permeated with Baptist principles. Many of those outside of the church are Baptist in belief. CHAS. E. DRAFF,  
June 1st.

**MARSH BAY.**—The Rev. D. W. Crandall is doing a good work at Mahone Bay.

There have been eight baptized since the Convention. Three of these followed Christ publicly on the 27th inst. One of them was a young man, who has just returned from his studies at Wolfville. The church at home was requested to make special prayer for his conversion. On the same evening the Lord opened his heart; and so soon as he returned, he and one of his sisters followed Christ in baptism. The church has adopted the weekly offering, and has no difficulty in meeting current expenses. In the evening service of the 27th, four deacons were ordained. Rev. E. M. Saunders assisted the pastor in the ordination. Pastor and people are working harmoniously. Mr. Crandall has some fears that the sea air may prove too severe for Mrs. Crandall's health, and that this may require a change of place. Mr. Crandall has firm health, and all his strength is taxed by the large extent of country under his care. He preaches three times each Sunday. Com.

**GABARUS, C. E.**—One person, the head of a family, was baptized on the evening of May 23, by Rev. Ives. Wallace, into the fellowship of the newly formed Baptist church at Gabarus.

**BHIMPATAM, India.**—On the first Sabbath in April we had the joy of welcoming a sister into the fellowship of the church. She had come from Vinagapur, twenty-one miles distant, to obey her Saviour in baptism. At the Conference on Saturday afternoon she told her christian experience and was received. At the close of the meeting we went to the seaside, and there in the presence of a large company of christians, Hindus and Mohammedans, she put on Christ as the word directs. The scene was impressive, and the occasion one of blessing to our christian community. May the Lord bring in many others speedily. R. SAFFORD.

**HILLBORO, A. C.**—Three have been recently added, by baptism, to the first Hillboro church. Our prayer and reading meetings are generally interesting, but many are going away from this locality, to the United States, which is weakening the church very much; yet we hope to struggle on through all the disadvantages and maintain the cause of Christ. We are hoping and praying for a greater outpouring of the Spirit in this parish. May the great head of the church hasten it in his own time! S. W. KEIRSTEAD,  
May 30.

**FOURCH, C. E.**—Two persons were baptized, on Thursday evening, May 24, at Fourch, by Rev. Ives Wallace. They were assembled to witness the impressive rite, including the Rev. Isaac Murray, D. D., Presbyterian minister. The administrator read extensively the Word of God, showing his authority and direction for the observance of the ordinance. He and his assistants were most successful, and it is evidence of a weak cause when special pleading is required to sustain it.

**PORT HILLFORD, N. S.**—Since last reporting two have been baptized into the fellowship of this church. J. J. A.

**UPPER PEREAUX, Kings Co., N. S.**—Seven persons were baptized and received into the fellowship of the 1st Cornwallis Baptist church on the 19th of May by Rev. B. S. Kempton, of Canada. Two Licentiates, Messrs. Rutledge and Baker, have been laboring with this church for a short period during the winter, and they have for themselves a very deep place in the affections of its people. They were indeed the right men in the right place. Their efforts were blessed of God in the conversion of quite a number of the young people; others are expected soon to obey the Saviour's command and unite with the church. A Mr. Sackhouse, attending the institutions at Wolfville is to spend his vacation with us.

**NEWCASTLE, Queens, N. B.**—Bro. Anderson writes that 32 have been baptized in the revival at the above place, since its commencement, and still the work goes on in the face of fierce opposition.

**JACKSONTOWN, Carleton Co., N. B.**—Sunday, May 27th, was a day of joy and gladness for us, because we were taking our farewell from a kind and loving people; joy, because we had the privilege of baptizing three happy believers in the Lord Jesus. May the good Lord abundantly reward our friends at Jacksontown, and Jacksontown, for the many tokens of kindness which we have received during our stay among them. Our earnest prayer is that the Lord will soon send them a pastor worthy of the kindness they are ready to bestow upon their minister. We enter upon our new charge (D. V.) at the Temple church, Yarmouth, second Sunday in June.

**LEWISTOWN, Rev. G. White,** the pastor elect of Temple church, Yarmouth, preached a very clear and practical sermon in the morning, at the close of which the pastor baptized one candidate, who, together with another received by letter, received the right hand of fellowship after the evening service.

**PERSONAL.**  
Bro. J. M. Parker, having resigned the pastorate of the Salisbury Baptist church, is in a position to correspond with any church desirous of securing a pastor. We are sure our brother will soon again be engaged in his much loved work of preaching the gospel. His address is Salisbury, N. B.

Bro. Webb begins his pastorate at Port Lorne and Hampton, N. S., early this month. He has a broad field. May the Lord give him wisdom and strength.

Brethren DeWolf and White have begun their labors on their new fields—Hampton, N. B. and Temple church, Yarmouth, N. S., respectively. Bro. Ford, expects to begin his pastorate at Ceferson, St. John, next Lord's day. Will correspondents please note these changes of address?

**NOTICES.**  
Delegates to Southern N. B. Association paying one full first class fare on the Intercolonial and St. Martin's Railways, will be returned free. The St. Martin's train will leave Hampton station Saturday morning on the arrival of the express from St. John, and will be due in St. Martins at 10:30 a. m.

**SECRETARY.**  
Delegates to N. B. Southern Association are requested to send their names, at once to J. S. Titus, clerk of St. Martin's church, in order that suitable arrangements may be made for their entertainment during the forth coming session.

Ministers and delegates who purpose attending the N. S. Western Baptist Association meeting in Clarence, June 16, will please forward their names to the undersigned prior to June 10, stating when they may be expected and by what conveyance. Cards will be sent to all delegates informing them when and by whom they will be entertained. Teams will be in waiting on Thursday and following days at Paradise

station to convey delegates to their places of abode. G. F. MAJEWAR, Pastor, S. N. JACKSON, Ass't. Clerk.

The P. E. Island Baptist Association will meet with the late Francis Tupper, on the 6th of July, at 10 o'clock a. m. Delegates expecting to attend are requested to send in their names to the clerk of said church, Joseph Schurman, E. q. Central Bedouque, stating mode of travel, whether by rail or their own conveyance, before the fifteenth of June, in order that suitable arrangements can be made for their accommodation. I. J. SKINNER, Pastor of Bedouque church.

**P. S.**—The Baptist churches throughout the Island are requested to have their church letter prepared and sent to the clerk of the Association, Bro. J. E. Leonard, Tryon, at least one week, before the day of meeting, in order to save time. I. J. S.

To W. B. M. A. SOCIETIES IN N. B.—The usual Women's Missionary Meeting will be held in connection with Eastern N. B. Association this year. All members and others interested are earnestly invited to be present and to contribute to make these annual reunions the source of large increase to our mission work.

**A. R. E. Sec'y for N. B.**  
Delegates and ministering brethren who expect to attend the Association at Gasperaux, N. S., are requested to forward their names to the undersigned previous to the 15th of June, and to state whether they come by their own conveyance or by rail. J. Q. VAUGHAN, P. O. address, Gasperaux.

The regular monthly meeting of the Foreign Missionary Board, will be held in the committee room of the Leinster street Baptist church on Wednesday, 6th inst., at 3 o'clock p. m. W. J. BRANT, Sec'y.

**AN Ecclesiastical Council** has been called by the Lakeville Baptist church, Sunbury, N. B., to meet on Wednesday, June 13, at 2 o'clock p. m., to take into consideration the expediency of ordaining to the work of the Gospel ministry their pastor, Bro. B. H. Thomas (Ed.), Ministers and friends are invited to attend. AMOS THOMPSON, Clerk.

**Births.**  
**POTTER**—At Lower Granville, Annapolis Co. N. S., May 26, '88, to the wife of Rev. F. Potter, a daughter.

**Marriages.**  
**WILSON-WATTS**—At Fierville, St. John, May 26th, by Rev. C. H. Martell, Nicola Wilson Esq., and Mary Watts, of St. John.

**PALMER-WEATHERS**—At the parsonage, Berwick, May 17th, by the Rev. E. O. Read, Mr. Charles E. Palmer, of Morrisville, and Miss Sarah Bella Weathers, of Wolfville, N. S.

**HULL-DICKINSON**—At the residence of the officiating minister, Woodstock, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. Thos. Todd, Mr. George Hull and Miss Agnes Dickinson, both of the parish of Canterbury, York Co., N. B.

**McLELL-LOCKHART**—At the residence of the officiating minister, Woodstock, by Rev. Thos. Todd, on the evening of the 27th ult., Mr. Al on W. McLeell and Miss Hattie L. Lockhart, both of Woodstock, Carleton Co., N. B.

**BARTLET-COREY**—At the parsonage, on the 22nd ult., by Rev. J. W. S. Young, Mr. Frank Bartlett and Miss Thursa, daughter of Dea. Gardner, Corey, all of Southampton, York Co., N. B.

**FAWETT-SCHRIEBER**—At the parsonage, on the 21st ult., by Rev. J. W. S. Young, Mr. George Fawett and Miss Sara, daughter of Dea. Hoyt Scribner, all of Southampton, York Co., N. B.

**DAVIDSON-WATSON**—At Halifax, on May 3rd, by Rev. E. T. Miller, Mr. Horatio Davidson, and Miss Margaret Watson, both of Halifax.

**BLACKNEY-HURLEY**—At Halifax, on May 8th, by Rev. E. T. Miller, Mr. Charles Blackney and Miss Angelina Hurley, both of Halifax.

**EDWARDS-ESTRANO**—At Halifax, on May 29th, by Rev. E. T. Miller, Mr. Joseph Edwards, and Miss Elita Estrano, both of Halifax.

**GREENLAW-McKENZIE**—At St. Andrews, May 21, by Rev. G. W. Williams, Melvin Greenlaw to Elita McKenzie, both of Letete, Charlotte Co., N. B.

**ROBERTSON-ROSE**—At Georgeville, P. E. Island, on the 28th of May, by the Rev. J. Williams, Mr. John Robertson to Miss Lidia Rose, all of Lot 47, P. S. I.

**McNEIL-MELLICK**—At Lakeville, P. E. I., on the 22nd ult., by the Rev. R. H. Bishop, Arthur McNeil, of Elmira, to Flattie Mellida, daughter of Joseph Mellick, of Lakeville.

**COLDWELL-WESTPORT**—At Gasperaux, N. S., by Rev. M. P. Freeman, Mr. Nathan E. Coldwell to Miss Nora O. Westcott, daughter of Mr. Robert Westcott, all of Gasperaux.

**ROBERTSON-BOONEY**—On May 23, at the Baptist church, Hampton Station, by Rev. E. K. Gagnon, William Robertson, Esq., to Miss Maud Bonney, both of Hampton, Kings Co.

**Deaths.**  
**OSLYN**—On the 14th inst, Wm. Ogilvie Esq., of Aylesford, aged 73 years. He was converted about fifty years ago under the preaching of Dr. S. T. Read, and by him received by baptism into the Baptist church. He was highly esteemed.

**GROWELL**—At the residence of M. S. Porter, DeWolfe, Yarmouth Co., N. S., May 6th, Eliza Growell, of marriageable age, died at 3 years 3 months. She was a bright promising child, and her foster parents feel their loss deeply. She was daughter of Andrew Growell, Wolfville, and was taken to Bro. Porter's home at the time of her mother's death over a year ago. S. W. PORTER.

**McNALLY**—At Benton, Car. Co., April 28, Naomi, aged 36 years, beloved wife of George McNally, leaving seven children to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate mother. Our sister was a member of the Baptist church.

**McCONNELL**—At Port Hillford, at the home of her son, May 21, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. McConnell, widow of the late James McConnell, aged 73 years. Our sister was baptized by the Rev. H. Egles, in 1874, and united with the Port Hillford Baptist church, of which she remained a consistent and faithful member until her death. She will be missed, but we are comforted by the thought that what is less to us is gain to her.

**REAGH**—At Prince Albert, Anna, Co. A., on the 13th inst. Sarah, wife of Dea. Abraham Reagh, aged 77 years. Mrs. Reagh was a daughter of the late Francis Tupper; she was converted about twenty two years since under the ministry of her uncle, the late Dr. Charles Tupper. Through years of suffering our sister manifested a firm and cheerful trust in the Saviour. She leaves a husband and six children: 11 months and four of one who will be greatly missed in the family circle, but we feel confident that she has left a world of suffering for that peaceful home that knows no pain or sorrow. J. ROWE.

**WHITE**—At Digby, May 27th, Margaret R., wife of Dea. Geo. M. White, aged 42 years. Sister White was a native of Cornwallis, about eighteen years ago was baptized by Rev. E. O. Read, and united with the church at Cambridge. Twelve years ago she removed to Digby, and, uniting with the church here, maintained a christian life to the last. For upwards of ten years she was a confirmed invalid, at times suffering severely; but all was borne in a spirit of patience and submission to the divine will, and from her couch of pain she gave wonderful testimony to the sustaining power of Christ. The one great fear of her life was that as death approached, the struggle would be so great, her faith would fail; but when the hour did arrive, there was no doubt, no fear in her mind, as she expressed to the writer, "It is only a little brook"; and without a struggle crossed to the better land. Her last words were, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus." Her husband and three surviving children are sustained in the hour of their bereavement by the same Christ whom their loved departed one trusted, and look forward with confidence to a reunion in the hereafter.

**GRANT**—At Bayside, Charlotte Co., May 13, Winnifred, infant daughter of John and Jessa Grant.

**CUTTS**—Peacefully laid to rest in Clements cemetery, on Sabbath, May 20th, Daisy B., only daughter of Prudence and the late Hanley Chute, and grand-daughter of the late Richard Sanford. Although so young, scarce seven years, she has lived a christian life for almost three years, and had the deep thoughts of one of mature age. All felt that Jesus was indeed her teacher. Her words of advice to her dear brother, to her companions in her Sunday-school class, and to her many friends will never be forgotten. May they all take the consolation that Jesus gives, and live to meet her above. Sermon on the occasion by the pastor from Matt. 21: 16.

**BELTNE**—At Wickham, Queens Co., May 26, after a long and painful sickness, borne with christian patience, and ending in a peaceful departure to be with Christ, Archibald P. Beltne, aged 73 years, leaving a widow and seven children, with one to mourn their loss. He was baptized in 1839 by Rev. W. H. Beckwith; being at his death a member of Lower Cambridge Baptist church.

**PARNER**—At Arthursville, Vic. Co., May 11, Mrs. Ella Parner, aged 26 years, beloved wife of Harvey Parner, leaving her husband, parents and six sisters to mourn their loss, and an infant 3 days old to live without a mother's care. May God bless the bereft, is my earnest prayer. S. B. E.

**GAVEL**—At his residence in Gavelton, May 18, Deacon Jacob Gavel, aged 74. He was a shining light that seemed never to dim—a city on a hill. It has been my privilege to have known him for twenty years. He was a kind husband, a loving father, a devoted servant of God. His house was a home for God's people. The power of grace to sustain him was manifested until the last moments. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." His funeral took place May 21st. The writer improved the occasion from Isa. 40: 1. Our esteemed Dr. Subbert, Bro. Gagnon, and Bro. Samuel West (Free Baptist) assisted in the services. May the Lord assist his widow in her heavy bereavement, and bless the providence to his children and grandchildren, and large circle of relatives.

**QUINT**—At Upper Kenton, Vic. Co., April 12, George E., beloved son of W. A. and M. Quint, aged 11 years and 10 months. The sorrowing parents feel to say it is all well; God took that which was his own.

**JONSON**—At Bayside, Charlotte Co., May 29, Mrs. Mary Ann, in the 91st year of her age. She calmly fell asleep and is with Christ, which is far better.

**LILLEY**—We are shocked to hear of the death of our dear brother, Randall Lilley, of Berwick. Bro. Reed writes under date of May 24th:

To-day it is our painful duty to commit to the grave, the earthly remains of our dear brother, Randall Lilley (Lic). For several years his health has been feeble, but he kept on amid infirmities, faithfully performing his master's work up to within three days of his death, when he was seized with inflammation of the lungs, and on Sabbath morning last he peacefully passed within the vale, where the "inhabitant shall not say I'm sick." At the age of 35 years he had laid down his life work for the higher service. We all do pray for the loss.

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News Summary.

—Farming throughout P. E. I. is pretty well advanced.

—The summer time table of the Intercolonial railway went into effect on Monday.

—Mr. Samuel Bonnell, of St. John, who has been "missing" for over a month, has not yet been found.

—Antigonish is excited over the discovery of coal at Hallowell Grant, five miles from the village.

—It is said that the N. B. Railway Co. are contemplating the erection of a round house at Deben Junction.

—Mr. Alfred Brien, of Bristol, N. S., killed one day to month four wild geese at one shot with a bullet.

—The customs receipts for the month of May amounted to \$78,588.17—an increase over last year of \$8,570.34.

—The sum of \$4,000 has been granted by the Nova Scotia government for a provincial exhibition to be held at Truro.

—Land-locked salmon, some of them weighing four and five pounds, are being taken out of Skiff Lake, near Canterbury, N. B.

—A motion has been made before Judge James to wind up the Halifax sugar refinery; it is expected that the refinery will be closed soon.

—Last Wednesday there was sent from Kestville station to Boston something over a ton of fresh salmon, all caught at or around Hall's harbor.

—The schooner Veritas, of Souris, P. E. I., and the Emma Proctor, of Charlotte town, P. E. I., have been seized at Halifax for quitting port without reporting at the customs.

—The box shoe factory of Barney & Co., at Chaudiere, has been burned. Loss \$100,000; insurance \$50,000. A hundred and twenty hands are thrown out of employment.

—It is estimated that Manitoba grain dealers have already made a profit of \$700,000 by the recent rapid rise in the price of wheat. Many of them have made fortunes.

—Serious bush fires have been raging in Nova Scotia, some dangerously near to Halifax. Thirty Indians in camp were burned out, and had to seek shelter in Bedford station.

—Burgess West, master farmer for Mrs. Eleanor Brown, of Grand Pre, N. S., while driving a young unbroken colt, last week, was thrown from his carriage and received injuries from which he died.

—Large quantities of P. E. Island potatoes have been shipped to Ontario this spring. One buyer has sent forward 15 car loads, but the price has dropped and further shipments are improbable.

—Flora S. McDougall, aged 18, a passenger on the noon train from Boston, died in the cars, near Portland, last Wednesday, of consumption. She was on her way from Peabody, Mass., to Dorchester, N. B.

—Mrs. Balcom, who for four years has been matron of Acadia Seminary, and who has resigned the position, was recently presented by the teachers and pupils with a handsome butter cooler and card receiver, both of silver and richly ornamented.

—Mr. B. R. Stewart, of Grand Pre, found a curious coin one day recently, near the historic Colonel Noble mound. From its appearance it has evidently been buried some time. This is the third piece that has been unearthed by this young man at Grand Pre.

—An engine has been in Hillsboro preparing to locate the Branch Railway between there and Moncton direct. It is only a matter of a little time when this work will be completed, which will be a great boon for Hillsboro and the larger portion of the county.

—Fred White, comptroller of the mounted police, states that the detachment of police sent to Kootenay district, British Columbia, in view of the impending Indian troubles, will be recalled at an early day, as there is now no further trouble anticipated. Report in the department from the Northwest Indians report everything quiet.

—Annapolis, N. S. had a \$35,000 fire last Tuesday. The fire originated in the Victoria Hotel and burned the Dominion House and sample room; Bank of Nova Scotia; Spectator printing office; Mills & Gillis and County offices; Major's grocery; West's hardware store; Victoria Hotel; millinery and drug store; post office and book store and out buildings.

—A deputation waited on the Postmaster General, asking to have the rate of postage reduced to two cents per half ounce. The Minister replied that the Government, having considered the matter, found it involved too large a sacrifice of revenue, but they were thinking of changing the regulations so that a three cent stamp would take a letter weighing one ounce instead of the present half ounce limit.

—The friends of post-mortem assessment insurance charge the old-line experts and journalists with prejudice, inspired by self-interest, because they unceasingly expose the weakness and delusions of the former system. This charge is disproved, and the devotion of these people to the best interests of society is established, by the fact that, though the system of The Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, St. John, N. B. is as much in competition with the old line as the assessment system, yet these experts and journalists have given their hearty endorsement. Self interest has not blinded their eyes to the merits of this system, which has never yet been questioned over the name of a responsible person.

—The Halifax B. Corrier, referring to many mysterious cases in the years of poisoning of cattle in summer while pasturing on the peninsula, says it is generally believed the poisoning is the result of allowing geese, ducks and other fowl to wade in great flocks over the circumscripted bit of pasture land where the cattle feed.

—A meeting of the gray goods section of the Canadian Cotton Manufacturers' Association has been called for the purpose of discussing the problem of over production and devising a scheme of curtail the output.

—At noon on Saturday, Frederick Osborne, an employee in Elyard's mill, Portland, met with a terrible accident. He was employed at a lathe machine and had gone down stairs to remove some saw-dust that had accumulated near the driving shaft of the machine. While so engaged his clothing was caught in the shafting and he was whirled around several times, only freed by the clock being stripped completely off excepting his boots. His left arm

was broken in two places and fears are entertained that he is hurt internally.

—James Robinson, of Camden, Ont., was caught in the belting in Thompson's paper mill, last Saturday, and so mangled that he died a few minutes after being released.

—Max McGee, the 5-year old son of Joe. McGee, Hartland, N. B., was drowned from a small raft of logs on the shores of the river opposite the village on Sunday. The body has not yet been found.

—At Victoria Corner, Car Co., about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Wm. Thistle, aged 70 years, was found dead on the sofa. His wife and daughter had called in at a neighbor's for a few minutes leaving him in apparent good health. Heart disease is thought to be the cause.

—About the middle part of last week, Mr. Pascal de l'Eglise of St. Leonard's station had his barn and stable destroyed by fire. A mare and a valuable two-year old colt and other articles to the value of \$100 were consumed in the flames. The cause is supposed to have originated by a spark blown from a neighbor's burning fallow.

—A terrible fire occurred at Uppington, 12 miles from Gravesend, Ont., last week, when Frederick M. Toye, township clerk, with his wife and three children were burned to death. One of the neighbors saw the flames and ran to the assistance of the occupants but too late. The cause was so strong that nothing could be done to save the unfortunate family. The fire is believed to have originated from a small mosquito smudge which had been placed near the corner of a small workshop adjoining the dwelling of Mrs. Toye.

—The inland revenue receipts at Halifax for the months of May, 1887-88 are as follows.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1887, 1888. Includes Tobacco, Spirits, Mail, and Other Receipts.

—Learning that one of the little immigrant boys taken by a farmer near Kingsclear was being cruelly treated, Lt. Col. Maunsell had the lad brought to town. The boy's condition showed he had been badly used, his head as if it had been covered with bruises. Col. Maunsell will keep the youth at the barracks and make a bugler of him. The boy's name is Harry Lee and he is about 10 years old.

—The building laborers of Halifax have given notice that on and after the 11th inst., they will demand an increase of 15 per cent, an hour and a day of nine hours.

—St. Stephen's customs revenue for May shows an increase of \$1,752.52 over May 1887.

—The Amber boot and shoe company has declared a 7 per cent dividend for the past year.

—Two special trains, containing about 900 immigrants, passed through Moncton, on Friday morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, from Halifax. The immigrants were from the Bardinians.

—The Halifax street railway carried one million passengers last year, the second of its existence, and the revenue was about \$16,000 over and above working expenses.

—S. X. Maffin in the employ of Pierce & Co., Ottawa, attempted to run the rapids at the head of Lake Traverse, on the Petewawa river, against the orders of the foreman. The boat swung around in the current and upset, drowning three of the number.

—Customs duty collected at the port of Moncton in May amounted to \$235,153, against \$223,363 collected in the same month last year, an increase of \$11,755.16.

—Mr. Chas. E. Tanner has been appointed recorder and stipendiary magistrate for Pictou, N. S.

—Halifax customs revenue increased by over \$30,000 in May, as compared with the same month last year.

—Mr. Fred. Wood, foreman in McSweeney Bros. upholstery establishment, Moncton, had his hand injured severely while at work.

—The net debt of Canada at date is \$227,988,000. The revenue and expenditure statement to May 31st shows a surplus of \$2,400,000.

—Charles Gallop caught two bears at Hanwell settlement, York Co., last week, and sold their pelts for \$28.

—The Fredericton railway draw bridge will be finished this week. It is not expected to have the formal opening of the bridge until some time in July at the earliest.

—The freshman class of the N. B. university completed the final examination Saturday. The exercises will be held on the 20th inst.

—The fog whistle at Cape Fourchu, Yarmouth harbor, is now in operation.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—Queen Victoria has been made a colonel in the German army.

—Sir Provo Wallis, is 100 years old.

—Germany and Austria are negotiating with each other for the adoption of a common customs tariff against Russia.

—The French Government is about to build an absolutely unshakable man-of-war. This will be accomplished by the use of cellulose ammonia, a product of coccaut fiber, so elastic that if pierced the hole closes of itself.

—A fire occurred in the establishment of Edward and Robert Guerrould, linen drapers and silk mercers, on Edgeware road, London, Wednesday. Six showmen were burned to death and many others injured by leaping from the windows. Loss \$200,000.

—A bridge across the British Channel from Dover to Calais is projected. It is to be 20 miles long and 160 feet above the level of the sea. It will carry four lines of railway track, and the cost is estimated at \$160,000,000. A company is being formed in London to execute the plan.

—The new St. Catherine's light, Isle of Wight, will be the most powerful electric light in the world.

—The Canadian Pacific loan of £3,063,700 3/4 per cent bonds is announced. The issue price is 95. Dealings at 4 per cent premium are announced.

—There will be three vacant lieutenant-governorships to be filled on or before the first day of July, those of Nova Scotia, Manitoba and the Territories.

UNITED STATES.

—The assignment of Wm. J. Coleman, of San Francisco, as a public administrator of assets and liabilities of the suspended firm.

The figures as given in the schedule are: Total assets, \$1,070,000; liabilities, \$2,661,000; excess of liabilities over assets, \$954,000. The following is the personal statement of Mr. Coleman: Personal property, \$847,000; real property \$1,041,000; total assets, \$1,888,000; total liabilities, \$2,599,000; excess of assets, \$1,529,000. A combination of the two statements show total assets, \$3,095,000, and total liabilities \$2,720,000, excess of total assets over all liabilities, \$675,000.

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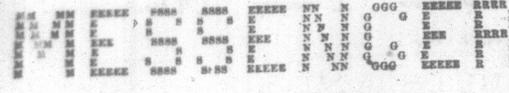
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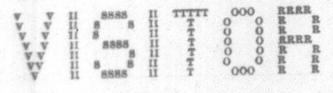
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