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—THE ESTABLISHED AND DISESTABLISHED CHURCHES.—From statistics furnished by Whittaker's almanack, it appears that the Non-conformist bodies in England and Wales provide half as many again sittings in their houses of worship as does the Established church, while in Scotland the Free churches have a majority of the membership. Under circumstances like these it is not the patience of Non-conformity wonderful, that it has borne to be taxed so long to support a church doing less than itself for the religious uplifting of the nation. The day must soon come when this glaring injustice must cease, and all religions shall be equal before the law, because all are led to the independence of voluntarism.

—FROM THE GALLOWAY.—J. M. Wilson was executed, a few weeks ago, at Norris-town, Pa., for a brutal murder, committed when he was mad with drink. On the scaffold, just before he was launched into eternity, he uttered these serious words of warning:

You must pull against the current of nature. Balls, theatres, dancing parties, drinking liquor, gambling, and all that pleasure wicked people are clamorous to find. I used to love them; I hate them all now. Charity balls are nothing but white aprons for the devil. Almost six years ago I said my last good-bye to my dear old mother, when I left my home with a Bible which had been passed to me by her. If I had but heeded her Christian advice I would not have been here. Today she sits heart-broken and disgraced, full sixty years of age, and weeps bitter tears over her boy's terrible doom.

Poor fellow! he did not explain his bloody deed. Neither can we say he did not meet a just fate. Men must be taught that they cannot tamper with that which may lead them to a mad frenzy, and hope to escape punishment if they commit crimes. But what about the ransellers? Do they not know, as well as the man who drinks, that they are giving to their customers that which may arouse in them a murderous madness? Are they not as guilty in offering it, with this knowledge, as is the man who is tempted to drink it? And what about the countries that license this traffic? On the one hand, they make laws to license men to carry on a trade which takes away men's brains and arouses the wild beast in their nature, and then they hang the man who commits murder while maddened by the drink supplied him in this legal way. When shall we be free from this state of things which is a disgrace to any land?

—COMMUNICANT A JEW.—There was a suggestive instance of the consistency of our Pedobaptist brethren, not long since, in a certain community in the Maritime Provinces. Two gentlemen of Baptist parentage married Pedobaptist wives. Great pressure was brought upon them to join the respective churches to which their wives belonged. But they would not be spiritualized, and the Pedobaptist ministers would not immerse them, because they had recently been saying very hard things about the apostolic baptism in a controversy which had taken place. So they imported a man from abroad who was willing to perform the rite, and then received them into their respective churches. Several questions are suggested by this incident. The first is, if immersion is not scriptural, why do these brethren, believing that baptism is necessary to church membership, receive into the church those immersed persons, when they would not admit them if they had submitted to no ordinance? The second is, if they admit immersion to be scriptural, why do they oppose its administration and refuse to administer it? In either case, why would they get another to do for them what they refuse to do themselves? We can respect a man who says sprinkling is baptism, and immersion is not, and refuses to immerse. But in this case, he must refuse to accord to the immersed the rights of the baptized. We can understand a man who says that both sprinkling and immersion are baptisms, and who will administer both and accord equal rights to those who have submitted to each, although we cannot see how he can hold this belief. But what a man will baptize himself, and then get another to perform the rite, and then receive those thus immersed into his church, we are quite perplexed. There must be something wrong; what is it?

—WONDERFUL GROWTH.—The colored Baptist churches of Baltimore have had a wonderful growth. We condense the following from a correspondence in the Examiner:

The First church was organized in 1835 with eight or ten members. It now numbers 371. The Union church, organized in 1841 with thirty-seven members, now tries to seat over 2,000 in its houses, with capacity for about 1,100. Everybody, except the members themselves, know that they ought to be off three or four more colonies. Pastor Johnston knows it too, though he is largely to blame for such a state of affairs. He preaches so well and his people believe him so heartily, that it is hard to convince them they ought to get elsewhere.

The Leadenhall church was organized in 1873 with eight members. It now has 600 members, pays its own bills, and seems

in every way to be in a prosperous condition. The Macedonia church began its work, 1874, in a stable loft on Vincent Alley, where a Sunday school had been conducted for some time by Mr. Lawson, then a private member of Union church, with other brethren. With the aid of the white churches they built a brick chapel seating 300, and dedicated it in 1876. It now has seven hundred members, but still worships in the little brick chapel. The pastor is pleading earnestly for a new house. The Calvary church, Rev. F. H. A. Braxton pastor, organized in 1878 with twelve members, now numbers 200, and has done wonders in the way of self-support and raising money for their new building.

In 1886 Rev. F. R. Williams, the pastor of Wagon Wheel Episcopal church, was baptised with twenty of his members by Rev. Harvey Johnson. In July, 1881, twenty-seven members from the Union church formed the Perkins's Square church, and elected Rev. F. R. Williams pastor. In five years he has grown from twenty-seven to more than 700, and now they have not room to receive their regular prayer-meeting. A Mission, recently begun on Patterson Avenue under Rev. W. M. Alexander, promises to be as prosperous as its predecessors.

—MEMORIAL CHURCH.—Dr. Edward Judson is just issuing his appeal to Baptist churches and Sunday schools for ten cents a member in order to erect a church edifice in Lower New York, to meet the growing necessities of his work, and as a monument to his sainted father, the centennial anniversary, of whose birth occurs in 1888.

The efficiency of Dr. Judson's work has recently led the Standard of Chicago, to style his church "the Church of the Helping Hand." "Its multiplied philanthropic, as well as evangelistic agencies, prove it to be veritably a church at work, in such a community and for such persons as need the gospel most. The latest addition to the large directory of the church is a Bible Training School for ministers, missionaries, Bible readers, Sunday school workers, etc., under the lead of competent instructors.

Why not make the local church just such a live industry, as the busy life of the present demands? We are sure all our readers will read Dr. McKim's poem with great satisfaction. He has lately published in the Watchman a translation of the *Discus Ira*, which is acknowledged to be one of the best yet produced of that grand old Latin hymn.

—GOOD PLAN.—We commend a plan adopted by one or two of our Sabbath Schools, to our Sabbath Schools generally. A blank form of report is furnished each teacher, which is to be filled out each session. It is the number in school, the number present for the day, the amount of absence, the number having the golden text, having committed other scripture to memory, and in attendance at the morning preaching service are entered, with a general statement of the conduct of the class. These are handed to the superintendent, and he reads them out before the close of the school.

The practice of reading out the number in attendance at morning service, we think especially worthy of imitation in other schools. It will help to secure a larger attendance of children at the preaching service. The teachers will have kept before them the fact that they are expected to do their best to get the children out to church services. The children will see that this is expected of them, and will be more eager to be reported as attending. There will be no danger of a want of sympathy between church and school. This is a very simple expedient, but we believe it fitted to do no end of good.

—MEXICAN MISSIONS.—The mission of the Southern Baptists in Mexico is meeting with wonderful success. Rev. W. D. Powell, one of the missionaries, writes, Nov. 29:

"We have now been twelve days in the mountains. More than twenty candidates have been received and five baptized. Others are pressing into the kingdom. We are now in Bayones, a town of three thousand inhabitants. No wagon, buggy, nor wheeled conveyance can come within thirty miles of the place. The outlook is fine. I have three Mexican brethren with me. The growth of the work is so rapid that we must soon have more native helpers." *Foreign Mission Journal.*

—SOUND IMPRESSION.—Dr. Pentecost, in the Independent, puts into words what many think of the Week of Prayer.

"He calls it a 'Mehushan,' an idol, and says it should be broken in pieces. Churches postpone their work till the first week in January, and if it is not then successful they postpone it till the next January. The mechanical programme laid out by the Evangelical Alliance destroys liberty, promotes formalism, and kills spirituality." *Independent.*

This indictment is none too strong of the Week of Prayer as quite generally observed. The services are participated in by both Jew and Gentile, and these in a stiff, formal way. They step all special religious effect in several churches to have a single meeting, very little, if any more powerful than each church might have. The subjects for prayer may be near the hearts of but few. There is need, at least of reform in the methods of the Week of Prayer.

—HEREDITARY AGAIN.—The Church at Work, a Presbyterian paper, has the following on child membership:

"Do you know that you are a member of the church? Well, if your parents are Christian people and members of the church you are. You are a member of the family in which you are born, and you are bound to be loving, obedient, dutiful, tender and attentive to all duties as you learn about them. You will be taken care of all your life, and you will be expected to do your duty as you grow older. So if you are born in the church you are a member of it, and will be expected to perform all the duties of a church member as the years go by. You are only a child now, but you will be older if God spares your life. That life belongs to God, and it is to be spent in the church of God."

So it is by blood, after all, and in 1: 15 is wrong, if we are to believe this paper rather than the Bible. It is all right for the Jews to say, "We have Abraham for our father," and put dependence on natural descent. Baptists still have a grand mission; let us be faithful to it.

—GIVEN.—Wm. Eliason, president of the Richmond Baptist Sunday School Association, says:

"We find it best for the church to pay the expenses of its schools, and thus enable the school to turn all its gifts to missions. This helps to train the schools in the true Christian spirit."

It also helps the church to a knowledge of its responsibilities in reference to the school, and the scholars to feel that the church has an interest in them. This will help to hold the church and school together, as ever should be the case.

—BAPTIST DOCTRINE BY A MEMBER.—Dr. M. G. Bullock, of Oswego, New York, has published some lectures on the beliefs of the various denominations. His statement of the doctrines of our denomination is clear and straightforward, witness the following:

Now summarize a little. A Baptist maintains that only believers are to be baptized; hence infant baptism is not a baptism; to baptize only by immersion; a baptized believer only has any right to the Lord's Supper.

How can they, therefore, consistently invite or allow me, having only been sprinkled, and that in infancy, to commune with the Lord? Do they keep me away from the Lord's table, or do they, as an irresponsible but neglect of this sacrament, having refused to comply with the essential conditions of its reception?

Close communion, as it is generally termed, is the only logical and consistent course for Baptist churches to pursue. If the premises are right, the conclusion is surely just as it should be.

The reader will see that this gentleman admits that Pedobaptists could not act differently from us, in the matter of communion, did they hold our views of baptism. The trouble is all in the close baptism.

German Correspondence. (Continued.)

To the student musician Leipzig must possess unusual interest. The great Bach was organized in one of its schools, and he was buried here, though, like Moses, by some strange fate, so-man knoweth the exact place where he lies. Every Sunday his "Passion" music is brought out with great pomp, and not infrequently "Bach" concerts are given in the churches. One of the best used privileges of the city is the weekly "concert," given every Saturday in one of the churches, by the boys of the school where Bach formerly played. The "concert" was founded by him, and for the purpose of giving all classes the opportunity of hearing classical church music without any accompaniment whatever. Every week the church is filled with young and old students of music and their professors, with hundreds who have no profession whatever, with the profession.

There is something incomparably sweet in this music, the boy voices in all their blending beauty. Many a time, as the song has been one of hope of the life beyond, have I seen aged, bent frames visibly touched, and the eyes filled with tears. The thought that these sweet songs were stealing into the silent sorrow of many a heart, even if only for one half hour in the week, will always make the name of Bach and the boys of the Thomas School memorable to me. It was only fitting, then, that Richard Wagner, one of the greatest facts of the nineteenth century, should be born in Leipzig. Wagner, the Moses of music, who led Germany out of the baneful Egypt of French and Italian ideas, to which even a Mozart had been bound. Here, too, has Mendelssohn composed and executed, and founded the conservatism of music that is to-day the most famous, perhaps, in the world, with a present attendance of 450 students. This institution is well used by Anglo-Saxons, fully one third of the whole number of students being from England of North America. The advanced state of musical culture in the city is borne testimony to by the fact that it supports two weekly concert, all winter in which some of the best of European fame take part.

Leipzig has seen a great deal of the world. Since the days of the great Bar-

rosses, when heathenism was driven out by moral and other sorts of suasion, Saxony has been the stage of many a dramatic event. Here in Leipzig, in 1519, took place the famous discussion between Luther and Dr. Eck in the Pleissenburg—famous not because Luther could be said to have won in the dispute, but famous because it proved a decisive moment in the reformer's own development, and won over to him his lifelong friend and much needed complement, Melancthon. A little more than a century later, when these same reforming ideas that have now spread far and wide beyond Wittenberg are seeking to obtain a local habitation and name, in other words, when the Reformation is adjusting itself politically, Gustavus Adolphus and his terrible Swedish hosts storm across its surrounding plains. His first great engagement in 1631, in which he defeated Elly and Pappenheim, took place at Breitenfeld, but a short distance away, where the simplest of moon light marks the spot. Lutten, his last fight, where, for the second and last time, Wallenstein and he stood face to face, is but a few miles away, and a handsome monument marks the spot where the king of Sweden fell. Leipzig had the honor of seeing the first victory that lifted the cloud from the Protestant cause, and but one year after, when the victorious Swede had swept from Saxony to the Rhine, Leipzig saw his army again victorious, close to her walls, and helped to mourn the death of the great champion. A century later the youthful successor of this great Gustavus, Charles XII. of Sweden, then at the zenith of his fame, was here; and, as if the past had not been called upon to endure enough, the little Corsican king, Napoleon, a century later, at the beginning of our own century, and for three days did the tide of battle ebb and flow in her suburbs and streets. It was a gigantic struggle, in which a million of men took part, but Leipzig was freed at last and forever from the domination of Napoleon.

There is a small German Baptist church in the city, or rather in the suburbs, for although the Protestants claim the liberty of churches as granted in Germany it has not matured enough yet to allow Baptists to open a house of worship inside the city. While in Germany and the greater part of the empire, Baptists in common with all other churches, enjoy full tolerance since 1818, here in Saxony they are watched almost as closely as the Socialists. Shortly after my arrival here I made my way out to the place, and by dint of a good deal of enquiry found the hall at last in a little court back from the street, where the services were held. From the pastor, who resides at Halle, and the members residing a very cordial welcome, and I remained in it as the Lord's Supper took a new meaning from the occasion, and even partial restraint, in which we found ourselves. If there was ever a building and an occasion over which the words "Liberty, Fraternity, and Equality" could be placed, it certainly was there. It is long years since I have seen anything so resembling the account given in the New Testament of close, warm brotherhood in the faith.

Besides the Sunday service, when the pastor is present, the people themselves sustain several meetings during the week, as well as a thriving Sunday school. I found that they were educating the Sunday school children to give to foreign missions, and one of the good sisters had formed a band of little girls into a missionary society to work with their hands for this purpose. There was a great treat to watch these little German boys as they passed out deposit their "pennings" in the collection box, and the merriment it afforded them to see the little wooden heathen attached to the box, bowing his acknowledgments each time.

The Christmas season is at hand here, and the public squares have suddenly been changed into avenues of Christmas trees. There is hardly a house or family in Leipzig, however poor, that won't have its Christmas tree, to be loaded with "Weihnachtsgebäck." On the night before Christmas the great event will be the preparing of the tree and decorating it, and then, on Christmas, when all the members of the family have arrived, after dinner, which will be a little more formal than usual, the "Frau" will, with great ceremony, throw open the doors and invite us all in to receive our presents, over which, however simple grown-up sons and daughters evince almost a childish pleasure.

Dakota Correspondence.

Well, the festivities of Christmas and the New Year have come and gone, and we are again faithfully sailing in calm, quiet waters of this age, as in years gone by. Indeed, the twentieth part of 1887 is already of the past, and time speeds on without a moment's delay. Oh, how it runs! Every year with apparently greater speed than the former one, still with each day, the end comes! When in childhood, we heard our seniors complaining of the speed of time, we did not understand what they meant, or why

they should speak so; but, as we advance in years, we begin to comprehend, and begin to speak to the wonder of our juniors, just as they did. In a few weeks, perhaps, before he writes another letter for the columns of the *Messenger*, and Visitors, your correspondent will have joined what Dr. Wayland of the *National Baptist*, calls "the honored order of the semi-centennarians," when, according to the same "high authority," not a few privileges, not enjoyed by younger men, shall be his. Most of people however, seem to think that the honors and privileges are more than counterbalanced by the disabilities and disadvantages on the major side of that dividing line. For some reason, quite a number of our missionaries in North Dakota are on the glorious side of the semi-centennial point, and yet all enjoying, at least, an average amount of spring and vigor of health. Both the superintendent of missions, Wm. M. Haigh, D. D., and the general missionary, Rev. G. W. Hentley, for North Dakota, as well as some of the missionaries, are well up to the "three score years and ten," and one at least is "by reason of strength" not far from the "four score." But the senior brethren are by no means the less energetic or less effective in the good work, as evidenced by the push and pluck of the above named leaders and of your old friend, Dr. John Crawford, who, in his private mission work, puts to the blush many a man at twenty-five or thirty years of age.

Missions work on the western prairies, by reason of the protracted severity of the weather this winter, is something very trying. It is quite a contrast to the uninterupted work-time of the last summer season. And yet the good work has been progressing very encouragingly in different parts of the field. About the time the last letter from this field was written for your column, a gracious work was in progress near Hamilton, under the charge of Bro. G. H. Davies, late of England. Since then the good brother has been privileged to visit the baptismal waters more than once. On one occasion, some twelve persons put their names to that significant ordinance. Since that time a very cheering work has begun on a part of Bro. J. Grant's field, near the town of Park River; and now a special effort is being made in the same field. This field also, in connection with another city, has had very interesting missions during the last few months, which, we trust, are the precursors of more fruitful good.

The week of prayer in our little city was observed by a goodly number, and apparently with helpful and quickening results to those who attended.

The agitation in the temperance cause that has been so marked in the older and more eastern parts of this great country, is reaching us here, and there is a general trend in the direction of organization and activity on the part of temperance people. The great question is "Saloon versus Law and Order," and at present the saloon seems to be ruling the country. There is a great struggle approaching, and as important a victory to be won as there was gained when the other system of slavery was broken up. It is really appalling to see the extent to which the saloon tyranny has gone in these western states and territories. But it is doomed to be overthrown, ere many more years pass. The young State of Kansas is now waging the war manfully, and with strong hope of gaining a glorious victory. Here, in this territory, things are in a sad plight in many parts. It is no unusual thing to see a town sprang up, and in two or three months it is disgraced with from ten to twenty of these Satanic agencies. In our own little town of some 2000 inhabitants, we are reported as having twenty licensed saloons; and there are three drug stores, each of which is said to sell as much, or more, intoxicating liquor than any of the saloons. 'Till about a month ago, the temperance people here had no organization worth mentioning. Now, we have organized an open society, which seems to be beginning well. How it will succeed with the mixed elements that must necessarily compose it, in this "land of nations," remains to be seen. In my next I may "report progress." Wishing you the compliments of the season, I must now close for this date.

Three Delusions.

A friend with whom I was conversing in one of our inquiry rooms lately, said to me: "I know that I ought to become a Christian; I fully intend to become one; but O, how I wish it were over with!" I said to her: "My friend, suppose you came into a dining-room very hungry, and when you were invited to sit down to a loaded table, would you say, 'I feel half starved, but I wish it were well through with this business of eating this dinner?'" The Lord Jesus has opened for you the simplest provisions of his grace, and said: "Come, all things are to my ready."

Another delusion which robs thousands in a perious manner is that they will get abundant chances to secure heaven.

"I need be in no hurry, time enough yet." This is the will-of-the-wisp which is leading multitudes on farther and deeper into the morass of impotence. Not only in this world will be chances for repentance and securing heaven, but even beyond the grave God's mercy will give them another opportunity. This delusion is in the air to a degree never known before. The mighty bell which God rings over our heads sounds out the sign of "Now" is the day of salvation. But against God's imperative "now" thought sends close their ears, and allow the devil to whisper into them his insidious "tomorrow."

Another delusion is, "I am trying to do the best I can"—and these very words come from those who refuse to do any thing for Christ, or let him do anything for them. Still another pretext is, "I do not feel, and how can I be saved without feeling?" If by this word "feel" he means thinking, he is right, for thought is indispensable. But if he means acute distress, he is denying Christ point blank; for the Saviour never said that feeling is the essential thing. To accept and obey Christ is vital, but these are acts of the conscience and the will, and not matters of emotion.

Profanity.

Profanity is one of the evils of the day. You can scarcely ever walk out upon the public streets without being shocked by horrible oaths that seem to darken the very atmosphere. From the small street gains to those of larger growth that congest our city streets, there is heard the sound of oaths and bad language that evidence the depravity and show only too plainly the lack of training and home influence in this particular. There are sometimes heard it from the boy of seventeen or twenty years who seems to imagine that it is manly to be rough, loud and profane. They forget that a gentlemanly, gentleman. Profanity is a plain shew of the character of the speaker, but an ignorant narrow life. On a steamer once, were some officers engaged in social chat, when, during a lull in the conversation, an officer observed: "As there are no ladies present, I want to tell you a yarn." "But there are gentlemen present," said General Grant, straightening himself as he fell back. The officer looked confused and humiliated and soon left the company. General Grant was never so much a hero, even though he was the victor of battles and leader of great armies, as he stood for manly dignity and purity of language. Debauch, indeed, is profanity and low conversation or anything that tends to vulgarize. "Let your conversation be such as becometh the Gospel of Christ." *Brantly Record.*

Thus, That, and the Other.

Do not dare to live without some clean intention toward which your living shall be bent. Mean to be something with all your might.

The colored Methodists have just built a large church in Washington, at a cost of \$116,000, and which will seat 2,800 persons.

A little boy was asked during a small-pox excitement if he had been baptized. He answered, "Yes I have been baptized three times, but I never took." Of course he was thinking of vaccination, but he nevertheless made a good point, because baptism does not seem to take with many church members if we may judge by the readiness with which they "catch" it.

God lends the wings of private prayer with the sweetest, choicest, and choicest blessings.—*Dear Stanley.*

"I don't care if the old churches were bare and cold, and the seats hard, there was real pity in them, and the sincerity of it was felt in the lives of the people. I don't want a religion that I put away with my Sunday clothes, and don't take out till the day comes round again. I want something to see and feel and live by, day by day, and I hope you'll be one of the true ministers, who can teach, by precept and example, how to get and keep it."—*L. M. Alcott.*

The smallest Methodist Conference in the world is that of France, which is composed of twenty-five ministers and four or five laymen. The total Methodist membership in France does not number 2,000.

Trust Him when you cannot trace Him. Do not try to penetrate the cloud which He brings over you, and to look through it. Rather keep your eye fixed steadily on the shadow that is on the cloud. The mysterious God is the promisee yours.—*Meredith.*

As the result of Protestant missions in China, the converts may be now set down at from 60,000 to 70,000.

A missionary in Japan writes that he was lately visited by a Buddhist who was breaking down much faster than Christianity can take possession of the world.

A. D. Gaynor, general agent of 1884-5, is also an attorney, and intends to locate at St. Basil, Massachusetts, N. B.

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Bible Leçons.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.—GENESIS. First Quarter.

Lesson VII. Feb. 13. Gen. 15-18.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM.

GOLDEN TEXT. Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.—Gen. 15:1.

I. THE SIGNS. 5. In view of the vision and the former promises, Abraham asks the Lord how the promise could be fulfilled...

II. THE COVENANT. 6. And he believed in the Lord. He reposed as a child in his mother's arms...

III. THE PROMISES CONFIRMED. 8. And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

IV. THE COVENANT REITERATED. 9. Take me a heifer, etc. The way in which the Lord chose to meet his wish...

V. THE COVENANT REITERATED. 10. And divided them in the midst. Into two equal portions. This division (1) typified the twofold character of the covenant...

VI. THE COVENANT REITERATED. 11. When the fowls came down. The birds of prey, vultures, eagles, hawks, buzzards...

VII. THE COVENANT REITERATED. 12. And when the sun was going down. The vision having commenced the previous evening, an entire day has already passed...

VIII. THE COVENANT REITERATED. 13. The seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs. Either Egypt, or Egypt and Canaan...

IX. THE COVENANT REITERATED. 14. That nation... will I judge. Punish fulfilled in the plagues upon Egypt, which led to the Exodus...

X. THE COVENANT REITERATED. 15. And thou shalt go to thy fathers. The phrase, used here for the first time, evidently involves the thought of the immortality of the soul...

XI. THE COVENANT REITERATED. 16. In the fourth generation. In the fourth age. An age here means the average period from the birth to the death of one man...

"Indeed! How do you make that out?" "Well, fair sir, the king lives; and so do I. He can do no more than live. Further, I am content. Is the king that?"

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1887.

THE ELECTIONS.

The coming election is the absorbing topic. The secular press is full of it. Fanatical political speakers are addressing the honorable electors, night after night, in the various constituencies of this broad Dominion.

In the politics of the times, there are not a few things to be deplored. There is too much unscrupulousness associated with them. The most to be deplored of all kinds of false rumors to injure an opponent.

Neither can it be denied that our politics are run too much on the machine plan. They are very little independence. Representatives are elected to support the party, and for the most part, they vote straight for the party measures, whatever they may be.

But what should be the Christian's attitude toward the politics of the day? He must not withdraw from them; for this would be to give them over to the worst classes.

—coming before our Parliament for consideration, and Christian men should be ready to support them through the power of the franchise.

All this, however, does not say Christians must take part in any of the petty jealousies and wranglings—in the bitterness and unrighteous methods of the party politics of the day.

THE LORD HATH NEED.

Something more about money! Just so, something more about the Lord's money, which he has entrusted to his people as stewards.

The second quarter of the Convention year is just closing. One half of the Lord's money, requisite to carry on the work of the year, should be in the various treasuries, or on the way.

A WORD OF WARNING.

Will the brethren suffer a word of exhortation? The election is just at hand. Party feeling is running high and the contest threatens to be bitter.

THE WEEK.

The rumors of approach were chronicled last week, are not confirmed. It now appears that the statements of the English and German papers were without foundation.

is humiliating, and has some political significance. The House of Commons has begun its session. The speech from the throne is very guarded.

The Quebec government have been compelled to resign. Mr. Mercier, the leader of the opposition, has formed a cabinet.

The matter of the most absorbing interest, next to that of the elections, is the retaliatory bill in the United States Senate, against Canada.

QUESTIONS.

A member of a Baptist church, in regular standing makes a permanent residence in a locality where there is no Baptist church, but wishing to find a home in a church there.

Answer.—No church can either grant a letter to a member to unite with another denomination, or receive a member on a letter from another denomination.

1. When church members join the Salvation Army and want their names dropped from the church book, what is the right course to pursue?

2. Is it according to Baptist usage for a member to come into the church on a dismission which he has carried for three years?

3. Is it necessary for a deacon to pronounce the benediction at the close of a prayer meeting?

Answer.—1. If they prefer an organization with scarcely one feature according to New Testament teaching, to the church, which has been instituted by Christ, the church can do nothing else but exclude them.

2. Baptist churches very often do this inconsistent thing; but it is wrong. In order to receive a member by letter, the letter should certify to his Christian standing at the time of his reception.

3. Not necessary, but very proper. 1. What is the true position of a true pastor in a church in the Baptist denomination according to God's word, and how should he be esteemed by the church, and what ecclesiastical power or authority can he claim?

2. Is it right, or according to Baptist usage, for a pastor to give a member a letter, or something that is used as such, to join the Christian or Campbellite Church against the wishes previously expressed against it by the church he was of or identified with?

Answer.—1. He is the teacher of the church. 1 Cor. 12: 28, 29; 1 Tim. 3: 3. He is a leader. Acts 20: 28; 1 Pet. 5: 2. He has no authority by virtue of his office. This is what is meant by 1 Pet. 5: 2, 3. If he has the knowledge necessary to be the teacher of his flock, and the grace which would make them recognize him as their example, he will use no other ecclesiastical powers than the natural influence he gains through the confidence, respect and love of his people, and they will "esteem him very highly for his works' sake."

2. No, it is neither. No church can consistently give to a member a letter of dismission to join another denomination, much less is it the prerogative of a minister to do this. He is but a church member in all church action.

Notes by the Way.

On account of a great storm I could not reach the Grand Falls, and I was compelled to recall my appointment there. The snow, which was three and a half feet deep in the Tobique Valley before the storm, was at least five feet deep after it.

"Oh! the long and dreary winter, Oh! the cold and cruel winter."

According to appointment, I spent the Sabbath on Rev. Geo. Howard's field. In the morning I occupied the pulpit at Centreville. This is a thriving settlement about eight miles from the border of Maine and five miles from the railway station at East Florenceville.

On Monday I left for Fredericton, and on the way down I met a contingent of the Woodstock Salvation Army, the captain of which was Miss Knight, grand-daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Knight, Methodist minister.

My friends of the Hon. A. G. Randolph will be pleased to learn that his health seems thoroughly established. His lumbering operations are very extensive this winter, and they promise to be remunerative.

McMASTER HALL—MISSIONARY DAY.

Missionary Day for January came on the 21st. Like the days of the kind that had preceded it, it was full of interest, and the Holy Spirit seemed to be present with power.

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converts in the native churches—the result being, that very little can be attempted in evangelistic work. From this aspect of the case, Dr. Clarke took occasion to remark, that a mission that is not properly managed—that willingly or of necessity, neglects evangelistic work pure and simple, cannot properly be called a mission; that true missionary work is carrying the gospel message to those who have it not.

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Two papers were also read, one at the morning meeting, by Mr. W. T. Graham, student, on the Congo Valley, and one at the afternoon, by Mr. G. E. Morphy, B. A., student, on the Mission of the Congo Valley.

Whereas are to come the men that are needed both for the home and foreign field? Of the forty churches in the valley of the Ottawa, twenty-six are now pastorless.

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pastor need to overtax his physical strength in order to meet the requirements of his field. Have all the duties been brought into the Lord's treasury? Are the people honoring the Lord with the substance? Are the members of the churches growing? In this grace also, "i.e. the grace of liberality? Perhaps a solution of the problem of pastoral support lies in answer to these questions: Whatever Baptists may or may not be doing, rest assured that others are not idle in either of the counties mentioned.

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THE BANNER CHURCH IN SURREYING THE RUN OUT.

It has been some time since I saw any thing in your columns from town or county on the temperance question; and while we have watched closely the fight with the liquor traffic in our large cities—Moncton, Truro, Amherst and Platon—the fight waxing hotter and hotter, first one side, then the other, claiming victory; we, down east, claim we have the Banner Church in regard to the war.

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whom they could trust. The ransellers can for a trifle always employ a lawyer of their own type to attend their suits.

Instead of our town being a hiss and a by-word or account of its immoral plague spots, as in the past, it is a place worthy of any who wish to visit it.

I rehearse the foregoing facts in order that other towns which are plagued with the evil may "go and do likewise," and like results will follow. I beg to say, also, there has been no fund subscribed to meet the consuite, if any, for the inspector has put quite a snail into the treasury the last three months—and the first three of his inspectorship—not as others have done in order to get re-elected, wait until the council met, and by a quasi compromise collect a few hundred dollars from the liquor dealers and pay in to the county treasury.

We hope this season may witness many triumphs against wrong, and the broken-hearted wives and orphans may yet rejoice in a sober country through the firm execution of our law. We have a division of the Sons of Temperance and a lodge of Good Templars working in our midst and doing good service, and places where the young can enjoy themselves "without the aid of wine." What Antigonish has done, any other country town can do, if the officers of the law are of the right material.

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Explanation Called For.

My attention has been called to an apparent discrepancy between the accounts of the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union and the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Board, and an explanation asked for. The former charges the latter with \$3,896.65, the latter credits the former with \$3,509.75.

The amount which ought properly to have been charged and credited was \$3,500. The Treasurer of the Union in her first resistance forwarded \$90.65 which she had received from Mission Bands, etc. This was credited to the service to which it belongs. The Wolfeville W. M. A. Society sent a special gift of \$9.75, which was credited to the Union, it being regarded as properly coming under that head, but by an oversight the Treasurer of the Union was not notified of the form in which the credit was given.

If all the friends who have noticed the difference in the amounts stated, will kindly make a note of this explanation, the apparent difficulty will be removed.

J. MASON, Treas. F. M. Board.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 31.

Literary Notes.

Harper's Magazine for February, contains: Moore's Hunting by Jack-light (Frontispiece); The Fairy's Gift, a Poem, by Andrew Lang; The Acadian Land, by Charles Dudley Warner; Love's Going (a Poem) by Charles W. Coleman, Jun.; Leonard Arundel's Recovery (a Story) by Grant Allen; Song (a Poem) by Ronald C. Maclean; The Navies of the Continent. II. The Italian, Russian, German, Austrian, and Turkish Navies, by Sir Edward J. Reed; April Hopes (a Novel) Part I, by William Dean Howells; An Empty Nest (a Poem) by Mary A. Barr; Campaigning with the Cossacks. II. A Winter Campaign, by Frank D. Millet; Springhaven (a Novel) Part XL, by B. D. Blackmore; Love's Night-watch (a Song for Banjo or Guitar) by John Muir; The Wish (a Poem) from "The Mistress," by Abraham Cowley; Moose Hunting, by Henry P. Wells; Markle, (a Story of Russian Life. Part II), by Kathleen O'Meara; Editor's Easy Chair; Editor's Study; Monthly Record of Current Events; Editor's Drawer. The illustrations are as numerous and as good as ever.

Scribner's Magazine, for February contains: Julius Cæsar as Pontifex Maximus (Frontispiece), from the Bust in the Museo Chiaramonte, in the Vatican; The Likeness of Julius Cæsar, with illustrations from the author's collection, by John C. Hopes; The Residuary Legatee (Part First—The Will), by J. S. of Dale; Half a Curse (a Story), by Octave Thanet; Ivory and Gold (Poem) by Charles Henry Laders; Reminiscences of the Siege and Commune of Paris (Second Paper—The Siege), by E. B. Washburne; Ex. Minister to France; Seth's Brother's Wife, Chapters VI.-IX, by Harold Frederic; The Last Furrow, by Chas. Edwin Markham; Glimpes at the Diaries of Gouverneur Morris. Social Life and Character in the Paris of the Revolution. Second (concluding) Paper, by Assie Cary Morris; The story of a New York House II., by H. C. Bunner; Our Navy Policy (a Lesson from 1861), by James Russell Soley; U. S. Navy; The Duclunians of the Backstages (a Story), by Duncan Campbell Scott; After Death (Poem) Louise Chandler Moulton; M. Coquelin, by Brand Matthews; Russian Novels, by Thomas Sergeant Perry. Several of the articles are illustrated. 25 cents a number. \$3.00 a year. Charles Scribner's Sons, publishers, 745 and 745 Broadway, New York.

The Bible is like a great symphony played by some magnificent orchestra, in which the same theme is taken up by one instrument after another, and repeated with endless variation and with ever-increasing beauty and power. This theme is the good news that God loves men in spite of their unbelief, and is working through the ages to save them through their sinners from their sins. Like the single note of an early bird before the dawn sounds this Gospel in the sorrowful story of man's first sin; like a strain of music in

a net-work of harmony, it is hidden in the elaborate ritual of the Levitical law. This is the melody which makes the Psalms of David the world's reservoir of song and David the world's sweet singer. This is the ray of light in Jeremiah and the flood of light in Isaiah; this is the eloquence of Christ, the wisdom of Paul, the sweetness and light of John; and finally this theme, which has been taken up as a solo by one instrument after another from Moses to John, becomes at the end of the ages a chorus in which the whole orchestra unites in the great crescendo: "And I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and honor and glory and blessing." We have a Gospel according to Moses, and according to David, and according to every one of the prophets, as well as according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, and Peter.—Lyman Abbott.

Religious Intelligence.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES.

HERBON, N. S., Jan. 24.—I baptised six yesterday. Others have found peace in believing, and more are seeking.

A. CONOR. LOWER WEST JORDON.—This church is without a pastor, but is holding on its way. The prayer meetings are well sustained, and there is a good prospect for successful work. They are hoping to have a pastor in the near future.

THE VALLEY, Jan. 24.—We have been lately encouraged by donation visits from different parts of the field. Among the tokens of esteem and goodwill presented, is a nice fat cow. May heaven's blessing rest on these kind friends.

ECONOMY AND FIVE ISLANDS.—A friend writes: "Bro. Haverstock is proving a faithful pastor, holding meetings in the evening at Five Islands, and thus probing the church. The result will prove a blessing to the church and good to the cause. All such faithful laborers and pastors."

CROW HARBOR, QUEBEC CO.—The good work is still going on here. On Sunday, the 23rd ult., I had the pleasure of baptising five more, who were received into church fellowship at the end of the evening service.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Whitehead River, I had the pleasing duty of baptising nine willing believers, who were "buried with Christ in baptism." In the presence of a large and reverential crowd of spectators; this being the first time the ordinance of baptism has been administered in this place. This is new ground I have taken up, and truly "the fields are white already to harvest."

St. John's.—At the Union Baptist Ministers' meeting, Bro. Spencer was chosen chairman, and Bro. Swaffield secretary. Bro. Capp reported two baptisms. Bro. Gordon reported two received by letter. Special meetings are being held with a deepening interest. Bro. Swaffield: one professed conversion at the after meeting, last evening. Special meetings are to be held at Grand Bay this week. Bro. Hartley: seven have been baptized since last report. He is looking for a deeper work in the hearts of the people. Bro. Cahill: a deeper interest in the Sabbath schools; some young people are inquiring. Bro. Gates: meetings well attended; after prayer meeting an increasing attendance and interest. He is longing to see more souls saved. Bro. Parsons: two baptized last Wednesday night and others are inquiring. Bro. Spencer reported work among the sailors and elsewhere. The discussion on the question of the millennium was concluded.

SALISBURY.—Sabbath, the 30th, six were baptized and received into the Salisbury church. Others are enquiring the way to Zion. The temperance cause in this place has received an impetus through the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Atkinson, of Montreal, in forming a W. C. T. U., and following that the Christian women have formed a Band of Home Missions. Also, Emerson formed a W. M. A. Society in our church, on the 23rd ult.

LEINSTER STREET, ST. JOHN.—A series of meetings are being conducted in connection with this church. They are largely attended. A number have expressed their desire to be at peace with God. Prospect for an ingathering is good.

WESTERN SHORES.—Gifts to the Western Shore home still come, and we now rejoice in saying that our confidence in God and the friends of the cause was not misplaced. I believed the debt on the outside of the house would be paid—and it has been. About \$200 have been contributed to the interior, and we are already on the way with this work. Lime for plastering, lathing, lumber, &c., are being provided by persons in the vicinity, and in the early spring we desire to complete the work. We believe we shall succeed. Others who have not as yet contributed to this work will come to our aid, and some who have already assisted will still further, and God will reward. Send along your gifts, brethren and friends. We will use them to the very best advantage. The largest part has already been accomplished. The completion is certain. The following donations received since I reported last: Mrs. M. A. Bigelow, Parrabero, \$2.00; W. A. Pookles, Mahoe Bay, 2.00; James Howe, Chester, 1.00; C. A. Whitman, California, 2.00; "A Friend of the Baptists," Indian Harbor, 2.00; A. Presl, Green Island, 2.00; Mrs. Thos. Kinsman, Cascard, 50; Rev. J. Skinner and wife, Tagon, 2.00; C. E. Pines, Toronto, 1.00; Patrick Cooney, C. Ester, 1.00.

ALBERT COUNTY QUARTERS.—A meeting according to appointment with the Rev. H. H. B. on the 14th ult., at two p. m., in social conference, when over forty testimonies were listened to. Ministers present: Revs. L. M. Weeks, S. W. Keirstead, E. Hopper, S. C. Moore, and E. B. McLain; lay delegates were present from the different churches. The presence of the Master was manifest in all our meetings, especially in the Sabbath evening and Monday morning meetings, when an aged man testified for Christ, and expressed his willingness to give up all for

Christ. This was the 17th session of our quarterly meeting, and all have been attended with great blessing, and it seems a pity that some of our leading pastors and churches did not have the privilege of their presence and assistance. Quarterly meeting adjourned to meet with the New Horton church the second Friday in April, at two p. m. Rev. S. W. Keirstead to preach the quarterly sermon; Rev. E. Hopper alternate; S. C. Moore, Secy. Treas.

NEWCASTLE BAPTIST, QUEBEC CO., N. B.—The brethren interested in the support of their pastor met at his residence on New Year's eve, and left a tangible expression of sympathy. More recently the ladies of a section of the Lower Newcastle Church held a pie social, and presented the pastor's wife with the proceeds.

CHOCOMAQUON, N. S., Jan. 25.—One was baptized, and I received into the church at Chignecto by the pastor, Rev. I. E. Hill, Jr., on Sunday, the 23rd inst.

HARVEY.—We are not without tokens of the Divine approbation on this field. Recently two persons were received into the fellowship of Harvey church, one by letter, and one by baptism. They are expected shortly. L. M. W.

WOLFVILLE.—The Day of Prayer for Colleges was observed by the institutions and the church. Services were held in the afternoon and evening, when addresses on the importance of the religious element in education and related topics were given. Prayers were also offered on behalf of the patrons, teachers, and students of the several schools. A number of students took part in the exercises, which were interesting throughout. No doubt good impressions were made. Possibly the results would have been greater if a larger portion of the time had been given to offering of prayers for spiritual blessings. Are not many prayer meetings, so-called, meetings for talking about prayer rather than praying meetings? While caring for the mental and spiritual interests of the students the authorities give attention also to their comfort and safety of those under their care. During the winter vacation several improvements were made in the Seminary, and it is hoped that suitable means of escape in case of fire will soon be provided, so that parents whose treasures are here may have no unnecessary anxiety.

FRANCE.—We enter now upon our second year of the pastorate here with hopefulness. Our social meetings are full and often overflowing, our preaching services are also well attended, and in both there are evidences of God's presence. At these prayer meetings some fresh souls ask for prayers or speaks of a new found hope in Christ. We are enjoying to a certain extent a constant revival, and this without holding a special meeting or extra service. We try to make every meeting a special time. Some soul, some believer, and true to his promise, God blesses. It is sad to record that our most discouraging work, the most difficult, is not hopeless—is with those who are already members of the church. What a shame that in most of our churches there is so much to be done, but we cannot build our walls. And yet with us many who had fallen behind are, one by one, coming to the front; but also for the welfare of their own souls, as well as for the interest of the church and the lost about them, many still linger and refuse to come home. We are anxious to see that we can build our walls. Let every financial burden, and shall with God's blessing succeed, and this, without the questionable ministries of tea-meetings and bazaars. We shall try and pay our debts to God in God's way, and give up the custom, so popular in many places, of going to the store, or at least to the putting on the livery of the devil to serve the interests of the Lord in.

QUEBEC COUNTY, N. B.—An article appeared in the MESSSENGER AND VISITOR, recently, on church improvements in Quebec Co., in which reference is made to the Newcastle church to the effect that the trustees, pastors, and other Protestant bodies, had rendered us material assistance. The truth is, Mr. Editor, all the assistance we received in the erection of our church, came from our Roman Catholic neighbors, who have ever been more friendly towards us as Baptists than have the adherents of the Anglican establishment.

MILTON, YARMOUTH, N. S.—Several have recently been baptized. The interest in all departments is good. We learn that one of our large churches now vacant is thinking of calling Bro. Ford to its pastorate. S. I. is not fit for give warning? If Milton wants him badly let them say so.

FALMOUTH.—We have been holding some meetings at Brooklyn and vicinity, with much success. Many are anxiously enquiring the way.

PERSONAL.—Mrs. Shaw and myself wish to acknowledge the kindness of the friends of Leinster St. Baptist church, who met at our residence on Tuesday evening last, and after very interesting addresses from Rev. J. A. Gordon, and Bro. John March, we were presented with \$35 cash and other valuable articles, also a very handsome dressing gown from Miss Graham and Mrs. Fowler. May the Lord bless the friends who have so kindly remembered us, and as they freely give so may they freely receive.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—A number of the friends of the Rev. Obad Parker and wife met at their residence in Melville square, on the 18th ult., to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. On account of the very unpropitious weather, friends who were expected from a distance were unable to be present on the occasion; but, notwithstanding the cold and storm, over thirty persons assembled and spent a most enjoyable evening with our aged brother and sister and their family. Addresses were delivered by Rev. O. D. Parker, Rev. J. Rowe and a number of others, and besides cheering their hearts by christian intercourse and words of kindness, tangible proofs were left of the esteem in which our venerable friends are held by the people of the community where they reside.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, at three o'clock, in the mission room, 85

Germain St. A full representation of members is requested. M. B. MARCH, Jan. 30. Cor. Sec. of the W. B. M. U.

The Annapolis county Ministerial Conference will meet at Lawrenceport, on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Meetings also in the afternoon and evening. The ministers, licentiates, and delegates from the churches are earnestly invited to attend. Papers of interest are expected.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 11 a. m. in the library of the institution. T. A. HIGGINS, Secy.

For W. B. M. U.

Table listing contributions to the W. B. M. U. including Halifax Sunday school Mission, Hammond Plain, West River, and others.

Marriages.

MCLINTYRE-MCLINTYRE.—At the residence of the bride's father, January 20, by Rev. Henry Haece, William McLintyre to Lucinda McLintyre, both of Onatago, Quebec Co.

CHASE-RICHARDSON.—At Wood Point, January 11, by Rev. Wm. E. Hall, Jethro Chase and Martha J. Richardson.

ATKINSON-OUTHOUSE.—By the same, on January 12, Frederic Atkinson and Nettie F., eldest daughter of Benjamin Outhouse, of Wood Point.

MCCONNELL-HAYWARD.—At Penebogue, on 28th ult., by Rev. E. C. Corey, Mr. Robert McConnell, to Miss Priscilla Hayward, both of Cardwell, Vie. Co.

TOWNSEND-HAYES.—At the residence of the bride's father, Central Norton, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. Thos. Todd, Mr. Joseph W. Townsend, of Passages, and Miss Annie C. Hayes, both of Kings Co.

YOUNG-MARSHALL.—At Westville, Digby Co., Jan. 26th, by Rev. W. L. Parker, Mr. Joseph H. Young, of Brighton, to Miss Nettie E. Marshall, of South Range.

CANNING-PERRIGO.—At Rockland, Me., June 14, 1886, by the Rev. G. F. Ellis, Mr. Eliza Canning, of West Brook Mills, Nova Scotia, to Miss Ada G. Perrigo, of Rockland, Me.

LEWIS-NORTH.—At Allen Port, Kings Co., Decemr. 25, by the Rev. J. March, Mr. Daniel Lewis, of West Brook, Cam. Co., to Miss Bessie North, of the above named place.

MARTEL-BALL.—On the 25th ult., at Round Island, C. B., by Rev. M. B. Shaw, B. A., Mr. John J. Martel, and Miss Ida M. Ball, daughter of John Ball, Esq., of Round Island, C. B.

FANOT-BOLIVER.—At Bridgewater, N. S., on the 16th ult., by Rev. S. March, Mr. Eli Fanot, to Mrs. Martha Boliver, both of Baker Settlement.

MIRAND-MURPHY.—At Bridgewater, N. S., on the 20th ult., by Rev. S. March, L. W. Mirand, Esq., J. P. of Liverpool, N. S., to Miss Mary Jane Murphy, of Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

SCHWELAND-FLOYD.—At Bridgewater, N. S., on the 22nd ult., by Rev. S. March, Mr. Robert Sutherland, of Bridgewater, to Miss Catherine Floyd, of Waterloo, Lun. Co., N. S.

DEATHS.—STEWART.—At East Point, P. E. I., after a protracted illness, borne with patient submission to the Divine will, Elizabeth, relict of the late Deacon John Stewart, aged 83 years. Mrs. Stewart immigrated to P. E. I., from Perthshire settlement in 1808; was baptized and received into the fellowship of the East Point Baptist church in 1834. In life she was active for Christ, in death she was happy in Christ.

ERBERT.—At Andover, 25th ult., Harrison W., aged 2 years, 10 months and 14 days, son of Melvin W., and Annie M. Erbert, of Middle Simonds, Carleton Co. (Carleton Sentinel please copy.)

DEAR.—At the residence of her son, at Lakesville, Lunenburg Co., N. S., on the 19th ult., Elizabeth, widow of the late John Deal, of North West, Lunenburg, aged 86 years and 3 months. She fell asleep in Jesus, leaving behind her two aged sisters, five sons, and one daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral on March 20th, was attended by a sermon from Philippians 3: 20, 21.

MCCABE.—At Alexandria, P. E. I., on the 20th ult., May, beloved wife of Mr. Layton McCabe, after a short illness, passed peacefully to her rest, in the 30th year of her age. Sister McCabe was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jan. J. Gay, of Portmah, St. Ann's, and her disposition, and so pure her life, that she won the esteem and affection of old and young. In the summer of 1879 she became the loving and devoted wife of Mr. McCabe, of N. S. About a year ago they both professed faith in Christ and united with the church at Alexandria.

Since then she has enjoyed much of the Saviour's presence, and died a joyful and happy soul. She leaves a sorrowing husband, a father and mother, brother and sister, and a large number of friends to mourn their dear loss.

CLINCH.—At Musquash, on the 23rd January, after a long and distressing illness, Edward G., second son of C. F. Clinch, aged 34 years, leaving a wife and five children. He was baptized into the fellowship of Musquash church, by Rev. I. D. Pope in 1877, and ever after manifested his love for Christ and his joy in believing on him, in his walk and conversation. He has departed and is with Christ, which is far better.

CONCOUR.—At Karasale, Lower Grand Falls, Annap. Co., N. S., on January 20, of cancer, Hannah M., aged 57, the beloved wife of Wm. Cropp. Our sister was converted in the early morning of youth in revival services held at Bridgetown, in Elder C. Chase's pasture, and was baptized some time afterward by Elder Volino. After her marriage she united with the faithful and consistent member of the Lower Granville church, of which she was a consistent and useful member, and will be much missed in the section to which she belonged. She passed through a long and painful illness, which was borne with patient cheerfulness. The sustaining grace of God was wonderfully manifest in her calm and peaceful frame of mind. The funeral service, which was largely attended, was conducted by the Rev. F. Potter, who was requested by the departed to preach from Mark 7: 37, "He hath done all things well." Our sister leaves a sorrowing husband and a son and daughter to mourn their loss.

(St. John Weekly Telegraph please copy.) HIGGINS.—At Moorhead, Minn.; Jan. 17, William H. Higgins, in his 76th year. Mr. Higgins was born at Onslow, N. S., July 25th, 1812, and was converted to God in his 19th year and was baptized by Rev. Jas. Munro. For 57 years Bro. Higgins was a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church. By trade, a carpenter, he went to Moorhead, July 1880 and in family followed S. tember 1881. He united with the Baptist church at Moorhead by letter, and made himself useful as a Christian worker. He took an active part in praying meeting and Sunday school work. He

often visited the prisoners and tried to do the utmost upon personal acquaintance. He was a great Bible teacher and was one of the large part of the world of God. He was his times with great Christian fervor, and in the last years of his life, talked and was and heaven beautifully. He passed away on the 17th ult., with a sure and certain hope of eternal life. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son-in-law at Moorhead, and a large number of relatives and friends at Onslow, N. S., to mourn their loss.

MARSHALL.—At Hill Grove, Digby Co., January 21, Mrs. Amelia A., wife of Deacon James Marshall, aged 64 years. Sister Marshall was baptized by the late Samuel Hancock, subsequently became a member of the Hill Grove church. She died, trusting in the blood of the crucified One, her only hope of salvation. May the God of all grace support her aged husband and grant him his sustaining grace.

WOODS.—At Rowley Neck, January 13, 1887, at F. Woodman, aged 16 years and 9 months. She was a self-reliant young girl and became a member of the Hill Grove church.

BAKER.—At Tanook, Lun. Co., N. B., Dec. 20th, 1886, Philip Baker, aged 80 years. A great sufferer during the last few weeks of his life, he died trusting in Jesus.

WOODS.—At Cow Bay, C. B., on the 21st ult., Sister Olive Woods, trusting in the Saviour she had followed for over 60 years, aged 76 years. She was baptized by Father Dimock.

TAYLOR.—At Parrabero, Nov. 6, 1886, James E. Taylor, aged 72, eldest son of the late Deacon E. Taylor. He had been afflicted with blindness for about 45 years. He was baptized by the Rev. S. T. Rand a few years after he was ordained.

TAYLOR.—At Parrabero, N. S., Mrs. Nathan Taylor, aged 65. Her husband was the third son of a said deacon who joined the ransomed one's some 12 years ago. Thus are they gathered home.

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DOMINION.

—The annual meeting of the Provincial Farmer's Association for N. B. was held in St. John last week, and a number of interesting papers read, and agricultural matters generally discussed.

—Schr. "Carthage," which sailed from Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 1st, on a voyage to the Georges, has never been heard of, and is supposed to have been lost. Among her crew were four Nova Scotians.

—At a meeting of the Quebec Legislature, on the 27th, Premier Taillon resigned the leadership of the government, and Mr. Mercier has been called on to form a cabinet.

—The temperance men of St. John have nominated Mr. Henry J. Thorne for the office of Mayor for the coming year, and the nomination has been accepted.

—The paragraph last week stating that James Bourke had secured the contract for the woodwork of the Baptist Seminary at St. John, has been corrected. The contract for the woodwork is Mr. W. N. DeWitt, of this city, and he is now manufacturing the window frames and sashes and the doors at Messrs. Healy Bros.' factory.

—The bridge at Pollet River, N. B., was carried away by a heavy freshet last week. Loss about \$1,200.

—Mackerel are being shipped in large quantities to the American market.

—A land slide occurred away about 150 feet of track on the Grand Southern Railway near Bay Shore, Carleton, last week.

—Alex. Gibson, jr., was elected the first mayor of Maryville, N. B., on Monday by acclamation.

—The income of the St. Croix and Penobscot railway for 1886 was \$37,395.97 and the expenditure \$26,261.93.

—The many friends of the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, of St. John, N. B., are to be gratified to find that through the cost of insurance in this company is so small, the stability of the system is recognized by the leaders of insurance thought, including the ablest actuaries, and the regular insurance process. In fact, no insurance man of reputation denies that this company has placed reliable life insurance within the reach of the masses of our people.

—Such weather as we have had during the past month surpasses the recollection of the oldest inhabitant, says the *Globe*. Storm after storm, of snow and rain and wind, have followed each other in rapid succession, while the thermometer has dropped below 20 degrees below the zero, and in many places above 20 degrees below the zero has been really alarming. At the present time we are wrestling with a severe rain storm, which has almost completely deprived us of our snow, and, indeed, in many places the ground has become so hard by the winter garb. Several inches of rain must have fallen on the level.

—Dr. M. H. Peters of Carleton, St. John, was severely injured during the progress of a fire, on Saturday morning, by being struck on the head with a brick from a falling chimney.

—A new car coupler, invented by Mr. Jas. Trask of St. John, was tested on Saturday last, with satisfactory results.

—Employees of the Acadia coal company at the Vale, Abitibi, and Acadia collieries, struck work Monday morning on account of a reduction in the price of cutting coal at the old Abitibi. Twelve hundred persons are thus thrown out of employment. The company's representatives on the reduction, and in all probability the strike will be of considerable duration.

—The S.S. "Bencor" sailed from Annapolis for London, G. B., on Saturday last. Her cargo consisted of nearly 12,000 barrels of apples, and 70 standards of deals. The value of her cargo somewhat exceeds \$25,000.—*Spectator*.

—The books of the assessors of Windsor, N. S., show an increase in the valuation of real and personal property in the incorporation, amounting to \$32,430 over 1886. Since the incorporation of the town in 1875 the valuation of assessable property has increased \$67,730.

—The contract has been signed for the construction of the forty-five mile section of the Cape Breton railway between Grand Narrows and Sydney, and the contractors intend to commence operations at once.

—Coal was shipped at the port of Sydney during the year 1886 as follows:

Tons	Value
Intercolonial mines.....	105,000
Old Bridgeport.....	2,000
Reserve.....	32,000
Victoria.....	46,000
Total port of Sydney.....	185,000

There was shipped by the Old Sydney mines, at North Sydney, 122,000 tons, making a total shipment from Sydney harbor during the year 1886 of 376,000 tons; Sick manure fund collected at the port of Sydney during the year 1886 amounted to \$3,278.

—A serious fire occurred at Smith's Cove, Halifax county, some days ago, when the dwelling of William Smith, with all its contents was consumed, and one of Mr. Smith's sons, a lad of thirteen years perished.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

—The Imperial parliament was formally opened on the 27th. An exciting session is anticipated.

—Herr Barth, editor of *Freitainung Zeitung*, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for publishing the report that the Czar of Russia had made a deadly attack upon Villanov, military attach to the German embassy at St. Petersburg.

—Despatches from Brisbane, capital of Queensland, state that that colony has been swept by a fearful cyclone, accompanied by a rain fall of such extraordinary proportions that twenty inches of water fell in a short time. The result has been disastrous floods in the city of Brisbane. Some of the thoroughfares are submerged to a depth of 20 feet. The city is entirely cut off by floods from its suburbs. Reports of property losses are not yet received.

—The strike against Charleroi, Belgium, continues. Five thousand men are out of work.

—The origin of the recent great fire at Yverdon, Switzerland, has been traced to anarchists who set fire to many buildings.

—Serious floods have occurred in Southern Queensland, Australia. Fifty-eight persons have been drowned, and much damage has been done to property.

—A despatch from Cairo says that the government insists that Stanley and Gordon shall take the Zambesi route in his expedition for the relief of Emin Bey. Stanley says he will not rush to meet the fate of Hicks Pasha and Gen. Gordon to

please Egypt. Sir Evelyn Baring loyally supports Stanley and hopes to succeed in persuading the government to agree with Stanley, Dr. Johnston and Dr. Schimper, African explorers, though at first opposed to Stanley's views, now agree with him that the Congo route is the best one to take to reach Emin Bey.

—The Westminster Bank, two of whose directors will be on the board of the new company, will issue this week £3,500,000 for Allsopp's brewers—£3,000,000 to represent the good will of the concern, and the remainder the working capital.

—Six hundred police are preparing to assist in seventy evictions on the Bodyke estate, County Clare, Ireland.

—Bishop Parker, the successor of the lamented Bishop Hannington, as Bishop of Central Africa, was arrived at Bamboon, a port north of Mombasa, on the East Coast. The Church Missionary Society has heard nothing further from Uganda. The news received at the Vatican, and dated last week, about the massacre in Uganda, is one of the same tenor as that received months ago from the Protestant missionaries, though the number of slain is put higher by the Catholic missionaries, who say that a hundred were roasted by King Mwanga.

—The subject of dispute between the United States and Great Britain in regard to the Canadian fisheries was brought up in the house of commons on Friday. Sir James Ferguson, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, in answer to inquiries said the government had been conferring with the government of the United States on the question. The Canadian fisheries, he said, were very valuable, and the government had followed a policy of conciliation in them which had been adopted by the preceding government, and would maintain the rights of the colonies with every desire to conciliate the United States. The government were unable at present to narrate the details of the negotiations with the United States, but he could state that a despatch had been received which was of a pacific character and afforded material grounds for a hope of a final settlement of the dispute.

—The British ship "Kapunda," which left London on Dec. 11, for Fremantle, Australia, with emigrants, came into collision near the coast of Brazil with an unknown vessel and was sunk. Three hundred of those on board were drowned. The remainder were saved and have arrived at Bahia. The "Kapunda" was an iron ship of 1,000 tons. She was commanded by Capt. Mason.

—Seven Nihilists have just been hanged in the prison at Odessa by the Russian authorities, and 10 other Nihilists are being tried at Wilna for killing a colonel in the Russian army, and 200 others have been recently sent to Siberia.

UNITED STATES.

—An "old fashioned temperance revival" has begun in Lewiston, and judging from the remarks of some of the men who are taking part in it has begun some time ago. The *Lewiston Journal* reports one of the speakers, a clergyman, as saying that he had lived in a city of 70,000 inhabitants where there was a license law, and 20,000 inhabitants and a prohibitory law. He charged that many of the officers there were greenback color blind, and that the proprietor of one of the drug stores when a customer entered his shop and whispered a request for liquor, shouted, "I am here to sell rum, speak out!"—*Portland Daily Press*.

—The first Presbyterian church of New York, which has existed for more than 100 years without any other musical instrument than a presenter's tuning fork, has at last yielded to the demands of its younger members, and will purchase a \$10,000 organ.

—Black diphtheria is raging 10 miles northwest of Madison, Wis.

—Dakota and Montana report the very worst blizzard known for years prevailing.

—In THE SUFFERERS FROM CONSTIPATION, Scrofula and General Debility, will try Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites, they will find immediate relief and a permanent benefit. Dr. M. V. Scott, Brentwood, Cal., writes: "I have used Scott's Emulsion with great advantage in cases of Phthisis, Scrofula and Wasting Diseases generally. It is very palatable."

GENERAL.

—In Great Britain last year the novels published exceeded in number the volumes belonging to any other branch of literature. There are 755 works of fiction on the list, 214 of these being new editions. Religious books come next; there were 616 of these, and 136 were new editions.

—England, it is stated, now imports from Russia 6,000,000 hundred weight of wool, against 40,000,000 fifteen years ago. In the same interval the import from America has increased from 12,000,000 hundred weight to 20,000,000.—*Ec.*

—During the year ending June 30, 1886, the United States exported goods valued at \$74,988,244, and received in exchange \$71,900,000. The United States exports to Great Britain, Germany, \$65,943,325; France, \$58,846,815; Canada, \$26,755,261; Belgium, \$23,444,397; and Cuba \$19,964,358.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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