

know how to answer; for every man will give an account of himself to God. I take pleasure in extending not only the hand but the heart of fellowship to the brethren Baptists everywhere. I do not love the name Baptist, because Jesus gave not this name to his people; neither can I rejoice in the Baptist customs and expedients; nor will I be cramped into a little or large corner to keep silence upon any capital element of divine teaching for the sake of pleasing any man or number of men; but still the liberty is taken to cultivate affection for the Baptists according as the knowledge of God has led them to acknowledge him. The sin of disunion is the chief sin of the times. If I could see any other ground than that on which I stand where I might plead both the spirituality and unity of men, it would be my delight to shift from a worse to a better spot at once; but when I see the proclamation of apostles winning and attaching men to one Lord Jesus,—witness these gathered into one communion,—behold them animated by one Spirit,—moving forward by one hope to the one Jerusalem of God, I must abandon every other plea and do my utmost to persuade sinners and persuade divided believers to rally round the Divine Jesus as the only Leader, Redeemer, and Emperor, to whom we all owe the most obedient allegiance.

The Lord, apparently, will not permit me to lay down this pen without making a proposition. Mr. Tupper, though showing a very inaccurate acquaintance with them whom he calls by a nickname, seems on the whole to speak with some degree of candor. Here is a proposition whereby to test the measure of his righteousness in view of the premises. Let him and one or two of his brethren appoint a meeting in some central spot in Nova Scotia where Baptists and Disciples may confer with each other freely and frankly upon matters of difference, as also upon matters of agreement; and after a careful, prayerful, faithful interview, in the sight not only of men but of him who reads hearts as well as externals, let us see if we cannot, bless one another and benefit the world by exhibiting the practical power and value of the gospel in its living elements of unity and heavenly spirituality. I speak not for myself alone—I know that others with me regard the Baptists as brethren in the Lord Jesus; and if the divine stamp be upon us sufficiently to walk and work in union, any man or organization that keep up division will have an unpleasant account to settle with the Righteous Master.

In courtesy and affection,  
D. ULIPHANT, of Brighton, C. W.  
Halifax, July 8th, 1859.

[We give insertion to the above although we do not endorse the sentiments of the writer. We have no desire to forestall any reply the parties addressed may choose to make, yet we cannot help calling in question both the "courtesy and affection" of one who would endeavour to contrast "a real Baptist with a real disciple of Jesus." We have some doubts respecting the opinion expressed that "the sin of disunion is the chief sin of the times." Union we consider desirable only when based on Truth. Any compromise of principle for the sake of union is to us conceived far more to be deprecated than the existence of Christians in separate bodies. The conclusion to which Mr. O. comes that "The Lord would not permit him to lay down his pen without making a proposition" may possibly be a fact. We think however it might be somewhat difficult for him to prove it to be so. It reminds us of an opinion we saw in a "Disciples" paper, not long since, that Mr. Campbell was supposed to be the subject of scripture prophecy, and that the Lord had raised him up for the purpose of reforming christendom. Quite as difficult a proposition to prove, we apprehend.—Eds. C. M.]

For the Christian Messenger.

**Acadia College.—English Course.**

DEAR BROTHER,

It has already been announced that an "English Course" of instruction has been arranged in Acadia College, to meet the wants of a number of young men in these Provinces who may be unable, from various causes, to engage in classical and mathematical studies.

We are very desirous that all our young men should aim at the full Collegiate Course. Many considerations, not necessary to be enumerated, combine to urge its claims on their attention. Whenever practicable, it should be regarded as an essential thing, to be secured at any expense.

Still there are many who cannot avail themselves of the benefits of a complete education. They have been permitted for some time to enter any of the classes which they were qualified to join, and thus pursue a "Partial Course", choosing their own studies. But it has now been judged preferable to adopt a systematic arrangement, and to invite the young men to whom reference is made to enter for two years. The studies of the "English Course" have been arranged by the Faculty in the following order.

**FIRST YEAR.**

**First Term.**—Algebra, Modern History, Rhetoric.  
**Second Term.**—Geometry, Modern History concluded, Logic.

**SECOND YEAR.**

**First Term.**—Moral Science, Political Economy, Chemistry or Mathematics.  
**Second Term.**—Evidences of Christianity, Geology, Intellectual Philosophy, Chemistry on Mathematics concluded.

We hope that a considerable number of Students will enter for this Course. They will not become learned men;—but they will be introduced to many useful branches of knowledge: they will have the opportunity of acquiring habits of thought and research; and they will enjoy the invaluable benefits of mental training.

To those candidates for the ministry who are compelled to be satisfied with an English education, this Course is especially recommended. They can pursue their theological studies at the same time.

This arrangement will come into operation at the opening of next Term, Sept. 1. The theological Lectures will also be commenced at that time, and a Hebrew Class will be formed.

Yours truly,  
J. M. CRAMP.

Acadia College, July 15th, 1859.

**Religious Intelligence.**

**THE CANADA EAST BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION** held its first anniversary at Montreal, on the 25th ult. Although this body has been in existence but so short a time, they appear to have done some considerable amount of good. Seven Missionaries have been employed, some have been in the field eight months, some four and some two. The Missionaries do not all sustain the same relation to the Convention. Some of them are employed and directed by the Board, others receive their support from another quarter, and merely report through the Board. Within the past eight months, one church which had lost its viability, has been gathered together and revived; two new churches have been formed, twenty-four persons have been baptized, \$1086.41 expended, and the foundation laid for greater usefulness in time to come.

A warm interest was expressed in favour of *The Christian Messenger*, and the following resolution was passed:  
**Resolved**—That this Convention recommend that if possible, some person be found in the city of Montreal, who will become responsible for 500 copies of the *Christian Messenger*, and send them out as published in Montreal.

**DEATH OF REV. DR. BELCHER.**—Dr. Belcher for a short time pastor of Granville Street Baptist Church died on the 10th inst., at Philadelphia, in the 66th year of his age. His funeral took place on the 12th inst., from the first Baptist Church and was attended by a large concourse of his friends.

Father Chiniquy is preaching in New York.

**OPEN AIR PREACHING.**—On Sunday afternoon the 19th, many hundreds of persons were attracted to Covent-garden Market by an announcement that the Rev. Lord Wriothersley Russell, Canon of Windsor, and Deputy Clerk of the Closet to the Queen, a half-brother of Lord John Russell, M.P., and of the Duke of Bedford, would preach the first of a series of outdoor sermons, under the auspices of the London Diocesan Home Mission, of which the Bishop of London is president. At a few minutes before three o'clock a temporary platform was raised in the large space to the north of the grand avenue, and upon this, precisely as the clock of the church of St. Paul struck three, Lord W. Russell and the Rev. Henry Hutton, the rector of the parish took their stand. Lord W. Russell was habited in his black preaching gown. Mr. Hutton gave out the 23rd Psalm, which was sung by the congregation; after which he read a chapter from the New Testament and offered up a prayer. The 100th Psalm was then sung, printed copies of it being handed about for the accommodation of those who might not be acquainted with the words. Lord W. Russell then proceeded to deliver his sermon, which he founded upon the 11th chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, verse 28—"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." His lordship expatiated with great earnestness on the all-sufficiency of Christ, and dwelt upon the rest and happiness of those who trusted in him with the full assurance of faith. After preaching about half-an-hour, during which time he was listened to with marked attention, he stated that it had been with the greatest pleasure he had responded to the call to preach there that afternoon and then informed the people that the services would be continued every Sunday afternoon until further notice. The sermon next Sunday afternoon will be preached by the Rev. Henry Hutton, M.A., rector of St. Paul's. These services, promoted by the Diocesan Home Mission, are designed for the working classes, but the congregation in Covent-garden Market on Sunday was composed chiefly of well-dressed persons, principally men. When prayer was offered nearly every man present took off his hat, and the most respectful silence prevailed. Lord Charles Russell (the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons), Lord E. Russell, and Mr. Alscock, M. P., were among the auditory.

Rev. Dr. Morrison, late editor of "The Evangelical Magazine," an eminent and much esteemed Christian minister departed this life on Monday 20th ult., at his residence in Brompton near London, being sixty-eight years old. Till within three weeks of the closing scene he enjoyed the use of his intellectual faculties, reading and writing occasionally, and receiving the visits of his friends. The tone of his mind, in the daily prospect of death, was tranquil, serene, and, to the last moment of communicative consciousness, perfectly happy.

**ROMANIST.**—Confidence in the interposition of the saints and the power of the Virgin at this crisis are apparently failing at Rome. Fears of the worst kind absorb the mind of the Vicar of Christ. From his imperial son or his beloved Roman children he looks for the martyr's crown. A correspondent to a daily paper thus writes:—"A gentleman, just returned from Rome, recounts a late interview with the Pope, which will impress you with the dark anticipations by which the holy father was overcome. The gentleman, on taking his leave, begged a blessing from his Holiness, and as he had been despatched on a special mission from Paris from a religious community, and had several most interesting interviews with Pope Pius, he ventured to ask the holy father for a small souvenir of his person, which would be stored by him as a holy relic in after-life. The Pope was much moved at the separation and the request, and drawing from his bosom a small copper crucifix of no value, placed it in the hand of his visitor. 'Emblem of the martyrdom which awaits me,' said he, solemnly. 'It will remind you of the cruel crucifixion I have endured for years, compared to which, the physical torture most surely in reserve for me, ere long, will be as nothing.' The visitor bowed his head in silence and withdrew. He could not offer consolation or denial to what he felt must be the truth."

Ten thousand children in London alone, it was said by the Secretary of the Catholic Aid Society at a public meeting last Wednesday week, are drawn away every year from the Roman Catholic Church. The Society wanted money.

**General Intelligence.**

**Domestic and Foreign.**

**Three days later from Europe.**

Merchants' Exchange, Halifax July 18th, 1859  
Steamship "Indian Empire" arrived at Quebec yesterday (Sunday). Dates from Liverpool to 5th inst.

No more fighting.  
The Sarlinians were besieging Pochiera. French threatening Verona. Napoleon's headquarters was at Vallegio.

The German Diet had adopted Prussia's recommendation to place an army of observation on the Rhine.

Proceedings of Parliament unimportant.  
All qualities of Broadstuffs had slightly declined.

Provision market dull.  
Consols 93 to 94.

**THE FANCY FAIR** held by the Ladies of Granville Street chapel last week was quite a pleasant affair. The large Provincial Tent afforded a delightful shade and at the same time allowed a free circulation of air. It was a very hot day and the ices were in great demand. The strawberries and cream were excellent. The tables of fancy articles were arranged around the centre and being decked with evergreens the ladies appeared almost as if in a fairy bower. Certainly the ladies deserve great credit for industry, for there must have been much time, labour and taste expended in the preparation of such a variety of beautiful articles.

Not the least pleasing feature was the sociability of the occasion—old and young appeared equally to enter into the enjoyment. Objections are sometimes made to these gatherings and modes of raising funds for good objects, on account of their having improper features connected with them. On this occasion we are happy to say, nothing as far as we saw could have offended the most fastidious. The committee of arrangements deserve great credit. The patrons will be pleased to learn that the amount realized was upwards of £140.

**AQUATIC.**—Considerable interest was felt in a rowing match on Wednesday last. The prize was the splendid champion's belt. The boat started in two companies, so that the best man of the two should afterwards have a contest. These were Gallagher who won the belt last year and Geo. Lovett. The latter became the winner in a boat made of tin. Mr. Lovett is 20 years of age weighs 150lbs., and is 5 feet 4 inches in height. The distance rowed was 1 1/2 miles which was performed in 9 minutes and 2 seconds.

**DEATH OF THE HON. RUFUS CHOATE.**—This gentleman, so highly distinguished in the neighbouring republic, arrived in this city, by the Cunard steamer, on Friday the 1st instant. Being in a very infirm state of health, he had set out for Europe, accompanied by his son; but by the time he had reached Halifax the invalid had grown so much worse that it was considered unsafe to proceed any further. He therefore disembarked here and put up at Mrs. Jubien's, where he was attended by Dr. Domville, of the flag ship, and, we believe, other medical men. The patient recruited rapidly after his arrival here and his health was so far improved that he was beginning to plan his removal from Halifax, when, about 2 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday last—15th inst.—he had a sudden and violent attack which in a few minutes terminated fatally. Mr. Choate was probably since the Hon. Daniel Webster's death, the greatest barrister in the United States, everything considered. The

members of the legal profession of this city held a meeting at the Law Library, yesterday, at which they passed resolutions expressive of their condolence with the family of Mr. Choate, upon their great bereavement.

In consequence of the illness of Mr. Choate, son of the late Hon. Rufus Choate, the remains of his father will not leave for Boston until Wednesday (this day) morning next, the 20th inst. at half past six, A. M.—Mrs. Choate, the lady of the deceased arrived here on Thursday night in the Cunard steamer from Boston.—Recorder.

It has been decided to have but one Floral and Poultry exhibition in Halifax this season. It will be held in September.

The Cunard Company have contracted with Messrs. Robert Napier and Sons, and Messrs. James and George Thomson, of Clyde Bank Foundry, for the immediate construction of several large first-class steamers, to replace those recently sold to the Spanish Government.

**Prince Edward Island.**

A splendid banquet was given to General Williams in the Colonial Building Charlottetown on the 6th inst. His Excellency and lady were present. The whole is spoken of as highly creditable to all concerned. A larger number of people than were ever before in the city are said to assembled on the occasion.

The Rev. J. Narraway delivered a highly interesting lecture at Temperance Hall on "The position of Great Britain in relation to the present war in Italy". The delivery of the lecture—an extempore one—occupied about two hours.

**New Brunswick.**

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—Thomas Johnston Esq., son of the late Hon. Hugh Johnston, and his sister-in-law, Miss Hannah Gilbert of Gangetown were driving from church in a wagon on a road near the river, when the horse becoming restive backed into the river and both were drowned before assistance could be obtained.

**Canada.**

**THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.**—Notwithstanding the "dreadful" anticipations in reference to the crops, everything now gives a promise of future plenty. We have had an opportunity lately of seeing things both East and West of us, and though the hay will be short, the staple crops look splendid. "No acres killed by the frost," no midge, no rust, but wheat as clean and promising as one could wish. The weather was hot on Wednesday last, the thermometer standing at 96° in the shade, but since, it has been unusually cold.—Ch. Messenger.

**THE VICTORIA BRIDGE** is being roofed with tin to protect the iron tube from the effects of weather.

The steamer *Ploughboy*, on a trip from Colliwood to the Sault, with a large number of high officials with their ladies on board, broke her machinery on Saturday morning, and drifted before the gale towards the shore near Catib's Head. Fortunately she there found anchorage.

There was an influential meeting in Guelph on the 30th ult., at which the conduct of the present ministry was "denounced," and a "dissolution of the Union demanded."

A few years ago, vessels could scarcely be procured to carry away the surplus grain of the country; but now flour has been brought to Canada from France and sold by retail.

**DESTITUTION IN TORONTO.**—At a late meeting of the Toronto City Council, the Mayor called attention to the great amount of distress existing in the city. He said it was not merely a scarcity, but absolute destitution; one half of the mechanics, laborers, clerks, and copyists being without employment, or adequate means of subsistence. He suggested that to alleviate in some degree this destitution, the several public works resolved on by the Corporation, involving an outlay of £30,000, should be proceeded with at once, and pushed on vigorously; and that in addition to these other works requiring a loan of \$40,000 should be undertaken. He stated, also, that Mrs. McCutcheon, and other charitable ladies, had proposed the establishment of a lodging house for boys. Yet in face of such facts as these we have journals wandering at the decline of immigration, and devising schemes to add to the existing misery by encouraging the influx of labouring immigrants into a country where labour is a drug.—Montreal Commercial Advertiser.

M. Blondin, the man who crossed and recrossed the Niagara river on the 30th June, on a tight rope, performed the same feat on the 4th inst. blindfolded.

The debt of the Corporation of Montreal exceeds £800,000 and there is a deficiency this year to meet engagements of £87,000.

Snow fell at Hamilton C. W., between 12 and 1 o'clock on Tuesday the 21st ult.

**United States.**

**THE FOURTH OF JULY** was celebrated throughout the Union with its usual accompaniment of fire crackers and bonfires, not however, without many accidents and loss of life from burning.

It is said that Daniel E. Sickles has become entirely reconciled with his wife, and is now living with her in marital relations, as before the death of Philip Barton Key!

Ninety-five clerks were discharged from the New York Custom House on June 30. Their united salaries make over \$100,000 a-year.