

The annual public meeting of the CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held at Exeter Hall. The Earl of Chichester presided. The report, gave a detailed account of the operations in India, China, Africa, and other parts of the world. The following is the financial statement of the society for the year, appended to the report:—Income: Total received at home, 145,629l. 1s. 4d., including 13,579l. 1s. 4d., as a special fund for India. Total expenditure, 137,582l. 6s. 3d., including 9,448l. 1s. 9d. on account of expenditure charged to India fund. The society has at present 142 missionary stations, with 236 clergymen, 36 European laymen school-masters, lay agents, and printers; 11 European female teachers (exclusive of missionaries' wives), 2,007 native and country-born catechists and teachers of all classes not sent from home, and 19,480 communicants.

The annual public meeting of the WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held in Exeter Hall Sir A. Agnew, M. P., presided. The report gave most satisfactory and encouraging accounts of the mission in Germany, at Gibraltar, in India, China, South Africa, the West Indies, Canada, the Cape of Good Hope, and Australia. In many parts of the Connexion, both in the colonies and the foreign field, the work had been revived and the church edified and enlarged. The number of members returned this year was 32,180, which was an increase in the colonies of 1385, and in the mission stations of 2,687, being a total increase of 4,042. Besides this there were 6,897 persons on trial for membership, leaving in the colonies 1,758 and in the missions, 5,139. The balance-sheet showed an income for the year of 140,095l. 5 11d., and a general expenditure of 125,594l. 7s. 5d.

CHINESE BAPTISTS IN CHINA.—There has recently been organized a church consisting entirely of Chinese members. The following is a list of the officers, all of whom were chosen by ballot: Pastor, Shuck Seen Sang; Deacon, Tsuy Fook; Clerk, Yong Fo; Treasurer, Wong Choeg. This is the first church composed entirely of converted idolaters in the United States.

BAPTISMAL REGENERATION.—A writer in the New York Christian Advocate and Journal, with regard to the Methodist Sacramental Ritual, says, "The radical defect of the baptismal formula, is, they teach the doctrine of baptismal regeneration;" and he, therefore, proposes to alter them. Whereupon the New York Churchman exclaims: "If the Methodists erase that doctrine from their formula, the heavy wrath of God will certainly rest upon them, and their names be put out in obscure darkness. We can only pray that God in His infinite mercy may turn their hearts, that they may not venture upon a proceeding so blasphemous in its character!"

Revivals in all essential features like those in America, are said to be enjoyed in various Churches of France, and the power of prayer is felt and seen in the remarkable answers for individuals and communities. A union prayer meeting is held in Paris by the English residents every Monday.

NEW YORK CITY.—One hundred and thirty-two baptisms were reported at the Pastors' Conference in New York City, on Monday the 7th inst. Twenty-six at the South Church, 13 Bloomfield, 12 Cannon street, 8 East Bloomingdale and Sixth street, and others from one to six each.

A NEW CHURCH AMONG THE INDIANS IN CANADA WEST.—A Baptist Church has lately been organized among our native brethren and sisters on the Tuscarora Reservation, consisting at the time of its organization, of eight members. Additions have since been made by baptisms and by reception on experience, so that they now number sixteen; two more are received as candidates.

THE MIDNIGHT MEETINGS.—Another midnight meeting was held on Friday morning. On that occasion a large number of the unfortunate women assembled in St. James's Restaurant. Mr. La Touche presided, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Capel Molynoux and the Hon. and Rev. B. W. Noel. The results are said to be extremely gratifying. The committee report that the movement has been so successful, that they are determined to carry it on during the summer. More than a hundred females have been rescued from ruin, their average age being only twenty years. In the majority of cases they are said to be orphans, who originally came to London in the capacity of domestic servants.—Freeman May 2nd.

The African Baptist Church, in Augusta, Ga owns its minister, the congregation having bought him from his former master.

Letter from Mrs. Spurgeon.

The following letter to the Editors of the Watchman & Reflector indicate an amount of labour performed by Mr. Spurgeon which few men even in England could endure.

GENTLEMEN.—Mr Spurgeon is just now so overwhelmed with work, that he has been unable either to send you the desired letter, or to thank you for your last favor. . . . His labors are unceasing, day after day he leaves home in the early morning, travels some distance, preaches twice, and returns weary and exhausted only to renew his course of arduous exertion on the morrow. I have his engagement-book now lying open before me, and it may give you some idea of his real in his Master's service, if I tell you what work I find in it for the next three weeks. He will (D. V.) visit Birmingham

and Worcester, preaching not less than six sermons during the three days devoted to those two towns; Needirgworth and Sandbeach in Cambridgeshire, four sermons; Ashdon in Essex, two sermons; one sermon in Surrey Chapel, London, for the Religious Tract Society; another for the London Missionary Society, and one at Wandsworth, in behalf of the cause established there by one of his own students. These, together with two public meetings, the usual week-night services in Park Street Chapel; and the preaching at Exeter Hall, constitute an amount of work, which I think would almost alarm any other man. I have not taken into account the cares of his own church, the prayer-meetings, the church-meetings, the inquirers-meetings and the baptisms, all of which are conducted by himself. Sometimes he is even more laborious than I have described him, for I have known him preach ten, twelve and thirteen sermons a week (including Sunday) for three or four weeks consecutively, and then the labors I have mentioned seem but ordinary work.

I may as well say that Mr Spurgeon merely asked me gratefully to acknowledge your kind letter, but that I felt constrained to embrace the opportunity of giving you some slight notion of the extent of my dear husband's "work of faith and labor of love," that whenever any delay occurs in his correspondence, you may attribute it to the right source, and feel assured that only the "Master's" business prevents his immediate attention to your claims. Apologizing for this trespass on your time, I remain gentlemen,

Respectfully yours,
SUSIE SPURGEON.

Clapham, London, April 18, 1860.

Death of Dr. Maclay.

The venerable Dr. Archibald Maclay, who has for half a century occupied so large a space in our denominational history, departed this life in New York on Wednesday morning of last week, in the eighty-second year of his age. Though confined to the house for a number of months previous to his death, Dr. Maclay's mind remained as clear to the last moment as when in health, and his spirit passed so quietly away, that when a member of his family came to present him with his morning repast, she found the deep sleep of death had settled upon the venerable man, and that he was no more to bless them with his presence and his smile. So ended a good and valuable life. Truly, it was a scene of peace.

Dr. Maclay was born in Killerny, Scotland, on the 14th of May, 1778, on a farm called Green End, which had been cultivated by his family for several generations. The surrounding scenery had all the peculiar characteristics of the Scottish Highlands, being bold, picturesque and beautiful, and how much the impressions thence derived affected the future character of the man, it is difficult to estimate.

It was while thus engaged that he felt the first impulse towards the Christian ministry for which he gave early evidence of talent, and he went to Glasgow with a view of pursuing literary and theological studies. There he resided two years with Rev. Mr. Ewing, and one year with Rev. Mr. James, at Dundee, and subsequently completed his studies at the University of Edinburgh, at a period when the celebrated Dugald Stewart was one of its professors. While there he became acquainted with the Haldanes, so distinguished for piety, talent, and benevolence, and was by them advised and patronized in the prosecution of his studies and his first entering upon the work of the ministry. Robert Haldane was a remarkable instance of the inheritor of noble blood and of large patrimonial inheritance, selling out his estates for the purpose of devoting the proceeds to doing good.

After completing his studies, he received invitations from several Churches, but accepted one from Fifeshire, opposite Edinburgh, stipulating that he should be allowed at any time to go as a missionary to the East. This was the cherished purpose of his youth. The Congregational Churches in Scotland, with which he was connected, published their intention of sending missionaries to the East. He now pleaded his stipulation with his Church, offered himself, and was accepted. Owing to the opposition of the British Government in India, his contemplated removal thither was frustrated, and Dr. Maclay sailed for America.

He had not been long there before he gathered a Church in the city of New York, its doctrine being, what is usually called Presbyterian Congregationalist. His views on the subject of baptism undergoing a change, he resigned his charge, and was baptized in the latter part of 1808, by the Rev. John Williams, father of the Rev. Wm. Williams, D. D. He soon after organized what was known as the Mulberry street Baptist Church, of which he was pastor until 1837, when he resigned his charge, and entered into the service of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and continued therein for a period of fourteen years. He subsequently became an agent of the American Bible Union, and his services in behalf of both these organizations are too well known to need any detailed statement.

During the latter part of 1859, Dr. Maclay's uniform good health began to fail, but he was not confined to his house until the month of November. From that period until his death on the morning of the 2nd inst., he experienced a gradual decay of bodily strength, unaccompanied by any pain, and which never confined him to his bed.

On the morning of the 2nd inst., while breakfast was preparing for him he fell asleep, never again to wake, passing away so gently that those about him did not distinguish the moment which separated sleep from death.

General Intelligence.

Domestic and Foreign.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Halifax, May 15th, 1860.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Justices of the Peace:—*Inverness Co.*—Angus Murphy, (Port Hood); William Chisholm, (Mabou); Allan McQuarry, (Cape Mabou).

Yarmouth Co.—Charles Tooker, A. So, all gentlemen who have been heretofore appointed Magistrates for the District of Argyle.

Digby Co.—Thomas B. Tooker.
Shelburne Co.—David Swain, Obed W. Homer, Robert McIntosh, James Hogg, William Crews.

Kings Co.—John E. Pearson, (Aylesford); Nathan Tupper, (Horton).

Queens Co.—Edward P. Freeman
To be Registrar of the Court of Probate—Geo. C. Lawrence, Junr., in the place of Hiram Blanchard, resigned.

To be Commissioners of Schools:—*South Inverness*—John Murray, in place of the Hon. Wm. McKee, resigned. George C. Lawrence, in place of William Watt, deceased.

Richmond Co.—The Rev. Robert Brine, in place of the Rev. J. A. Shaw, deceased. John Frehill, in place of Joseph Martell, who has left the County.

Digby Co.—The Rev. P. J. Filluel, Rev. W. McCarty.

Clare Co.—The Rev. J. P. Roles, Rev. John P. Nowlan.

Kings Co.—William J. Fuller, Horton.
Queens Co.—To be Chief Inspector of Pickled Fish—David Dunlap, in place of Patrick, Gough, removed from the county.

Cumberland Co.—To be a Commissioner of Sewers—James G. Bliss, in place of Thomas Logan, resigned.

To be Supervisors of Great Roads:—From New Glasgow to the Strait of Canso—George W. A. Lowden, in place of Adam McKenzie.
Between Halifax and Lunenburg County line—Cyrus Boutillier, John P. Inglis.

To be a Master in the Supreme Court for the County of Sydney—Henry P. Hill.

To be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Lands in the County of Hants—George Francis McDonald.

BAND OF HOPE.—The Mic-mac "Band of Hope" gave an entertainment last week which greatly interested a large audience in Temperance Hall. We see no reason why each of the Divisions of Sons of Temperance in the City and county should not have a Band of Hope. It is simply a Juvenile Temperance Society under a Committee of the Division, consisting of members and Lady Visitors. Meetings might be held in public or otherwise at the discretion of the Managers.

HALIFAX VOLUNTEERS.—At a meeting of the officers of the various Companies in the city, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—Moved by Captain Caldwell, seconded by A. McKinlay, Esq., that the Halifax Volunteer Companies be formed into a Battalion, to be called "The Halifax Volunteer Battalion." Moved by Mr. Haliburton, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, that our distinguished fellow-countryman, Sir William Fenwick Williams be respectfully invited to accept the post of Colonel of the Halifax Volunteer Battalion.

In the Militia General Orders, dated Head Quarters, May 14th, Captain Chearnley is appointed Captain Commandant of the Halifax Volunteer Battalion.

FIRES.—*Fire at St. Peter's, C. B.*—*St. Peter's, C. B., Sunday, May 13, 1860.*—A bad fire broke out to-day. Have all office materials packed up in boxes, but cannot carry them away—fire all around in every direction. Great many people burnt out—office not gone yet, but in great danger. Wind blowing hard.

ANNE REGAN, Operator.

Second Despatch.—*Twelve o'clock, Midnight.*—Fire still raging—no prospects of saving anything but our lives. Send some one to fit up office again.

ANNE REGAN, Operator.

Telegraph to Jesse Hoyt.
The neighbourhood of Kentville has been the scene of great destruction by fires in the woods. It is said that hundreds of cords of wood have been destroyed. Dwelling houses have been partially, or wholly destroyed, and it is rumored that three children were burned to death. We hope the latter is incorrect.

A large quantity of Cordwood on the line of the Windsor Railway has been destroyed by the recent fires.

Matthew Thomas, son of Mary Thomas, of Halifax, and cousin of James Paul, first Chief of Mic-mac Indians, was drowned by the upsetting of a boat on the Panuke Lakes, on Monday, the 7th inst. The Indians are searching for his body.

JAMES PAUL,
Chief of Mic-mac Indians.

Windsor, May 15th, 1860.

At a late meeting of the Union Engine Company His Worship the Mayor presented that body with the Deed of the lots in the Camp Hill Cemetery, lately granted by the City Council, for the purpose of erecting a Fireman's Monument. The Deed was handsomely framed by the Messrs. Wetmore.

It is stated that proceedings are about to be commenced against the owners of the Canadian Line of Ocean Steamers for damages by the Underwriters of the cargo of the Hungarian, for the alleged illegal sale of the wreck and its contents.—*Journal.*

A PUBLIC MEETING is called at Masonic Hall, for this evening at 8 past 7 by His Worship the Mayor to make arrangements for giving His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales a suitable reception.

The Bricklayers in Granville Street struck for an increase of Wages on Monday last. They had been receiving \$2 per day, but want more.

To-morrow Thursday, the Queen's Birthday is to be a Public Holiday. Excursion trains will run at half fares.

The *Saturday Evening Transcript*, published by W. Cunnabell, is to be resumed in an enlarged and improved form, on Saturday next. We doubt not with the independence and variety indicated in the Prospectus it will be largely patronized.

Wm. Sutherland, Esq., has been appointed by the city authorities, to the office of Recorder.

St. John's, Newfoundland is suffering in consequence of partial failure of the Seal Fisheries.

Prince Edward Island.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—The Committee appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts have reported that they find the expenditure for the Financial year ending 31st January, 1860, amounts to £44,707 12s. 7d.; and the receipts for the same period to £41,106 3s. 10d., thereby showing an excess of expenditure over receipts of £3,601 8s. 8d. This amount of excess added to the balance standing against the Colony on the 31st January, 1859, exhibits a debt due by the Colony on the 31st January, 1860, of £43,448 18s. 11d.

The Schooner *Belvidere* bound for Bermuda, was lately destroyed by fire at sea about 12 miles from Wood Island. The crew were picked up in their boat the same evening.

New Brunswick.

THE POLITICAL FLURRY.—Last week we gave the rumor which was then current of the contemplated resignation of the Hon. Charles Connell from the Postmaster Generalship of New Brunswick. We regret to announce that such an event will in all probability take place at a very early day—if, indeed, His Excellency has not already returned to him the Sea's of this office. Rumors are now current that Mr. Connell has been for some time dissatisfied with some of his colleagues in the Executive.—*Intelligencer.*

Large Fires are reported in the woods in almost every county of New Brunswick. Several tracks of fine timber, piles of cordwood, and houses have been consumed.

A Stage coach runs at night between Frederickton and St. John, leaving each place about 7 in the evening and arriving soon after 6 the following morning.

A seaman named Daniel Chase was lost overboard from the steamer *Eastern City*, on Tuesday last, while on her passage from Eastport to this port. The steamer was immediately stopped and the body picked up, but life was extinct, the unfortunate man having come under the paddles, which struck him on the back of the neck, thus depriving him of life. He belonged to Massachusetts.—*New Brunswick.*

There are twenty-eight new buildings already up, on the burnt district at Woodstock.

The *Courier* has just entered on its fiftieth year. The Editor in noticing this fact remarks:—A glance over the earlier numbers may not occupy a misspent hour by the anxious student of our colonial and city annals. They yield a striking and running commentary on the evanescent nature and nothingness of sublunary aspirations; and the few remaining members of our busy community, whose names are found in the columns of the first sheets issued, will doubtless acknowledge that this every-day truth accords with their experience and convictions.

The present Proprietors are the sons of the original projector and publisher, the late HENRY CHUBB, who, for the space of forty-four years, gave his devoted attention to the onerous duties attaching to the conducting satisfactorily to all temperaments of readers and patrons, even a New Brunswick newspaper.

The barque *Emerald Isle*, recently reported abandoned at sea, and afterwards picked up by some Yarmouth men, was towed into port on Friday. The *Emerald Isle* is owned by Mr. C. McCarty. She cleared from this port with a cargo of timber on 31st March for Matanzas and was abandoned in a heavy storm before she was out of the Bay.—*St. John News.*

Canada.

The Spring is said to be very backward in Canada. The weather has been very cold and scarcely any rain. The first week in May however brought warmer weather.

MORALS IN LOWER CANADA.—The state of society in the Parish of St. Valentine, near St. John's, is said to be really frightful. According to the Herald, to such a state has society been reduced in the locality above mentioned that all kinds of threats of personal violence were submitted to as matters of course; immoveable property injured, horses were shamed, and open disregard of the law prevailed without notice or restraint. This state of things was believed to be owing to the malevolence of a certain class of persons there—the low tavern keepers, and so far did their influence for bad extend, that even the Priest of the parish, the Rev. Mr. Lussier was compelled, a comparatively short time ago, to leave.—*Quebec Chronicle*