

be requested to prepare an address for the next annual session of the Convention with the Central Association.

It was also resolved, 1 That this Convention recommend the holding of County S. S. Conventions; and 2nd, that one General Session of the Convention, at some convenient time and place, in the present year, within the boundaries of each Association, be summoned by Circular under the direction of the Chairman of the several Boards, to each S. School in the Association; for the purpose of gathering together Superintendents, Teachers, and others for mutual encouragement, and an increase of interest in Sabbath Schools.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

The twelfth Annual Session of the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association commenced on Saturday last, at Great Village, Londonderry.

The Baptist Churches in the Eastern part of the Province, although occupying a much greater extent of country than those of the Central and Western, and although the number of Churches is greater than in either of them, yet the number of its members is considerably smaller. Indeed many of the churches may very properly be considered merely missionary stations, which have no means of sustaining the regular preaching of the Gospel, yet a few persons, having received its truths, have united together for the purpose of christian fellowship and mutual edification. These parts present a strong claim to consideration, from the churches 'of the same faith and order' in other parts of the province, for aid to enable them to maintain their position, and make advances on the kingdom of darkness.

The vastness of the region over which these churches are scattered, presents a formidable barrier to a large representation at the Associational gatherings. The place of meeting being somewhat more central this year, than is often the case, a larger number of delegates than usual assembled at the Great Village.

The Baptist meeting-house being somewhat small,—it was supposed when the invitation was given last year, that it would be enlarged,—and the Presbyterians having a very large one, the generous offer was kindly made by them to the Baptist Church, of that spacious edifice, for the Association to hold its meetings. This was gratefully accepted, and—probably for the first time—this Association held its meetings in a Presbyterian meeting-house,—an excellent return for a similar favor at Bridgetown, a week or two since, when the Baptist chapel was lent to the Presbyterians for an ordination service.

Although the place had such ample accommodations,—it being estimated to seat 10 or 1200 persons,—yet it soon became evident, on Saturday last, that it would be all required. Soon after 2 o'clock the place was filled. After devotional exercises, the Rev. Mr. Balcom called for the letters. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock was elected Moderator; and the Rev. A. F. Porter and Brother T. H. Rand, Secretaries; and Henry C. Upham, Treasurer.

The letters from the churches were read by Brethren S. Selden and Rev. T. H. Porter. Some few of these indicated important additions to their membership, but in quite a number there had been slight diminutions. Five new churches applied for admission into the Association, at New Harbor, Sand Point, Goshen, in N. S. and at West, and Dog Rivers, and Grand River in P. E. Island. After testimony had been given concerning them, by the delegates sent as representatives, they were received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

On Lord's Day morning, a vast assemblage gathered, to the number of probably 12 or 13,000 persons, filling the Meeting-house to its utmost capacity, and a large number being obliged to stand outside. The Rev. B. Scott, preached a faithful discourse from Luke 18. 18. "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life." In which he shewed that universal anxiety existed regarding the future life. The young man wanted something to do, and Christ applied to him, his own test—sell all that he had &c. He noticed 1, the favorable features in his character. 2, the defects noticed by Christ; and 3, the lesson to be learned from the brief history of the young man.

In the afternoon, after prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wylie, the Presbyterian minister, the Rev. W. Burton, preached from Isaiah, 66. 2. He described the great contrast between fallen man, and his Maker, and the mighty stoop exhibited in His condescending to come and change man's nature, renew the relationship of father, and dwell with him.

The Baptist meeting house was also occupied on the afternoon by a congregation. The Rev. Levi H. Marshall, of N. B. preached. Other ministers also officiated in several places in the neighbourhood.

In the evening, Rev. S. W. deBlois preached from Ephesians 4. 30, "Sealed unto the day of redemption." He brought out by various

illustrations the character of man, as having the image of God in which he was created, now entirely obliterated—the deformity in his mental powers and moral characteristics, shewing that he had lost the lineaments originally given. The believer however is scaled—he has an impression made upon him which not only restores the likeness, but gives to him a pledge of entire renewal, and ultimate deliverance from all imperfection, disgrace and sorrow. The Father, Son and Spirit are engaged in the work of transformation and it cannot ultimately fail.

AS IT SHOULD BE.—At the recent Session of the Hudson River Baptist Association held at Hudson N. Y. the following resolution was passed unanimously with deep emotion:

"Resolved, That we ought and hereby do offer to the Great Head of the church our profound thanksgiving for an unusually pleasant and profitable session of this body."

A spirit of honest sincere brotherly love presided, giving tone to everything."

We have received a small pamphlet of 8 pages entitled "Minutes of the Particular Dependent Close-Communion Baptists" printed at Sackville N. B. The names given of those who were attendance are Elder Joshua Bunting, Elder David Lawson, and Bro. Alexander Barnett.

Elder Bunting received Elder Lawson into fellowship, after he had given his reasons for leaving the Associated Baptists!

On Monday, the subject of building Mission houses for the ministers was discussed, and it was finally agreed that one be built at Upham. (Elder Bunting is the pastor of the Particular Dependent Church at Upham.

Methodist Conference.

We learn from a report of the Conference proceedings as published in the Westeyan of last week, that the following are some of the changes made in the stations.

Halifax.—Revs. J. S. Addy, J. Lathern, J. McMurray; and H. Pope 1st, and A. McNutt, Supernumeraries.

The Rev. John Brewster is to be at Charlottetown P. E. I.

The Rev. P. Smallwood is allowed to rest another year at Windsor.

The Rev. C. DeWolfe, D. D. is professor of the Sackville Theological Institution, but is allowed to be appointed to N. E. Harbor, Liverpool District, for a year, on account of the exigencies of the work.

On Monday evening, June 30th, an Ordination service was held in the Brunswick Street church. Eight young men, who had completed their four years probation to the work of the Ministry, named respectively, A. T. Futte, W. Parkin, J. Waterhouse, W. Ryan, J. Teesdale, J. Thurlow, S. F. Huestis, and D. B. Scott. Their reception into full connection was moved by the Rev. H. Pope Sen. and seconded by the Rev. C. Churchill, and voted by the members of the Conference standing up. Each candidate gave an account of his conversion and call to the work, after which the President gave them an impressive and faithful charge.

THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.

We learn from our contemporary of last week, that the Rev. C. Churchill, A. M., who for some time past has held the office of Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan, and Book Steward, has been succeeded by the Rev. J. McMurray. The former gentleman presents his "Valedictory" to the readers of that periodical, and introduces his successor to his readers. He says, "We have been cheered with the highest meed of praise we ever expected to receive for our exertions, in the fact that, during the two years, we have not received one line of complaint, as to the editorial management, from either contributor or subscriber." The Rev. gentleman leaves as he states "with the prospect of an almost immediate embarkation for our own, our native land."

We tender to our worthy brother our best wishes for his future welfare, on his departure for the mother country. We also beg leave to welcome our friend Mr. McMurray to the editorial corps of the city, and bespeak for him a participation in all the honors, immunities, and privileges of the fraternity.

We learn from the report of Conference proceedings, that another change is to be made in the office of our contemporary. Mr. Chamberlain, for some time foreman in the P. Wesleyan printing office, made an offer to purchase the presses, type, and stock of the printing establishment, and to print the P. Wesleyan at a certain fixed rate. The proposal was accepted by the Conference. We have not been informed of the reason for this change, but can well suppose that it is made on the score

of economy, and the necessity for bringing the expenditure to meet the necessities of the times.

News Summary.

The long expected conflict between the Northern and Southern Armies in front of Richmond, has at length taken place. On Thursday the 26th of June the battle commenced by an attack of the Confederates, said, in the Northern papers to have been fifty thousand strong, on the right wing of Gen. McClellan's Army. The fight appears to have continued with more or less intermission and severity during the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th. The Federalists were forced back after a severe and bloody contest, and appear by their own accounts to have lost 10 guns and 1200 men on one day, Friday the 27th. The particulars of subsequent events are so confused and unsatisfactory that no correct idea of the whole results can be come at.—The Federalist Army have been driven back across the Chickahominy river 17 miles, no doubt with very heavy losses. They claim however to have obtained, not a victory, but some great strategic advantage, which will render the capture of Richmond more certain. They also report that they have taken 4000 prisoners. The retreat was only effected by the army falling back to the protection of their Gun-boats on James's River. Large reinforcements were joining Gen. McClellan's army during and after the battle, and it is also said that reinforcements were added to the Confederate army by the union of the forces of Gen. Beauregard, who appears to have been present in the battle. Generals Johnston and Lee were also among the principal Confederate Commanders. The former said to be wounded. The Federalists assert that the Confederates were greatly superior in numbers. If so, considering the time that has been spent, and the caution observed in approaching the Confederate lines before Richmond, and the vast resources in men and warlike advantages which the North possess, there would assuredly seem to have been a deficiency somewhere. With the unwonted care with which all reliable information of passing events is prevented from being circulated through the country, it is not at all probable that any correct accounts of the conflict will reach us for some time to come.

Notices, &c.

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Wanted, Volumes of the Christian Messenger for 1838 and 1839. Any person having these and being willing to dispose of them, will much oblige by giving information to that effect. Address to Christian Messenger Office, Halifax.

The Foreign Missionary Board is to meet, (D. V.) in Tremont, on Tuesday, July 15th, at 2 P. M. A full attendance is requested. C. TUPPER, Secretary. Tremont, Aylesford, June 27th, 1862.

The Baptist Anniversaries.

THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF N. B. will meet at Newcastle, Grand Lake, on the third Thursday in September. BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, New Brunswick and P. E. I. will meet at Moncton, N. B., on Saturday August 23rd, at 2 o'clock.

LETTERS RECEIVED will be acknowledged next week.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

The Half-holiday movement was very partially observed last Saturday.

A new Volunteer Rifle Company has been formed in this City during the last few days, under the title of the "City Guards."

A large quantity of gold was taken out lately from a claim owned by Mr. Calaher at Isaac's Harbor. This is a new discovery and has created much excitement there.—Journal.

An Examination of the Pupils of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, took place at Temperance Hall on Friday evening, 4th Inst. There were about forty young persons of various ages present, who gave great satisfaction to the audience by their various exercises in Arithmetic, Writing, Spelling, and Geography. Their teacher also read several essays on different subjects, composed by those under his care.

We are sorry to have to record the death of two Nova Scotians in the late battles in the States. Lieutenant R. Nugent fell at Mechanicsville; he was from Halifax, a son of the late R. Nugent, Esq., Editor of the Halifax Sun.—Mr. R. McCully, of Truro, son of W. McCully, Esq., died at Fort Darling, near Richmond from the effect of wounds received while in charge of a three gun battery.

The Steamer Niagara, from Quebec, bound to New York, touched at this port on Wednesday evening last, for the purpose of procuring a supply of coals. This vessel was built on the shores of Lake Erie, in the waters of which she

has been employed for several years, but was recently purchased by parties in New York, and is now under the American flag. She is fitted with two stories of cabins and saloons on the Mississippi plan, and looks somewhat like the picture of Noah's Ark.—Interiorly this steamer is elegantly furnished, and has accommodations for about four hundred passengers. Her Engines are on the high-pressure principle, and judging from her sharp ends, light draft, long floor, and diameter of paddle, she must be a very fast vessel. After receiving a supply of coals at Central wharf, she proceeded on to her destination, where it is expected she will be taken up for the Federal transport service.—Express.

The season has thus far been cold and altogether unfavourable to the growing crops. Hay will be light; the recent rains to the contrary notwithstanding. Potatoes were backward; but the late wet weather must necessarily give them a great impetus. Cereals, we understand, promise well.—Express.

PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A public meeting was held at Temperance Hall, on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Temperance Aid Association. About forty Wesleyan Ministers, who came to this city to attend the Conference, occupied the platform, and comprised the speakers of the evening. Mr. Manly of the 17th Regimental Band presided at the Piano with his usual skill and good taste.—Journal.

The Yarmouth Tribune reports that twelve million feet of pine lumber are sawn annually at Milton Queen's, and that there are from fifteen to twenty million feet of lumber shipped every year from Port Medway. Mills Village, about four miles from that port, produces about ten million feet of lumber yearly.

We take the following items from the Pietou Chronicle:—An abandoned brig, the Hudson, belonging to Ireland, was found off Merigonishe on Tuesday last, loaded full with deal. She was towed into this harbor by the George McKenzie.

Copious rains have fallen recently, and the weather for several days has been dark and cool. Quite a good prospect now exists for the growth of all kinds of crops, although the grass still seems short, as though scarcely recovered from the unfavourable season of last year.

The fruit trees have become attacked by a large species of caterpillar, which swarms in myriads, and threatens great destruction as the season advances.—Reporter.

ISAAC'S HARBOUR

Gold Diggins, June 26th, 1862.

MR. EDITOR.—But little has appeared in the Christian Messenger in reference to the prospects of the gold fields at this place, compared with what has been forwarded from our neighbouring gold districts.

Sherbrooke and Wine Harbour have had their names circulated to a great extent. They have great numbers of people in those places, and they are coming in daily by Steamboats and other conveyances, but we are here searching silently for the hidden treasure.

The miners here in general appear to be in good cheer, and are working diligently taking out quartz, but cannot make a true estimate of its real value until there are means for getting it crushed. There are a number of different leads here, and parties more or less at work on them all. One known as the Big lead promises to be exceedingly rich, some Companies are at work taking out quartz that show some splendid specimens. This cheers the miner, when he can see the pure metal glistening. All the other leads prove very favourable so far as we can judge. There are many, sinking shafts through the bed rock on the Burk lead, of which several companies have succeeded and taken out quartz, supposed to be worth two hundred dollars per ton, this forces us to claim the promise of a rich gold field, such as it is doubtful if it will be equalled by any in the Province.

There are two Crushers building here that are expected to be in operation in July. Large quantities of quartz are now awaiting their time. We cannot easily give your readers a true account of the number of miners at work here.—On Sundays our Meeting houses are filled, as close as they can possibly sit.

Should there be any, thinking of coming to Isaac's Harbour in search for gold, I would say to such, come with the expectation and intention of working, or using the means and it shall be yours. We can show you an extensive gold field, and a beautiful Harbour, in which you can safely anchor your vessel, should you come in that way; you will not be molested by the enemy—tide, that will swing your vessel's stern to the wind in a seven knot breeze.

Yours, J. Mc M.

New Brunswick.

The parties injured by the Railway accident last winter near St. John, intend suing the New Brunswick government for damages.

The St. John Courier says that there is every prospect of a small crop of hay in New Brunswick this season, and suggests the propriety of farmers raising green oats to make up the deficiency.

Samples of the production of the first Cotton Mill built in New Brunswick, have been submitted to competent authorities, and they have pronounced them equal to any other similar textile fabrics manufactured either in Europe or India. The issue in yards from these mills may be considered to be equal to 10,000 a week.—Reporter.