

pliations of them. I find in his autobiographical notes the following passage:—I must not forget one peculiarity in my character, which perhaps I carried to an extreme—regardlessness of money and all saving habits. I found my wants always supplied, and, without being extravagant, I lived comfortably and cheerfully, not caring at all about the morrow or a future day. Upon any little sudden turn of good fortune, or any unexpected trifle coming into my possession, I looked upon it as a token that I might solace myself by recreation from ordinary labour, and was never easy till I did so. I have thus enjoyed life, was always thankful to providence, and always ready to help others. In the marriage-state I sought for love and union of souls, and was not influenced by mercenary considerations. While he was resolved to enjoy life, as he says, my poor mother had often to suffer in secret. While she would sum up figures, he would sing a hymn. She too, on occasions, could join in the hymn, but he would not join in the sum. He trusted in Providence, and relied upon 'the promises.' She had to confront tradesmen who trusted no one, and who demanded other promises than those of Scripture.

"My mother has secretly told me that she was often envied in having a saint for a husband, while she was thinking that she would, at least in this world, have been better off with a sinner. Having taken a saint, she might at least be pardoned for wishing that the said saint had come under the obligation of fasting as well as that of comparative poverty."

A SUGGESTION.—Our brethren in Prince Edward Island have labored under many disadvantages arising from their isolated position. There has been less intercourse between the Baptist ministers on the Island and those in Nova Scotia than is desirable, from the same circumstance. An opportunity will be offered by the assembling of the Eastern Association at Bedeque, of partially applying a remedy to this state of things. It has been suggested that if any of the ministering brethren could make arrangements to remain on the Island a few weeks after the Association, they might be the means of doing much good. We have been assured that if there should be any so disposed, they will find a hearty welcome, and, by the blessing of God on their labors, may do much for the cause of truth and righteousness. We hope to hear that the hint has been taken, and we doubt not the churches who thus give up their pastor for a week or two, will be amply repaid by his recruited health and strength arising from the change.

Acadia College Anniversary.

This season is looked forward to with pleasing and anxious anticipation by those who have been laboring at their books and studies from morning to night for the past year. Parents, and friends too, participate in the solicitude of the occasion. Professors and teachers also regard this as the culmination of their labors with their graduates, and all feel it to be a gathering-together of the friends and patrons of learning, such as no other occasion affords.

The splendid weather on Friday last contributed to the attractions of Wolfville, and brought together a large assemblage from the neighborhood, and some from long distances, to witness and join in the proceedings of the day.

The usual long imposing procession of Students, Graduates, Professors, Governors, and friends, marshalled by Mr. J. S. Morse, having arrived from the College, the preliminary exercises of prayer and praise were observed. The Orations were then delivered on the following subjects, and in order as follows:

- BY UNDER-GRADUATES. Glimpses of Nature's Harmony, Israel A. Blair, Onslow. Casidicus, Edwin D. King, Onslow. BY GRADUATES. The character of Paul's audience at the Areopagus, Rev. Edward M. Saunders, A. B., Berwick. Conformity, John Y. Payzant, A. B. The transition period of life, James E. Wells, A. B. The Process, Robert V. Jones, A. B. Clothing Ideas, T. Harding Rand, A. B.

The ceremony of conferring the Degrees of Bachelors of Arts on the under-Graduates and Master of Arts on the Graduates, was performed by the President, who gave a paternal address to those he had invested with the literary honors they had so well earned,—setting before them the position they now occupied and their future prospects; and showing the important principles and motives by which they should be influenced and governed.

We should be glad to notice the character of the Orations, but to do so separately would occupy too much space, and might subject us to a charge of partiality, where they all were so good. The gentlemen named above are well known to have already earned

high literary distinction, and nothing is needed but the elucidation of the titles of their Orations to convince our readers that the privilege of listening to them was no ordinary intellectual treat. Suffice it to say that in the opinion of those best able to judge they were masterly compositions, and highly creditable to the authors, as well as to their Alma Mater. At intervals, Anthems were ably performed by the choir.

At the close of the proceedings, the patriotic strains of the National Anthem were sung by the choir and congregation, and the Benediction was pronounced.

We should be glad to give some account of the Examination of the Horton Academy, and Ladies' Seminary, but as we have not learned the particulars, shall wait with the hope that a communication will arrive before our next issue.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society was held on Thursday evening last, at Wolfville, the Vice-President, Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M., in the chair.

After the preliminary business had been transacted, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Rev. John Pryor, D. D., President; Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M., Vice President; John Y. Payzant, A. M., Secretary. The Rev. S. W. deBlois and Rev. E. M. Saunders, the retiring Directors, were re-elected. It was resolved,

That the thanks of this Association be presented to Dr. Tupper, M. P. P., and Robert L. Wetherbe, Esq., for the interest manifested by them in this Society while President and Secretary of the same.

A Committee was appointed to revise the Bye-Laws and report at an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday the 22nd inst., during the session of the Central Baptist Association at Upper Aylesford, and to consider the report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

A special General Meeting was also determined to be held at Amherst, on the 24th of August ensuing. (See Notice.)

THE REV. E. C. CADY is appointed on an Agency in behalf of the N. B. Baptist Union Society, and proposes to visit the churches in the N. B. Eastern Association before its Annual Session at Sackville.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Annual Report of the Water Commissioners. It indicates somewhat the immense work which has been performed in supplying the city so abundantly with that necessary element of health and security. The works have cost much, but they are worth incalculably more.

News Summary.

The Royal Mail Steamer Africa arrived yesterday with European dates to the 30th ult.

Mr. Roebuck, on the 29th, in the Imperial Parliament, gave notice of a motion for recognition of the Southern States. On Tuesday May 26th, a great public meeting, in favor of the South, was held at Sheffield. It is said that 10,000 persons were present. A resolution in favor of the acknowledgement of the Confederacy by the British Government, acting in harmony with the great Powers of Europe, was carried by a large majority.

The Lancashire operatives seem determined on emigration, as the most effectual remedy for the existing distress.

The Greek Question seems to be pretty nearly settled. Prince William of Denmark will accept the Crown of Greece for himself and his successors.

The insurrection in Poland seems to extend, if the accounts are reliable which arrive each succeeding day. The present resources of Russia it appears are insufficient to cope with the great work of putting down the rebellion.

The discovery of the source of the river Nile is exciting considerable interest in the scientific world.

THERE is no later European news of any moment than was given in our last. The leading feature at present in the American contest is the siege of Vicksburg. This fortress, although frequently reported captured, still appears to hold out. The siege is conducted by General Grant, with a numerous army, and unless something shall be shortly effected from without for its relief, there is great reason to believe that it will fall into the hands of the Federals. Its capture is of much importance, as it would give them the undisputed trade of the river Mississippi, as well as greatly facilitate the warlike operations at other points. Every thing appears quiet at present in the armies on the Rappahannock.

Political Matters.

THE Heads of Departments in our Provincial Government tendered their resignations of office on Friday last, which were accepted, but with the request to hold them until their successors were appointed. In the afternoon of the same date, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requested the Hon. Mr. Johnston to meet him on the following day in reference to forming a new Administration. We understand that the supporters of the Opposition have been invited by Mr. Johnston to meet him in Halifax, in reference to the formation of an Executive Council and filling the offices of government.

The Sun and Chronicle inform us that the trade and finances of the province are in a very healthful condition, and that the incoming government will therefore have an easy task to keep things straight! It has been affirmed by some, who fancy they know, that the newly-elected members of Legislature have been greatly tormented by hungry office-seekers. The report is since denied,—not only so, but it is said that there will be but few of those lately elected as representatives, belonging to the party in the ascendant, who will care to give up their business to fill the offices of government.

A funny report came to our ears a few days ago—that we had applied for the office of Queen's Printer,—and that there were no less than nine applications for the honor of printing the Royal Gazette. We recommend the receivers of such tattling to believe nothing they hear, and only half of what they see, and to be careful what they repeat in these times. They will thus probably tell fewer untruths.

PROGRESS OF HON. MR. JOHNSTON FROM ANNAPOLIS TO HALIFAX.—A long procession of the friends and supporters of Mr. Johnston, in carriages and on horseback, escorted him from Annapolis to Bridgetown, on Saturday, the 30th ult. On Monday they proceeded, with additions, towards Kings County. The cortege is said to have been a mile in length. At the line which divides the two counties a number of the men of Kings met the escort and a new procession was formed, which increased as it proceeded towards Wolfville. On Tuesday a body of his friends from Hants met and accompanied him to Windsor. On Wednesday, having come by railroad to the four-mile house, a large number of gentlemen from Halifax, in carriages and on horseback, met him, and about 5 o'clock proceeded into the city. The principal carriage containing the Hon. Mr. Johnston, Hon. W. Black, and Dr. Tupper, was drawn by four fine greys, handsomely caparisoned for the occasion; on each side were several horsemen. But for the intolerable dust it would have been a grand demonstration. The procession passed through Hollis Street and returned by way of Pleasant Street to the Grand Parade, where speeches were given to the vast assemblage by Hon. Mr. Johnston, Dr. Tupper, Messrs. Tobin, Shannon and Pryor. At the close, it being dark, a torch light procession was formed to the steamboat. On the Dartmouth side another body of friends met him, and accompanied him to his residence.

Notices, &c.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND FRIENDS.—We omitted to mention last week that any of our Agents or Subscribers who may take monies to the Western Association, with the expectation of meeting us there, will much oblige us by making payment of the same to the Rev. Dr. Tupper, who has kindly consented to attend to this matter on our behalf.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The Report of Ordination of Rev. James Palmer, and of Donation to Rev. James Spencer, will appear next week.

Going to the Associations.

We have applied to the Chief Commissioner of Railways, concerning the fare for Delegates to the Associations, and are happy to inform the brethren that Ministers and Delegates duly accredited will be permitted to pass to and from their Annual Religious Meetings for one first class fare. Return Tickets to be good for one month.

Messrs. King have also engaged to give the same privilege by their Coaches from Windsor to Aylesford and places intermediate and back. Mr. Hyde will also take Delegates by his Line of Coaches from Truro to Pictou, and return at reduced fare—for four dollars.

The mode of procedure in each case, we presume, will be to pay the usual fare on proceeding to the several Meetings, informing the person receiving the fare that you go under this arrangement, and when at the Association, for the Moderator to give to each of said persons, a Card Certificate of their being actually in attendance. This card to be the voucher for returning free by the same conveyance.

Arrangements have been made with the proprietors of the steamer Westmorland to carry Delegates and others for the purpose of attending the Eastern Baptist Association from Pictou, N. S., or Shediac, N. B., to Charlottetown, or Summerside, (which is but a short distance from Bedeque), or from Charlottetown to Summerside, there and back for one fare.

The Westmorland leaves Pictou for Charlottetown and Summerside on Mondays and Thursdays at midnight. She also leaves Shediac on Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Tickets may be obtained from J. R. Noonan, Esq., Pictou, or Mr. S. McKeen, Shediac, or on board the steamer.

Western Baptist Association.

Delegates to the Association are requested to come direct to the Meeting House, where a Committee will be in waiting to receive them, and instruct them where they may be accommodated. Yarmouth, June 2nd, 1863.

Associated Alumni of Acadia College.

There will be a Special General meeting of this society at Amherst, on the 24th day of August next, for the purpose of amending the Constitution, and transacting other business.

JOHN Y. PAYZANT, Secretary.

Sabbath School Convention of Eastern Association.

Superintendents will please send their returns to Bro. Henry Upham, Great Village, Londonderry. T. H. RAND, Secretary.

Wolfville, June 6th, 1863.

Monthly Meeting of Home Missionary Board.

IN THE VESTRY OF THE GRANVILLE STREET CHAPEL. Halifax, 3rd June.

Present—The President in the chair. Rev. Dr. Pryor, Rev. A. H. Munro, Brethren D. McN. Parker, M. D., H. N. Paint, S. Seiden, Geo. Robbins, Thos. Wesley and Secretary.

Communications from Revs. Benj. Scott, J. E. Balam, Alfred Chipman, Brethren D. A. Steele, Wm. Boggs, (2), P. H. Foster, and Wm. Cummings. Appointments—Bro. Wm. Boggs, 6 weeks in Lunenburg Co., under the direction of Bro. March. Rev. B. Scott, 8 weeks from the Strait of Canso to Margaree, Cape Breton.

Received since last report. From members of the Onslow Church,— Amanda Blair, \$8.44 Isabella Smith, 1.00 A Friend, 0.56 \$10.00 Amount of funds in the Treasury, 443.67 Liabilities of the Board, (say), 450.00 R. N. BECKWITH, Sec. H. M. Board.

Baptist Associations, 1863.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Western Association is appointed to meet with the first Church of Yarmouth, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on Saturday the 13th day of June.

The Central Association is appointed to meet with the Church at Upper Aylesford, on the 20th day of June.

The Eastern Association is appointed to meet with the Church at Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, on Saturday the 4th day of July.

Letters Received.

Rev. D. Freeman, 1st. 1 sub. Rev. B. Scott, 2nd. Isaiah Thurber, Esq., 27th. 20s. S. Brown, Esq., 2nd. M. P. Freeman, 31st. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 5th. G. V. Rand, 6th. Asaph Marshall, 6th. £2 3s. 9d. Rev. James Spencer, 31st.

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