

Religious Intelligence.

CANNING, CORNWALLIS.—Rev. David Freeman informs us, June 1st,—“The revival here still continues. I have baptized 29 since the work commenced, and more are on the way to Zion. During last month (May) 26 were baptized, and 27 others were welcomed by letter,—making an addition of 53,—nearly doubling the church in one month. To God be all the praise.”

DIGBY.—Rev. James Spencer writes:—“I am pleased to be able to inform you that the interest of the Redeemer's cause has been prospering to some extent with us during the past spring and winter. I have had the pleasure of baptizing nine professing believers since I last wrote you. Four more at 2nd Hillsburg, four in this Town and one at Hillgrove, in all eighteen.”

Prince Edward Island.

CHARLOTTETOWN is to be the scene of various ecclesiastical gatherings this month. The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces is to commence on the 24th inst.

The Annual Synod of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island will also meet at Charlottetown on the same day.

The Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America will commence its session at Charlottetown also on the same day.

The Eastern Baptist Association, (not Convention, as in the Presbyterian Witness,) will meet at Bedeque, (not Charlottetown, as intimated in the same paper,) on the 4th of July.

The new Wesleyan Chapel to be built at Charlottetown, is to be of brick, stone and iron, and is expected to seat about two thousand persons. The Rev. Mr. Brewster, it appears, has been the means of inducing the commencement of this large edifice.

Canada.

MONTREAL.—The past month or six weeks have proved a time of great rejoicing to the First Baptist Church of Montreal. The congregations have largely increased on the Sabbath, and a very general spirit of inquiry prevails on the subject of religion. In addition to ten baptized in the end of March, four hopeful converts were “buried with Christ” on the evening of the 12th of April, and five more on the evening of the Lord's-day, the 10th of May. On both occasions the congregation was very large.

The young men's meeting every Monday evening is one of deep interest. Scarcely a Monday evening has passed without new cases of inquirers from this interesting portion of the community presenting themselves. The Bible classes, under the care of the pastor and other brethren are full of encouragement.

TORONTO, BOND-STREET CHURCH.—Dr. Caldwell baptized eleven more converts in the Bond-street church last Sabbath evening.—The religious interest is unabated, numbers having made application for membership; and there are some, not yet before the church, in a deeply solicitous state of mind.—Canadian Baptist.

United States.

The laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church are moving in earnest for representation in the General Conference. A large Convention was held in New York last week, at which delegates were present from the free, as well as the border slave States, and resolutions were adopted strongly favoring the rights of laymen, and money was raised to be spent in promoting them. Governor Wright, of Indiana, presided over the Convention, and Methodist laymen of the highest responsibility are in the movement.—Ib.

Liberty.—Deacon Philo Carpenter, of Chicago, proposes to give \$20,000 to endow four professorships in the Congregational Theological Seminary, provided an equal amount be raised by other parties. Or he will give \$5,000 for any one, as often as another \$5,000 is raised.

The remarkable religious interest in the Baptist churches of Philadelphia still continues.—The Christian Chronicle reports the baptism of twenty-two persons on the 10th inst., by Dr. Jeffrey, of the Fourth church, making one hundred and thirty-five in all since the first of February. Thirteen were baptized on the same day by Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, of the eleventh church; six by Rev. Mr. Cooper, of the Berean church; fifteen by Rev. J. Wheaton Smith, of Spruce-street; and five by Rev. T. S. Malcolm, of Nicetown.—Ib.

NEW ZEALAND.—The native churches in New Zealand have suffered from the wars and political agitations of the last few years. The thoughts of the people have been diverted to questions of chief social interest; and as regards things spiritual much languor prevails. The fact of most encouragement is the increase of the native pastorate and the satisfactory character of those who have been admitted into it.

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

ERRATA.—We find by later arrivals of intelligence from different parts of the province, that some few corrections are necessary of the numbers of the majorities at the late Elections, given in our last issue:

Pictou East, instead of “about 400,” read about 450.  
Pictou West, instead of “400,” read 140.  
Halifax East, instead of “about 100,” read 362.

In Guysborough County Stewart Campbell was elected, by having 3 votes more than J. J. Marshall.

NATIONAL DIVISION, SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The Representatives from the various Grand Divisions of the Order will meet in National Division in this city to-morrow (Thursday). The following is the Programme of the committee of arrangements.

Wednesday June 10.—Grand Division of Nova Scotia will meet in special session at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Division Room, Temperance Hall. It is probable a second sitting will be held in the evening.

Thursday June 11.—A Public Breakfast will be given to members of National Division at 8 o'clock, A. M., at the Halifax Hotel. Tickets 75 cents each; to be had only of H. A. Taylor, the Grand Scribe, the Grand Sentinel, (W. Murray,) and Edward Morrison. The number of tickets will be limited.

The National Division will sit in session in fore noon and afternoon. Place of Meeting—House of Assembly Room.

At 8 o'clock in the evening a Grand Public Reception will be given to Members of National Division, at the Temperance Hall. Members of the Order to appear in Regalia. Addresses of Welcome will be presented by the Grand and City Divisions. Speeches will be made by distinguished visitors. Further information will be given by placards. Tickets 12 1/2 cents each, to be had of H. A. Taylor, Sackville Street; G. S. Yates, George Street; R. & J. Wetmore, Granville Street; and at the Hall.

Friday, June 12.—National Division will sit in session in the forenoon.

In the afternoon there will be a Grand Procession of the Order.

At 8 o'clock in the evening there will be a Grand Public Meeting at Temperance Hall, on which occasion several visitors will deliver addresses. Tickets to be had of Messrs. Taylor, Yates, Wetmore, and at the Hall.

There will be a Steamboat Excursion on Monday 15th, at 11 o'clock, A. M. on the Harbor, up the Basin, and up the North West Arm. The company will land near head of the Arm and visit Mr. Downs's Aviary, he having kindly given his consent. A Band will be on board the boat.—Tickets (number will be limited) 50 cents each; may be had of Messrs. George Butler, John Lanigan, H. A. Taylor, John Heenan and the Grand Scribe.

For information of Members of the Order and Lady Visitors, the following notice is hereby given:

All persons connected with the Order coming to the City by either of the following named Stage Lines, will pay one fare (full) on leaving home, when leaving Halifax they will receive a Pass from the Grand Scribe, only, which will entitle them to free tickets for return home. The Pass Tickets must be presented at the Stage Offices, and Railway Depot; otherwise the holders will have to pay for their passage. Arrangement good for month of June.

Railway.—Windsor and Truro to Halifax. Messrs. King's Line.—Annapolis to Windsor, Lunenburg to Halifax. Mr. Geo. H. Wilson's Line.—Shelburne and Liverpool to Lunenburg; Mr. Hyde's Line.—Pictou to Truro; all one fare—return free. Mr. C. B. Archibald's Line.—Amherst to Truro, and intermediate Places: at reduced fare.

None but those who come to the city by routes named, and pay one full fare will receive Passes.

It is expected that members of the Grand Division will be permitted to visit Meetings of National Division in House of Assembly as spectators.

Should the steamer not arrive until after 5 o'clock, they will arrive by Special Train. A number of Brethren will meet the Delegates at the Railway Depot.

CIVIC.—In the City Council on the 2nd, the Mayor read a copy of the address he presented, on behalf of the City, to Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales, and also the acknowledgment thereof. His Worship presented the City with the splendid robes which he wore when he presented the addresses, and said that he would wear them at meetings of Council, and expected that his successors would do the same. A resolution was passed unanimously, thanking His Worship for the zeal and ability with which he had conducted his mission to England, and suitably acknowledging the gift of the robes.

BURGLARIES.—The store of W. L. Evans, Upper Water Street, was burglariously entered on Thursday night or Friday morning. The safe was broken open, and the contents scattered about, but the robbers succeeded in obtaining only a small sum of money.

Two soldiers have been taken into custody for having forcibly entered a house in this city during the temporary absence of the occupants, and took away \$9 in money and some other property. They will be tried in the Supreme Court.—Recorder.

The Horticultural Society intend holding a Rose Show in July ensuing.

CARELESSNESS.—On Wednesday last, a child fell through a hatchway in Argyle Street, and was badly injured. Such openings should not be allowed in the streets.

It is reported that one of the two ships from Shanghai to Montreal, with a cargo of Teas, has been lost near Gabarouse, C. B.; between 1,000 and 2,000 packages of the same saved in good order.

MORE TROOPS.—Two companies of Engineers are expected here from Canada, and on their arrival the new batteries on McNab's Island, and elsewhere, will be taken in hand.—Reporter.

The Hon. Joseph Howe left this city early on Saturday morning last for Windsor and St. John, en route to Washington, for the purpose, of course, of reporting himself as her Majesty's Fishery Commissioner to act in conjunction with a similar official appointed by President Lincoln, on behalf of the Federal Government.—Express.

CARVING.—We noticed in the shop of Messrs. Hall & Beamish, Book-sellers and Stationers, Hollis Street, on Saturday last, a very neat and handsomely-executed Imperial coat of Arms, richly gilt and colored. It was executed for the firm by G. W. Delano, house, furniture, ship, and Ornamental Carver, Granville Street, and is certainly a very creditable piece of workmanship.—Rep.

NEW POWDER MAGAZINE FOR HALIFAX.—The sailing frigate Volage, 26, hitherto used as a floating magazine in Chatham harbour for the reception of shells, has been given up to the dockyard authorities by the War Department, in order that she may be converted into a powder magazine, to be stationed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the supply of the North American and West India squadrons with powder, shot, and shell.

PICTOU—The Coal Trade.—The coal trade has commenced, and continued this season with more than ordinary briskness and regularity. Already we are informed that the shipmen's exceed those of any previous year up to this date. The freights offered, although apparently high, can scarcely be called remunerative, owing to the depreciation in the United States currency, and the advance in the price of articles connected with shipping.—Standard.

Two large vessels were recently launched at Pictou—the barque Agnes Fraser of 238 tons, and the brig Volante of 240 tons.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, June 1, 1863.

APPOINTMENTS.

Hants Co.—To be the Registrar of the Court of Probate, Reginald B. Porter, in place of P. M. Cunningham, resigned. To be Registrar of Deeds, Reginald B. Porter, in place of James O'Brien.

Canada.

We are informed by Canadian papers that upwards of a hundred ships arrived from sea at Quebec on Saturday and Sunday last. Three of the vessels are laden with war stores, two for Quebec and one for Montreal.

It is estimated that there are 50 tons of American silver heaped up in Toronto, London, and Hamilton, C. W. Merchants take it only at 5 per cent discount.

The Elections are occupying a large share of public attention. The Quebec News says in reference to them,—“We must throw aside all questions of minor character, for we have to deal with the hard fact if the McDonald Dorion Cabinet is successful, the equilibrium of our present political system will be followed by a violent social revolution with the question of Representation by Population, and the struggle of race for ascendancy in its wake.”

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER IN CANADA.—The Canadian Court of Chancery has just decided that Lord Lyndhurst's act does not apply to Canada, and that, consequently, marriage with a deceased wife's sister is valid in that colony, if no step be taken in the lifetime of the parties to obtain from the Ecclesiastical Court a dissolution of the marriage.

EMIGRATION TO CANADA.—An Emigration Association has been formed at Carlisle, and 500 persons are preparing to leave for Canada. A large number are also emigrating from Warwickshire.

One thousand of the unemployed operatives of Manchester have enrolled their names as members of a society formed by themselves to enable them to emigrate to Canada.

BOLD BURGLARY AT MONTREAL.—Recently the flour store of Mr. Latham, William-street, was entered by some persons as yet unknown, and robbed of \$115 dollars in silver. After entering the store, the parties went to work with considerable deliberation, removing the safe from the counting-room to the centre of the store, where it was blown up, having previously placed it upon bags of flour to deaden the sound of the explosion. The safe was then robbed of \$115, as above stated.

It seems to be accorded by the universal consent of mankind that Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co's. Sarsaparilla, Pectoral and Pills are the greatest remedies yet discovered for the treatment of disease; that Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the great Elixir of Life which Philosophers have sought, for purifying the blood. Try it and judge for yourselves.

Latest from the States!

[From Telegrams to Morning and Evening papers.]

JUNE 2.—The investment of Vicksburg is so close that besiegers and besieged are a few feet of each other within their works.

Grant is reported to be quite confident. Two blockade runners attempting to leave Charleston Harbour on the night of the 20th were sunk—both had heavy cargoes on board. A letter from General Hunter to Jefferson Davis is published threatening to hang Confederate soldiers and slave holders in retaliation for negro soldiers hung.

An extensive seizure of sugar and cotton has been made by General Banks.

Col. Corcoran defeated Gen. Roddy at Florence, Alabama, on the 27th ult., capturing one hundred prisoners, four hundred mules, destroying foundries, &c.

JUNE 3.—Official advices from Vicksburg of 29th ult., indicate no change of affairs. The Federal prospects are encouraging. The Federal gunboat Cincinnati was sunk by the Vicksburg batteries on the 26th ult.

The New Orleans Era learns that the Mobile authorities have summoned the people to rally en masse for the defence of that city, indicating that it is threatened by a Federal force.

The Chicago Times has been suppressed by order of General Burnside which has caused considerable excitement.

A peace convention was held yesterday at the Cooper Institute, New York. Fernando Wood was the principal speaker. Resolutions were passed declaring that there was no power under the Constitution to coerce States by military force; denouncing Vallandigham's banishment as despotic and inhuman; and recommending a suspension of hostilities; also the appointing of a convention for reconciliation of contending sections.

JUNE 4.—Advices from Vicksburg, to the 30th ult. represent General Grant's army to be busy with spades, and that the idea of storming the place has been abandoned. The starving out process finds favor with the Federals. Deserters say that Pemberton believes that his rations would hold out thirty days; and all expect that superhuman exertions will be made to raise the siege, as Vicksburg is considered the strongest place in the Southern Confederacy. The Federals have placed new batteries in position, and one hundred and fifty heavy guns have opened on the works.

Orders have already been forwarded relieving Admiral Wilkes and designating Commodore Lardner as his successor.

JUNE 5.—The correspondent of the New York Herald writes that Colonel Kirkpatrick with two regiments of cavalry made a raid between Yorktown and the Rappahannock, capturing (the telegram as handed us uses the classic term “gobbling up”) 10,000 Contrabands, 200 mules, etc.

Vicksburg dates to the 31st ult. state that the bombardment continues to be carried on vigorously. Twelve Confederates were captured endeavoring to run the Federal pickets with 200, 000 percussion caps in their possession.

JUNE 6th.—Advices from Vicksburg to Monday last state that there was great cannonading going on and that a conflagration was raging in the city.

Twelve thousand Confederate cavalry attacked Gen. Baird at Franklin, Tenn., on Thursday driving him to his entrenchments. The Federals finally rallied and drove the Confederates back with a heavy loss.

The Confederates who also made an attack upon Federals at Rome were repulsed with a loss of 200 and 400 horses.

JUNE 8.—The Washington despatch to the New York Post says that the Confederates have removed their entire force from the line of the Rappahannock, leaving Fredericksburg in Gen. Hooker's possession.

Fierce fighting occurred at Port Hudson on the 27th, the Federals assaulting the works and were repulsed. Gen. Weitzell captured one battery. The negro regiments fought like demons, charging on the enemy's batteries, losing six hundred men out of nine hundred. The Federal loss is reported as having been four thousand men.

Richmond is defended by 28 forts mounting 293 guns. Most of the guns are of heavy calibre.

The Great Eastern at New York from England, had 200 tons iron armor plating for the U. S. Government. This is, of course, a breach of the law.

A case of hydrophobia is said to have been recently cured in Brooklyn, by continual application of ice and wet cloths to the neck and spine of the patient.

It is said that the preparations for the attack on Charleston cost one hundred and fifty millions of dollars! The fight lasted but half an hour, or at the rate of five millions of dollars per minute!

The Southern Confederacy has adopted a new flag. The old one had seven stars on a blue ground, and three bars—red, white and red.—Now they have adopted one with the battle flag instead of the stars, and all the rest or two-thirds of the flag, white.

A farmer in Chutcoughe, Long Island, while ploughing recently, turned up sixty-one silver table spoons, which weighed 183 ounces. Some think they are part of the buried treasures of Captain Kidd, “as he sailed,” and quite an excitement has in consequence been got up in that locality.