

But the far ampler range which your kindness has taken, and the very flattering terms in which, through the medium of my beloved brother Chown, it has just clothed itself, are so unexpected as almost to dispossess me of my very self. My heart is full, full even to overflowing; but, though out of the abundance of the heart the mouth should speak, speech, befitting speech, positively fails me. I cannot say, except incoherently, and it might be even blunderingly, what I would, still less what I ought. Let it suffice then, respected friends, simply to assure you that the feeling of obligation, profound and intense, now possessing me, can never be extinguished or forgotten; and that, as long as memory survives, it will point back to this hour as one of the very brightest and best of my whole life. It would, I am sensible, be an unpardonable reflection on the soundness of your judgment, to suppose you can have acted in this most magnificent style without an apparently valid cause; nor less, I apprehend, a piece of sheer affectation in me to seem to deny that such a cause there must be. Be it then, that during a period of nearly eight-and-twenty years I have watched over, and toiled for, the interests of this institution, faithfully, unweariedly, and with a fair average measure of desired result: be it, that by the unfailing aid of Him, who is "excellent in counsel, and mighty in working," I have been enabled in the somewhat peculiar post it has been my honour to occupy, to acquit myself to your satisfaction, and that of the constituency at large: be it that, through the Divine blessing, and your own ever-ready well-sustained co-operation, my career, or rather that of the institution, has been for the most part an onward one: let me add, as I do in all sincerity, and with devoutest thankfulness, my work has been recompensed; and always so in exact proportion to the thoroughness with which I have given myself to it. I will not deny that at times I have sighed for a resumption of the pastorate: for oh, it is a great mistake—such at least is the testimony of my own experience—it is a great mistake to imagine that any station, however elevated, or any career, however promising, can equal, in point of real solid spiritual enjoyment, that of the Christian pastor; but any feeling of regret arising from a recurrence to former scenes has been instantly repressed, by a full, unwavering assurance that I was where the Master Himself intended me to be, and that He was moreover, largely, as well as condescendingly, owning my service.

"I withdraw because I covet the few remaining years which may yet be allotted me in order to prepare more determinately for the great change which cannot now be afar off. The work of ministering daily and hourly to the improvement of others, leaves but little leisure, and perhaps still less heart, to attend aright to one's own. Did Providence, as far as its will can be ascertained, require me to continue in harness here till the last moment of existence, I trust I should be quite willing to do so; but offering as I really believe it does the opportunity of release, I cannot surely be wrong in profiting by it. I have no intention of becoming an idler. I mean still to work, but the work of my remaining days will, so far as I can order, be made to bear on my own spiritual improvement and consequent greater preparedness for the Master's coming more directly than can have been the case hitherto. I withdraw because I deem it only right to make way for younger brethren as competent as, and may the event prove, much more competent than myself for office. I have long been of opinion that, with rare exceptions, men in official positions connected with the Church of Christ ought, after a certain period of life, to give place, if they only can, to their juniors. This is due to themselves, for why should they, by needless clinging to their post, mar to a great extent what they had been enabled previously to achieve? It is no less due to those who must sooner or later take their place; for why should they be denied the opportunity of exercising in fullest freedom, and while comparatively fresh and vigorous, their finer capabilities and aptitudes? But it is due most of all to the one grand end and purpose which both old and young profess to have alike at heart. By remaining too long where they are, the former become a serious obstruction in the course of the latter, and thus the far more fruitful results which might warrantably be looking for are not sufficed to accrue. It should never be forgotten, that in the church no less than in the world, the Supreme Ruler brings about his designs by means, and that if, through the self-willedness, inconsideration, indolence, or folly of His servants, the means be deprived of their proper temper and edge, the designs themselves will be proportionally frustrated. I withdraw because the institution is just now, as it appears to me, in its most palmy state. Were it otherwise, I should, notwithstanding the reason I have been alleging, feel it my incumbent duty to abide where I am. For a commander to abandon his vessel when in peril would be sheer cowardice, and may well bring down upon him universal indignation. Better, far better, to sink with her, if so it must be, than desert her to her fate. Happily our vessel is at this moment in admirable trim. She is sailing right gallantly in smooth water, with all her canvas spread, under auspicious skies, and with a most precious cargo. Nor have I the least doubt that he, to whom I am delighted to know her direction is next to be confided, will by the blessings of Heaven, steer her with ever increasing satisfaction to the ports she is destined successively to visit, leaving behind as she passes along from one to another the choicest treasures. Such, my dear friends, are the main reasons which have prevailed with me to decide as I have done. We have abundant reason, brethren, to congratulate one another, and unitedly to offer up heartfelt thanksgivings for what has been already attained. The institution has now existed very nearly sixty years.

Through the special kindness of Him whose kingdom and glory it was established to promote, only two, the much-loved venerable Dr. Steadman and myself, have occupied the presidential chair. May he who has been appointed to succeed us be spared even longer than either of ourselves, and throughout his entire course realize as much true enjoyment as we have done! During our joint term of office, nearly 300 students have reaped the advantages of the institution. As might be surmised, very many of this number have already terminated their labours and are now at rest. Not a few, however, are still working industriously, prayerfully, and successfully, in different parts of the empire, and of the world at large. Join your most fervid intercessions with mine, that the past may be only the earnest of a far more glorious future, and that as generation follows generation, there may be ever-brightening indications of the near, and yet nearer arrival of Him who has said, "Behold, I make all things new." But it is more than time I should close. Nevertheless I find it difficult to pronounce the last decisive word. If I utter it understand me as doing so only as far as office is concerned; sympathetically, co-operatively, prayerfully, we shall be still connected together as hitherto. Well then, adieu; with the sincerest, most ardent supplications of my inmost soul for the highest welfare of you all, and of the institution which together we have loved and cherished, watched over and prayed for, and can never, but with our dying day, cease to commend and sustain. These mementoes, splendid and valuable in themselves, but yet, if I interpret their meaning aright, expressions of your kindly appreciative feeling rather than aught else, I most gratefully accept; and, as in my retirement I look upon them, shall not fail to find in them, next to the approval of the Saviour Himself, the sweetest recompense of whatever I may, by His grace, have been able to accomplish in connection with His service. Once more, adieu, adieu! (Lord applause.) The Rev. S. G. GREEN, B.A., in an appropriate and affectionate address, presented from the students to the retiring President of the college, as a token of gratitude and esteem, a handsome travelling-case, bearing his name, and having an inscription referring to that day.

News Summary.

It appears from the latest accounts from Mexico that the Emperor Napoleon has succeeded in effectually gaining a footing in that country by the capture of the Capital, and as reinforcements are by this time arriving from France, there can be little doubt but French power will be established as the ruling influence. What form of Government Louis Napoleon will think proper to dictate seems quite uncertain.—Maximilian, an Austrian Archduke has been often named as likely to be their future ruler, as it is not likely Prince Napoleon would choose to relinquish his European position and prospects to occupy an uncertain throne. It is very certain, however, that no form of Government, which deserves the name, can be so bad as the chronic anarchy which has prevailed in Mexico, almost ever since its separation from Spain. In point of climate and fertility there are few countries superior to it, but the utter destitution of moral or religious character in the population, except so far as the latter is supplied by the grossest superstition, has reduced the country to a state of barbarism, worse in many respects than when in heathen darkness under its primitive government before the Spanish conquest.

Total inaction appears still to prevail between the belligerents on both sides of the Potomac.—Gen. Lee is said to have carried off an immense booty from Pennsylvania and Maryland. We should think, however, from the short time he was north of the Potomac and the few places of importance he occupied that this fact must be much exaggerated.

The Federals are still carrying on vigorous operations against Charleston. It is difficult to judge from the conflicting accounts, what is likely to be the result.

By the R. M. Steamer *Arabia* which arrived on Monday evening, we have news to the 25th ult. We find nothing of special interest in European politics. Polish matters are still complicated and undecided. A step in advance appears to have been taken by the Atlantic Telegraph Company. They have advertised for tenders from parties willing to undertake to lay it from Ireland to Newfoundland. We shall now look forward to an early realization of this great undertaking.

In the House of Lords on the 20th ult., Earl Granville, in reply to Lord Lynden, expressed regret that the Canadians had not yet made any provision for the defence of that colony, and stated that in the event of war it would be impossible for England to help them unless they were willing to help themselves.

An erroneous report (which originated in the metropolis) of Lord Clyde's death was circulated, and caused general regret. The latest accounts of the condition of the noble soldier's health are slightly favourable, but he is still in a precarious condition.

The Spanish Government contradicts the report which led many persons to believe that Queen Isabella had made up her mind to recognize the Southern Confederacy. It appears that Spain never meditated taking such a step alone. On the contrary, the Cabinet of Madrid have long resolved to follow, as far as America is concerned, the policy of France and England.

Notices, &c.

**Acadia College.**  
The next Term will commence on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The roll will be called at ten o'clock, A. M., when all the Students are required to be present. Candidates for matriculation will present themselves for examination on Monday, Aug. 31, at ten o'clock, A. M., in the Library of the College.  
Notice is hereby given, that the Students will board in such houses only as shall be approved by the Faculty.  
J. M. CRAMP, President.  
Acadia College, Aug. 1, 1863.

During my absence for a few weeks from the Province, the Office of Treasurer of the College will be discharged by Rev. S. W. deBlois, (Secretary to the board of Governors) at Wolfville.  
J. W. BARRS, Treasurer.  
August 3rd, 1863.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, at Amherst, on Saturday evening, August 22nd, at half-past seven o'clock.  
STEPHEN W. deBLOIS, Secretary.

**Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.**  
A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Library of Acadia College, on Wednesday, Aug. 12th, at three o'clock, P. M.  
A. S. HUNT, Secretary.  
Aug. 1, 1863.

**Baptist Convention.**  
The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, will be held at Amherst, N. S., on Saturday the 22nd of August next, and following days at 2 o'clock, P. M.

**Going to the Convention.**  
Arrangements have been made for conveying Delegates from Moncton or Parrashoro, to Amherst, at \$1.50 each way.  
It will be necessary to know how many will require conveyance from those places. Will brethren Delegates at Wolfville, Armstrong at Bridgetown, and Angell at Yarmouth, please ascertain in their localities, and inform as forthwith.  
Delegates will be conveyed by the Railway, and by Steamer from Windsor to Parrashoro, there and back, for one fare. A Card or Certificate signed by the Moderator, will be required as guarantee.

**Letters Received.**  
Rev. A. Chipman. Rev. S. W. deBlois, 3rd. E. C. Banks, 3rd. D. Webster, 27th. G. E. Crosscup.

For General Intelligence, see page 246.

Hantsport Seminary.

THE next term of the above School will commence on Monday the 27th July.  
TERMS PER QUARTER.—  
Elementary branches, \$2.00  
More advanced studies, 2.50  
Do including History, Physiology, Latin, &c. 3.00  
Music, 6.00  
French, 6.00  
Drawing at the usual rate.  
Board may be obtained near the School at low rate.  
JAMES ELDER, Chairman,  
N. T. HARRIS, Trustee.  
6 wks.  
July 15th.

DENTISTRY.

**JAS. R. CHAMBERLAIN,**  
DENTIST.  
Dental Apartment, No. 198 Argyle St.,  
Corner Building, near Temperance Hall, and opposite the Bishop's Chapel.  
April 29.

DENTAL NOTICE.

HAVING commenced practice in the Dental profession, after a regular course of instruction for some years past in practice, and under tuition in a good Dental Surgery in Halifax, I now solicit a share of patronage in my native city, and will be on hand, prompt and daily, at every hour, at my Dental Apartment at my father's residence, No. 198 Argyle street, corner building near Temperance Hall, and opposite the Bishop's Chapel.  
JAMES R. CHAMBERLAIN.  
April 29.

1863 SPRING SUPPLIES, 1863.

Per "*Rescue*" from Glasgow and "*Guillem*" from London.

THE Subscribers are now receiving by the above vessels, from Great Britain, a portion of their Spring supplies, viz.,  
Casks Epsom Salts, 1000 lbs. Scotch Confectionary,  
" Blue Stone, 4 Cases Sweet Oil,  
" Carb Soda, 50 Kegs Mustard,  
" Sulphur, 50 Boxes Coleman's Starch,  
" Copperas, 2 " Crown Blue,  
" Paris Whiting, 2 " Black lead,  
" Washing Soda, 100 doz. Mustard in 4 Tins,  
" Alum, 3 Cases Perfumery,  
" Olive Oil, 6 Crates Glassware.  
6 Cases Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, &c., together with a large assortment of Druggists' sundries.

**COGSWELL & FORSYTH,**  
193 Hollis Street.  
May 6.

BAZAAR AND TEA MEETING.

THE Ladies of the sewing circle, connected with the Baptist Church and congregation of St. Mary's Bay, Co. of Digby, have resolved (D. V.) to hold a BAZAAR and TEA MEETING at their place, on Thursday the 6th day of August next. Bazaar to open at 1 o'clock, P. M. Tea at 5 o'clock, P. M. Proceeds for the benefit of their Meeting-house and burying grounds.  
By request,  
CHARLES RANDALL.  
July 8.

Valuable Mill Property FOR SALE.

THE well known and valuable Strand of Mills, at Lawrenceown, in the County of Annapolis, occupied by James Alexander and Elijah Phinney, is offered for sale. This property consists of an excellent

CARDING MACHINE AND GRIST MILL, AND A NEW SAW MILL,

with a superior DWELLING HOUSE, Barn and out buildings, and  
**Eighteen Acres of Land,**  
The Grist Mill and Saw Mill and part of the land may be sold separately or the whole together as purchasers may desire.  
These mills situate in a central locality and having a good water power, offer large inducements to persons wishing to purchase such property. A part of the purchase money will be required, the balance may remain on Mortgage. If not sold before the 18th of October, they will be leased.  
H. E. FITCH.  
July 29.

Ease and Comfort.

WHO would wear a HAT that is continually pinching the head and making it ache? when by calling on  
**EVERETT BROS.**  
HAT AND CAP MANUFACTURERS,  
191 Hollis Street,  
they can have a HAT made to order by CONFORMATEUR MEASUREMENT that will fit like a glove.—Prices.—Best quality 22s. 6d., and 20s. 17s. 6d., or 15s.

The Conformateur,

is a French article; and said to be one of the most ingenious pieces of machinery ever invented. All are invited to come and see it.  
Persons from distant parts of the Province, only remaining in the City a short time, can have HATS made to suit their heads at a very few hours notice.  
We keep constantly on hand a large assortment of HATS and CAPS in both English and American styles, and are every week receiving new supplies.  
Also, on hand a lot of Umbrellas and Leather Hat Cases.  
We sell Wholesale and Retail low for Cash.  
Remember **EVERETT BROS.**  
191 Hollis Street,  
July 22. Opposite Province Building.

HORTON ACADEMY, WOLFVILLE.

THE second term commences August 3rd., and ends Dec. 20th.  
Principal,—REV. T. A. HIGGINS, A. M.  
Assistants,—ROBERT VON C. JONES, A. M., and MR. JONATHAN PARSONS.  
Teacher in French,—MR. HERBERT C. CREED.

Tuition Fees, from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per quarter. Board and washing, \$20.00 per quarter. Pupils furnish bedding and towels. Students in College boarded at \$2 per week. Fuel for class-rooms, 25cts. per quarter. Room rent, (to such as wish private rooms,) from 50cts. to \$1.25 per quarter. Bills payable quarterly in advance.  
When private rooms are supplied with bedding and furniture, the charge will be \$23 per quarter.

FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

Principal,—MRS MARGARET J. TOWNSEND, (graduate of Holyoke).  
Assistant,—MISS MARY A. TOWNSEND, (graduate of Holyoke).  
Teacher of French,—MR. HERBERT C. CREED.  
Teacher of Music,—MR. E. C. SAFFERY.  
Teacher of Drawing,—MISS ANNE FOWLER.  
Matron,—MRS. TIBERT.  
Board and Tuition in all the English branches, with Latin, Greek and French, \$21 per quarter.  
Music, with use of Piano-Forte, \$6, to \$9, per quarter.  
Pencil Drawing, \$3 per quarter.  
Colored and Black Crayon Drawing, \$3.50 per quarter.  
Water Color Painting \$4 per quarter.  
Oil Painting \$9 per quarter.  
Wax Flowers and Fruit, \$1.50 each per quarter.  
Grecian and Oriental Painting, \$1.50 each per quarter.  
Boarders furnish Bedding, Towels, Light and Fuel for their own rooms. Pupils not boarding in the Seminary will be charged for Tuition from \$2.50 to \$3 per quarter. Bills payable quarterly in advance.  
A. S. HUNT, Secretary.  
July 15.

BIBLE UNION. REVISED GOSPELS.

A FEW copies of the Revised Version of the Four Gospels, corrected by the Final Committee of the Bible Union, have been received at the "Christian Messenger" Office. Prices, neatly bound in cloth, 30 cents. (The New York price is 35 cents.)  
Any person wishing for a copy of this volume, on which so much learning and labor have been expended, may have it forwarded by mail, by sending, in stamps, the above sum, with the addition of 7 cents for postage.  
CHRISTIAN MESSENGER OFFICE,  
59 Granville Street, Halifax.

Bazaar at Sydney C. B.

THE Baptist Congregation at Sydney, C. B., propose holding a Bazaar in the coming Autumn with the hope of realizing funds to finish the Meeting House. They require about \$500 for this purpose. The following ladies have consented to act as a committee and will be glad to receive contributions from friends.  
Mrs. Crawley, Miss McLean,  
Mrs. N. Dobson, Mrs. Logan,  
Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Hill.  
May 20.