

a different state of affairs? comes the answer, "O, I wasn't at the church meeting!" If pressed for the reason of their absence, various excuses are given; that "there were enough others to transact the business without me, and I did not think it was necessary I should be there."

For the Christian Messenger.

Bazaar at Springfield, Annapolis County.

The Baptist church and congregation at Springfield held a Bazaar and Tea Meeting on the 21st and 22nd inst., the proceeds of which are to aid in completing the meeting house, lately erected in that place.

The attendance was large throughout, and as the result the handsome sum of over two hundred dollars were raised, to enable them to push forward the work they intend doing as soon as the spring opens.

For the Christian Messenger.

Ordination at New Germany.

By order of the Baptist Church at New Germany an Ecclesiastical Council convened at that place on Friday, Sept. 23rd, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to deliberate concerning the ordination of Bro. William E. Hall to the work of the christian ministry.

New Germany.—Brethren David Lantz, Geo. Bares and Adam Durland. Bridgewater.—Rev. Stephen March.

North West.—Rev. L. B. Gates and Bro. Gideon Longille.

Niagara.—Rev. W. G. Parker, Brethren Samuel Wheelock and William Brown.

Pine Grove.—Rev. W. H. Porter, Brethren W. L. Morton and Ambrose Dodge.

Upper Aylesford.—Rev. J. L. Read.

On motion, the following brethren were invited to sit in Council: Rev. P. F. Murray, R. S. Morton; Brethren J. M. Parker, Licentiate, William Charlton, H. Hall, J. Bradshaw and A. Wilson.

The Council was organized by the choice of Rev. N. Vidite as Moderator, and Rev. J. L. Read as Clerk.

The candidate was called upon to give a relation of his experience and call to the ministry, which was satisfactory to all present. The congregation was then dismissed, and the Council, after due deliberation, decided to proceed with the ordination, to commence at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The reading of Scripture by Rev. J. L. Read. Prayer by Rev. L. B. Gates.

Ordination Sermon by Rev. N. Vidite.

Questions by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Ordaining Prayer by Rev. L. S. Morton.

Presentation of the Band of Fellowship by Rev. S. March.

Charge to the Candidate by Rev. W. H. Porter.

Charge to the Church by Rev. J. Skinner.

Closing prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

By order of the Council, JAMES L. READ, Clerk.

Upper Aylesford, Sept. 28, 1864.

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HALIFAX, OCTOBER 5, 1864.

NEWS SUMMARY.

The R. M. Steamer Asia arrived on Thursday, after a rough passage, with the second September mail from England, bringing dates to the 17th ult.

The English papers are almost wholly barren of news. The Queen with her family were at Balmoral in the Highlands, and the Prince and Princess of Wales had gone to Denmark, and were paying a domestic visit to the Princess's parents.

Although the armistice between Denmark and the German Powers had been prolonged, no ultimate settlement of their differences has yet taken place, although there seems no probability of a renewal of hostilities.

Political affairs in Greece appear to be subsiding into a more settled state. The young King (the brother of the Princess of Wales) is, it appears, about to marry a daughter of the Emperor of Russia, whose eldest son is also to espouse the Princess Dagnar of Denmark, King Christian VII., if he loses his possessions, will have the consolation, if that will benefit him, of making plenty of high alliances.

Our affairs in the East are generally quiet and prosperous. The troubles in New Zealand are gradually subsiding, and the Maories submitting to a force which they can have no hope of opposing with success.

In China, the great city of Nankin, so long in the possession of the Tae-ping rebels, has been surrendered to the Imperial Government. Scenes of horrible atrocity have been perpetrated by both sides during the existence of this bloody internecine war.

There has been little or no news during the week from the seat of war. The armies before Petersburg are in the same position. Flour is \$400 per barrel in Richmond. This of course means Confederate currency, of which one dollar in gold is said to be of more value than fifty.

THE LATE DR. MITCHELL.—In our last we noticed the death by drowning of the late Dr. Mitchell and copied a remark from the Antigonish Casket that "he was delirious at the time from the use of strong drink."

We are glad to learn from Mr. Henry B. Mitchell, of Chester, brother of the deceased, and other relatives, that there is good reason to believe the above statement altogether inaccurate.

"Dr. Mitchell was my brother, a native of this place, 24 years of age, and universally esteemed, I believe, by all who knew him. He was a son of Temperance for many years, and we have no reason to believe he ever departed from his Temperance principles.

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his life could not be restored. It was sad and sudden intelligence to us, and we deeply mourn him. I had the melancholy satisfaction of going after his remains, and on Sabbath afternoon we buried him in the churchyard beside his dear father, a large number of mourners and sympathizing friends attending at his funeral."

We tender our respectful sympathy to the friends of the deceased.

TEMPERANCE ITEMS.—The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, will commence its Annual Session in this city, on Tuesday evening, the 25th of October.

Mr. F. Beattie is lecturing on Temperance in Pictou County.

Rev. Mr. McArthur is also on a lecturing tour in Colchester County.

The Abolitionist states that the most of those who died of yellow fever in the Bermuda Islands were given to habits of intoxication. James McDonald, Esq., the Commissioner of Railways, has caused a rum-seller's shanty to be removed from the government grounds.

On Monday next the Mio-mae Division will provide a social and intellectual entertainment, in which the friends of Temperance and the public are invited to participate.

BIBLE SOCIETY MEETINGS.—A novel feature is to be introduced in connection with the visit of the deputation from the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Rev. H. Gill. The Sabbath Schools are to be invited to meet in the Temperance Hall, for the purpose of hearing an Address from Mr. Gill, having reference to the Bible and Bible circulation.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday evening. Speeches may be expected, we learn, from the Rev. Mr. Gill of London, Rev. J. J. Joplin, Rev. Mr. Botterell, Rev. Mr. Maxwell, Rev. Mr. Crisp, His Worship the Mayor, and others.

New Publications.

We have received from N. P. Kemp, Boston, several new and excellent publications of the American Tract Society.

1. SKETCHES OF ELOQUENT PREACHERS, by Rev. J. B. Waterbury, D. D. pp. 256.

The sketch of Robert Hall in a late number of the Messenger, was from this volume, and may be taken as a fair specimen of the cluster of brilliant talent brought together in these pages.

2. THE YOUNG MEN OF THE BIBLE.—Scripture Biography presents a fine field for instructive reflection. The frailties as well as the virtues of the best men are there faithfully exhibited, so that a more correct view of human nature is obtained here than in ordinary published memorials.

3. FIVE YEARS IN THE ALLEGHANIES.—This little volume shows the varied experience and success of a pioneer colporteur in the Alleghany Mountains. It is full of interest.

4. TRAMPS IN NEW YORK, by Rebecca. A narrative of christian labors in some of the lowest and most abandoned parts of the city of New York.

5. THE CHOSEN FRIENDS, or the twelve disciples.—What is known of each of the apostles is in this book told briefly, and in a style likely to impress the minds of young persons.

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Notices, &c.

French Mission Board.

A meeting of the French Mission Board, will be held in the Baptist Church, at Hebron, on Tuesday the 11th of Oct., at 2 o'clock, P. M. A general attendance of the members is requested.

Acadia College.

A Meeting of the Governors will be held in the Library of Acadia College on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Nova Scotia Education Society.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the Library of Acadia College, on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Letters Received.

Rev. J. E. Balcom. C. Kenedy. D. DeLong, 19th. H. C. Upham, 21st. Rev. Jas. Parker, Rev. Dr. Tupper, 20th, &c. R. G. Froeman, 21st. J. S. McLean, 24th. G. V. Rand. E. Rand, 24th. C. H. Whitman, 17th, &c. Rev. J. F. Tooker, 20th.—All right. Rev. T. S. DeLong, D. Fields, 20th, &c. H. G. Gesner, 23rd, &c. J. M. Parker, 24th, &c. T. H. Rand, 20th. W. Hall, Esq., 22nd, &c. Rev. A. Chipman, 27th. Rev. J. Shaw, 27th, &c. Rev. M. P. Freeman, 24th, &c. J. Ryder & Son, 26th, 1 sub. H. B. Mitchell, 28th. Rev. D. O. Parker, 26th, 1 sub. C. E. Gilliland, 27th, 1 sub. Jas. DeWolfe, 1st.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Civic.—On Saturday last a new Mayor was chosen for Halifax, and six Aldermen elected to fill the places of the six retiring ones.

The contest for the Mayoralty was between M. H. Richey, Esq., and the Hon. James Tobin. The votes polled were—for Richey, 374, and for Tobin, 304.

The retiring Aldermen were—Ward 1, J. L. J. Ward; 2, Dunbar; 3, Egan; 4, Trenaman; 5, Conway; 6, Richey.

Those elected are—Ward 1—J. McCulloch. 2—W. Dunbar, re-elected. 3—W. Ackhurst, by 100 votes, against W. T. Townsend, with 76. 4—S. Trenaman, re-elected. 5—J. Lindsay. 6—J. Starr.

No opposition was offered in any of the Wards but No. 3. The list of voters seems to have been very imperfect, many of those fully entitled to vote being left out, and thereby causing much uncertainty as to who were electors and who were not.

A complimentary dinner was given to P. C. Hill, Esq., on Friday, on his retiring from the Mayoralty, by the Aldermen of the City.

The Corporation have also presented Mr. Hill with an address, of a most flattering description, in which they venture to suggest to His worship, "We look forward to no distant day, when the confidence thus inspired will secure to you in the Councils of our country a more enlarged arena for the exercise of those abilities, which eminently qualify you for public affairs."

Alderman Conway has received a very handsome testimonial from his constituents in Ward 5, in the shape of a highly complimentary address and a Silver Tea Service. He has served as an Alderman for the past nine years, and has secured general respect during that time, but now declined being re-elected.

Alderman Spence had a narrow escape from drowning at Hogan's wharf one day last week. He fell from a platform into the water and was with difficulty recovered and restored to a state of consciousness. He was very ill for several days from the effects, and died on Monday night.

RAILWAY TO ANnapolis.—Statements have been made during the past week by members of the government that it is the serious intention of the executive to proceed in the construction of this line of road. A communication to the Colonist states that at the late Picnic at Middleton, there were about 2000 persons present, and addresses were given by the Hon. the Prov. Secretary, the Attorney General and the Solicitor General, and Avar Longley, Esq. The announcement was made by the Hon. Mr. Ritchie, that "after the most careful deliberation the Cabinet had resolved to secure the immediate construction of the Railway to Annapolis."

An editorial in the same paper states that "We are gratified to learn from an authentic source that, at a meeting of the Cabinet held here on Tuesday week, at which all the members except Messrs. McFarlane and Creighton were present, it was unanimously decided to