

on its own authority, and states that the only witnesses for this scriptural mode of baptism at the present day, are, among Roman Catholics, the church at Milan; and among Protestants, the Baptists.

MUNIFICENCE TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

We perceive that in addition to the late munificence to Waterville College and Brown University, several other institutions have had large additions to their Endowment Funds. The Christian Register gives the following account of some of these enlargements of means of support to educational institutions.

"Williams is to be placed at once upon a much higher footing. Buildings are to be erected, and the endowment is to be largely increased. Among other contributions, the Hon. J. Z. Goodrich of Boston has already given \$25,000. Amherst adds \$100,000 to her endowment, and \$30,000 have been given for a new college chapel, and \$20,000 toward an endowment, to support a college preacher. Trinity and Princeton each add \$100,000 to their endowments; Chicago University, \$150,000; Washington University, from \$100,000 to \$200,000; Harvard and Brown each about \$75,000; Bowdoin, \$70,000, \$50,000 of which was given and accepted with the distinct understanding that it was to be decidedly 'orthodox' while Yale receives the princely sum of \$480,000, to increase her endowment and remodel and enlarge her buildings. The New York General Theological Seminary also receives \$150,000.

It is not to be presumed that these are all the cases in which generous contributions have been made; they were rather gathered in a very short time, from papers of recent dates that had been thrown aside without a thought, until an hour since, that they point a moral. Several sums, less than \$50,000 are omitted.

The Boston Journal remarks:—The gift to Bowdoin College was made by one of our Boston merchants, and was wholly unexpected, as the donor had recently given largely to and secured by his personal solicitation one hundred thousand dollars for the Newton Theological Institution. Such munificence is worthy of all commendation.

Other colleges are making strenuous effort to clear off their debts. Kalamazoo College, Michigan, is among these. The sum of over \$27,000 has been raised, leaving less than \$3,000 remaining, which will quickly be made up.

Worthy examples these for the friends of Acadia to imitate.

WESTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Session of the N. B. Western Association was held at St. Andrews, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., and following days. After religious exercises, the officers were appointed, as follows:—Moderator, Rev. I. E. Bill; Secretaries, Rev. J. U. Hurd and J. March; Treasurers, Russel Bradford and Rev. E. Hickson. In the evening the Rev. Thomas Powers, of Carlisle, Ohio, preached from "As I live saith the Lord, unto me every knee shall bow," &c. The letters from the churches indicated similar experience of a deficiency of religious activity and prosperity to that of the other Associations in those provinces, already reported.

The Rev. E. Hickson preached the Introductory Sermon from Rev. xxii. 13, Christ the theme of his ministers and support of his people.

The Association is to hold its next session at Jacksonville. The Rev. T. W. Crawley is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, the Rev. B. F. Rattray to prepare the Circular Letter.

On Foreign Missions speeches were delivered by Revs. A. D. Thompson, W. V. Garner, and Thos. Power. The claims of the C. Visitor were urged by Revs. Dr. Hard, A. D. Thompson, S. Robinson, J. Walker, and W. M. Edwards.

The evening of Thursday was occupied by a meeting of the Home Missionary Board. In addition to other appointments the Rev. Thos. Powers was appointed to Gloucester County. Sabbath Schools, Temperance, and Education were severally taken up and appropriate resolutions passed concerning them.

DEDICATION SERVICES AT ST. ANDREWS.

The new Baptist church edifice of St. Andrews was set apart by appropriate services on Lord's Day the 18th inst. Able sermons suitable to the occasion were preached in the morning by Rev. S. Robinson and evening by Rev. B. F. Rattray. We congratulate the pastor Rev. T. W. Crawley on the progress thus secured and hope that much good may follow.

The Visitor gives the following account of the origin to this new Sanctuary: We insert it to show what may be done by continuous and united effort:

"It may not be generally known that we have never had a Baptist church in St. Andrews; but for many years there were persons here professing the Baptist faith. These naturally felt a desire to have a place of worship that

they could claim as their own, but the trouble was to obtain the means to build it. Some four years ago Mrs. Gunnison resolved, in the name of the Master, to see what could be done in the way of commencing a building fund, and she, along with Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Fitzgerald, and several other ladies, formed themselves into a sewing circle, and by this means raised \$250, which they placed in the hands of Mr. John Bailey, and Mark Young, Esq., for investment in the Savings' Bank. The circle still went forward working for the good cause, until a sufficient amount was raised to make a commencement. A lot of land was then purchased and paid for in a central part of the town, at a cost of \$250. This was deeded to Messrs John Bailey, Mark Young, and C. F. Clinch, to be held by them in trust for the Baptist denomination. Still further sums were paid over to the Treasurer by the ladies, viz., Mrs. Bradford, \$58, Mrs. Gunnison, \$20, Mrs. Gibson, \$17, and Mrs. Fitzgerald, \$21. The circle still continued their good work until last summer, when \$250, in addition to former sums, were paid over to the Treasurer. Prompted by these noble efforts on the part of the sisters, the brethren took hold of the work, and by the blessing of God, have carried it forward to its completion. Its probable cost is about \$2,000, and only a balance of about \$300 remains unpaid. It is a very neat and commodious house, will seat about 300 people, and reflects much credit upon all concerned; but especially upon those good sisters, who, by their self-sacrifice and persevering efforts, rendered such valuable aid. Just like the sisters everywhere, always the first in every good work.

The house has been opened under very encouraging circumstances, and the income from the pews already rented will amount to some \$300, which will go towards the salary of their pastor. He is all heart in this enterprise, and we have reason to hope that continuous success will attend his labors. God grant that so it may be."

NEWS SUMMARY.

THE progress of the war in the Southern States for the past three or four weeks has been upon the whole decidedly unfavorable to the Confederate cause. The capture of Atlanta, in Georgia, by Gen. Sherman, and the retreat of Hood's Army, although not accompanied by a very large loss of life, has thrown an important post in the heart of the Confederate States into the hands of their enemies—and must necessarily exercise a disheartening effect upon their cause. In the valley of the Shenandoah also the Federal's appear to have obtained some very decided advantages and to have inflicted severe losses upon their opponents. The telegrams speak of immense numbers of killed and wounded of the Confederates, but until more distinct news arrives, such accounts must be received with large allowance. The main armies of Lee and Grant around Petersburg appear, in the meantime, to be almost inactive, although a general action seems to be daily looked for. The call for the additional levy of 100,000 men in the North, it is asserted in the papers, is fast filling up by volunteers, although the conscription is beginning to be enforced in some few places. As matters are now progressing it seems quite probable that Mr. Lincoln will be the successful candidate for the next four years' Presidency at the coming Election in November. The value of Gold has very considerably fallen within a few weeks past; owing in a good measure, no doubt, to the continued success of the Federal arms.

A few days later accounts from Europe afford no news of much importance. The Emperor of the French is still said to be in precarious health. The supply of Cotton for English manufacture, from various quarters, is greatly on the increase, and bids fair very shortly to meet the heavy demands occasioned by the stoppage of the trade with the Southern States. The distress of the Lancashire operatives, in this respect, appears to have almost wholly subsided. Emigration, chiefly from Ireland, to the Northern States, to a very large extent, has been steadily going on during the past summer. A similar stream of emigrants from Germany to the same point, has also taken place,—induced, no doubt, in a great measure, by the enormous bounties offered for recruits for their armies by the Federal Government.

We are happy to state that the ravages of the yellow fever in Bermuda have greatly diminished, and it may be hoped almost wholly ceased ere now. This destructive visitation has for many years past appeared in those islands in a period of about ten or twelve years, and has naturally been most fatal to the troops and the navy stationed there.

Notices, &c.

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. S. W. DeLlois, Secretary. September 24th, 1864.

Acadia Athenaeum.

The first lecture of the season will be delivered in the Vestry of the Baptist Meeting-house, Wolfville, on the evening of Friday, Sept. 30th, by the Hon. B. Musgrave.

Tickets to be had at the door. THOMAS L. McLEAN, Cor. Sec. Acadia College, Sept. 24th.

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. A. S. HUNT, Secretary. September 24th, 1864.

LETTERS RECEIVED will be acknowledged next week.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

CIVIC.—Several other names have been put forward as candidates for Aldermanic honors on Saturday next. For Ward 5 the following gentlemen are mentioned:—C. Black, and J. Lindsay.

The Report of the RECORD COMMISSIONERS, appointed for preserving the ancient records and documents, has been issued. A number of volumes have been arranged, bound and placed in the Legislative Library.

The Cape Breton News says the staff under H. R. McKinzie, Esq., Chief Engineer of the "Louisburg and Sydney Railway," have been busily employed during the past fortnight in the Company's office in town in preparing their plans and profiles of the western section of the line.

The roof of Mitchell's foundry caught fire on Friday morning last, believed to have arisen from the heat occasioned by heavy castings on the previous day.

BLECHER has filled up some of the blank days on the right hand page of each month of his Almanac, with short pithy sentences. Some of these are pretty easily understood, such as those in January,—"Wool'n gloves and mittens in demand;" and "Two or three weddings about this time;" in February—"Legislators make long speeches;" "Great consumption of cider;" in April,—"Ladies lose their slippers in the mud;" and in June—"Several crinoline lost about this time." But why October should have—"A gent beats his wife," we cannot tell. Whether he means that this is a proper definition of "a gent" that he beats his wife, or simply the prognostication of an event. Perhaps however like the celebrated almanac maker, "Francis Moore" he speaks in symbolical language and leaves the interpretation to future developments. Perhaps he will give some key to this in his Almanac of 1865.

A duel was fought at the Four Mile House with pistols, on Friday, and both parties are said to have been wounded.

The potatoe crop in Yarmouth County is more abundant this season than for 20 years past.

On Wednesday last Dr. Mitchell, a passenger by the mail route from Sydney, drowned himself in the Strait of Canso. He belonged to River John. The Antigonish Casket says:—He was delirious at the time from the use of strong drink!

ST. MARY'S BLOCK.—The valuable property, known as the Waverly Hotel, has been purchased by His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax, to be devoted to ecclesiastical purposes. It is supposed the new School building will occupy a portion of this site.

The Rink, in the Horticultural Gardens, is undergoing the required extension.

MACKEREL IN BEDFORD BASIN.—Large quantities of this fine fish have been taken in our harbor and basin during the few past days. It is said that several hundreds of barrels have been obtained in the Basin.

THE MURDER AT LITTLE BRAS D'OR.—The Cape Breton News, of 17th inst., states that an investigation has been held in connection with the recent murder of Daniel Young, in the presence of the deceased man's wife. The News says there is an unaccountable mystery about the affair, which needs a skilful policeman to unravel. The woman is a tidy, respectable, good looking woman, of about forty-five years of age. She has been committed to prison till the sitting of the Supreme Court in October ensuing.

SHIPWRECKS AT COW BAY, C. B.—During a heavy easterly gale, on 13th and 14th inst., the sea broke heavily along the southern and eastern seaboard of Cape Breton. Out of eighteen to twenty vessels, lying in Cow Bay, five were driven ashore, and it is feared will become total wrecks. They comprise the following: Brig Judge Hathway, Rogers, of New York, in ballast; brig J. Congdon, Johnson, of Halifax, do.; schr. Veteran, Cammago, of Liverpool, N. S., do.; schr. Annie Grieve, Ryan, of St. Johns, Nfld., do.; schr. Clyde, Croseup, of Digby, part of inward cargo on board, will be saved in a damaged condition.—Reporter.

PICTOU COAL.—The Chronicle says the supply raised last winter is now exhausted and that vessels have to wait for the coal being raised from the pits to the surface which detains the vessels.

The Emperor had a pretty rough passage across the Bay on Saturday last. The special train did not arrive in Halifax with the passengers, till after 11 o'clock at night.

FATAL STABBING AFFAIR.—Our city was horrified on Friday morning last to learn that during the previous night, an affray had occurred in which a man named Edward Keefe was killed by having his throat cut. A young man very respectably connected—named George Allison Woodill is taken in custody charged with committing the dreadful deed. An inquest was summoned by coroner Jennings on the body, composed of the following persons:—Cornelius Phalen, Esq., (Foreman); Messrs Peter Scott, Thomas Ward, George J. Fluck, Thos. Durney, Thos. R. Bushell, Geo. Payne, M. Arnold, J. Della Tore, D. O'Brien, T. Davis, Jos. Hamilton.

A post mortem examination was made by Drs. Moren and Slayter. The testimony of James Thompson was first taken from which it appears that about 10 o'clock on Thursday night, Edward Keefe the deceased, James Thompson, and Thomas Keating went to a drinking shop in the northern part of Water Street kept by a Mrs. Lawson. They remained there about an hour drinking rum and syrup, when there came a knocking at the shutters. Mrs. Lawson asked one of them to go out and coax the person away. Keefe went out first, but as he did not come in for a few minutes, the others followed, and found Mr. Woodill with him. They walked along together and by way of making fun staggered against him. Keefe being nearer to Woodill than the others was heard to say to the latter—"Would you draw a knife to me?"—Shortly after he (Keefe) clenched Woodill and they fell into the gutter, Keefe uppermost. Deceased jumped up immediately, and came towards the others bleeding at the throat, but he reeled, and fell without speaking, when the others came up to him and tried to press the parts of the wound together, but he died in about half-an hour afterwards.

Woodill however walked away leisurely up the hill, calling for a watchman, and soon returned with one, telling him that the party had been beating him. Thompson however told the watchman to take Woodill into custody for he had murdered Keefe. No knife was seen in Woodill's hands but he appears to have carried a cane and to have had it when he arose after falling with Keefe. Thos. Mahoney and Thos. Keating confirmed the above.

Richard Howard who was passing at the time, and ran to assist when told Keefe was stabbed, stated that after Keefe fell and whilst he (Howard) was holding the wound together Keefe tried to speak, but that all he could make out of it was "captured." Two or three other witnesses were examined on Monday but nothing was elicited to throw further light on the case. The court adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

ANOTHER STABBING CASE.—On Monday a man named McLaughlin—was stabbed, (but not fatally,) in the head, by a colored man called Fitz Hughes, in a house kept by the latter in Albermarle street. The accused is in custody.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A narrow escape from drowning occurred on Friday morning. A boy about twelve years of age, who was rolling a hoop down Mooney's wharf, and apparently not noticing his approach to the water's edge, the hoop went over the end of the wharf, and the boy after it. A young man standing by had his attention attracted by the struggles of the youngster, who was entirely helpless. Having procured a boat hook, which fortunately happened to be near, the former jumped into a boat alongside, and fortunately succeeded in catching the clothes of the boy just as he was sinking for the last time.

NOTICE.

THERE will be a public Tea Meeting at Centre Rowdon, on Thursday the 6th of October, for the purpose of raising funds to complete the interior of the new Baptist Meeting-house in that locality.

Admittance from 10 o'clock, A. M. Refreshment tables will be provided and dinner prepared for all who shall require it. Tea at 4 P. M.

There will also be a sale of fancy articles. Every effort will be made to render the season both pleasant and profitable.

Admission Tickets, 7d., children half-price. Conveyances will be in waiting to carry passengers from the Mount Uniacke Station. Aug. 24.

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