

eighty third year of his age. A few days previous to his own decease, our brother received the sad intelligence of the death of a beloved son Capt. Maurice Murphy. This was a severe stroke, but he met it with humble resignation to the Divine will. Almost the last words he addressed to the writer, a few hours previous to his death, were: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, and blessed be his name." On the evening of the 30th ult., he retired in his usual health, and next morning was found dead—apparently having expired without a struggle and a groan. On the 3rd inst., he was followed to the grave by a large number of mourning friends, R. Catholic as well as Protestant, and a sermon was preached by the writer from Rev. xiv. 13. Rev. Jacob Porter also took part in the exercises. Deceased has left a widow, five children, and several grandchildren to mourn their irreparable loss. But they mourn not as those who have no hope. Our departed brother was a meek and consistent follower of the Saviour. His only dependence was upon the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. W. H. R.

For the Christian Messenger.

Central Sabbath School Convention.

The S. S. Convention in connection with the Central Baptist Association, met according to appointment, with the Church at Upper Aylesford, on Thursday the 21st September at 10 o'clock, A. M., the President D. R. Eaton occupying the chair.

After an hour had been spent in devotional exercises, the business of the Convention was taken up. The Minutes of last year were read, after which the names of delegates present were taken. Rev. Dr. Tupper and Bro. Abel Parker were invited to take seats with us.

On motion a committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The committee having presented their report the following persons were elected:

D. R. Eaton, President; Andrew Shaw, Falmouth, and J. P. Graves, Aylesford, Vice Presidents; Geo. V. Rand, Wolfville, Secretary and Treas. Maraging Committee,—Wm. Eaton, Kentville; J. S. Witter, Canning; Daniel Cogswell, Port Williams; Jas. S. McDonald, Wolfville; and Daniel Mosher, Windsor.

Rev. J. L. Read was appointed to prepare an Essay for next year, and Rev. S. W. DeBlois to be his alternate.

Resolved, that Rev. Dr. Pryor be requested to deliver an address at the next meeting of the Convention and that Rev. R. R. Philip be his alternate.

A collection was taken up to aid in defraying the necessary expenses of the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned till 2 1/2 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. After opening exercises the minutes of the morning session were read, after which statistics and letters were read from the following schools; Upper Aylesford, Mahone Bay, Brooklyn, (Horton,) Granville St., (Halifax,) Falmouth Union Missionary, Wolfville, Chester, Chester East, Chester Grant, Marriot's Cove, Newport West, Gasperaux, Kempt, (Hants, Co.) South Rawdon. Lower Canard, Black Rock, New Minas, Upper Perreau, Port Williams, Canaan, (Horton,) Canning, North Mountain, Upper Canard, Coldbrook, Morristown, Biltown and Cambridge. Statistics from North Church, (Halifax) and Hantsport have been received since the Convention, and are included in the following totals:—

Schools reported 30, Scholars, Male 985; Female 1147; average attendance, 1731; Teachers, Male 127, Female 151; Bible Classes 21, containing 311 members; Scholars, members of Church 175, Teachers do 221; Teachers and scholars received into the churches during the year 73; Volumes in the Libraries 6105; Copies of S. S. Papers taken 533;—Child's Paper, Young Reaper, Tract Journal, and Child at Home; Months schools kept 225; Amount expended for Books and Papers \$473 71. Among the statistics we notice 6 schools report continuance through the year, the majority only 6 months. Of the School at Upper Canard 33, and Lower Canard 17, have joined the Church during the year, being more than two thirds of the whole number reported.

In the absence of Rev. E. M. Saunders, from whom an Essay was expected, Rev. Dr. Tupper moved and Bro. West seconded the following:—

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly recommend to the attention of parents the interests of Sabbath Schools, inasmuch as therein their children are taught the fear of God and obedience to parents.

After which Rev. A. S. Hunt moved and Bro. Witter seconded the following:—

Resolved, That this Convention, feeling deeply the need of continued effort in our Sabbath Schools, as necessary to their efficiency and success, do urge upon the churches better attention to their reports to and representation in this Convention.

The foregoing resolutions were ably spoken to by the movers, and Rev. D. Freeman and Bro. Witter and Deacon Craig.

Adjourned till 6 1/2 in the evening.

Convention met according to adjournment.—After opening exercises,—there being no invitation for the next meeting of the Convention,—it was resolved to leave the subject in the hands of the Managing Committee.

As previously announced, an address was expected at this service from Rev. D. M. Welton, but being absent, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the subjects which were postponed last year viz. "The best method of retaining advanced pupils in the S. School," and "the continuance of the S. School throughout the year, which were spoken to by Revs. S. W. DeBlois, S. B. Kampton, D. Freeman and

J. L. Read after which the following was moved by Rev. D. Freeman seconded by Rev. J. L. Read:—

"Resolved, that in order to retain the advanced pupils in the S. School, every proper means be prayerfully used for their conversion and to increase their interest in the study of the Bible, and that the Schools be recommended to try the experiment of continuing them throughout the year."

Moved by Rev. S. W. DeBlois seconded by Bro. A. Shaw and passed unanimously:—

"Resolved, That the cordial and hearty thanks of this Convention be presented to the Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation of Upper Aylesford and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during our present session."

A vote of thanks was tendered to the choir and S. S. children, for the excellent music with which the exercises were interspersed during the session.

The entire session was characterised by harmony and deep feeling, with a sincere desire to promote the interests of the Sabbath School.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet on Thursday the 20th September 1866 at such places as shall be determined by the Managing Committee.

G. V. RAND, Secy.

Religious Intelligence.

ITALY.—A colporteur in the Basilicate was rudely treated, and on two occasions had a portion of his stock burned in the public square before his eyes, once at Colobraroo, where the priest collected among the bystanders and bought twenty francs' worth of Bibles and Testaments, and again at Montemilone, near Melfi, where thirty francs' worth were purchased, and amidst much excitement, committed to the flames.

At Turin the eloquent but eccentric Don Amrogio has turned the tables, having by his appearance on the scene been the means of stopping the famous procession of the "Madonna degli Angeli;" mounting the steps of the church, he harangued the crowd with such effect that the clergy were afraid to show themselves. One of the most remarkable signs of the transitional state of thought is the formation in some of the principal cities of associations organised on the basis of no religion at all. The idea is, that the members bind themselves to dispense with the priest in every circumstance and event of life, and to live as galantomini without pertaining to any particular church or holding any dogmas of religious belief. Baptism, marriage, and sepulture, for instance, are to be recognised simply so far as civil law requires."

TURKEY.—The terrible scenes enacted in Constantinople do not seem to have produced much religious effect. The correspondent of "Evangelical Christendom," who has himself lost one member of his family, says:—"So far as I can judge of the people, I am inclined to think that the influence of the cholera upon the public mind is rather to harden their hearts than to bring them nearer to God. Some are so overcome with fright, that no serious thought can find any place in their minds. Others are becoming so familiar with death in its most ghastly forms, that it has ceased to remind them of another world, and has become a jest. Others are altogether given to making money out of the general panic; but few are led nearer to God. Most of those who have really serious thoughts direct them altogether to saints and pictures, which are paraded through the streets. Not a few manifest the most despicable meanness in sacrificing everything to the sole end of saving their own lives." Amongst the victims of the disease has been Stephen Effendi, the civil head of the Protestant community.

SOUTH AFRICA.—The Wesleyan Mission at Swellendam, in the Cape Colony, has suffered disaster. In May last, in the midst of a hurricane scarcely paralleled in the annals of the colony, a fire suddenly burst forth in the town, which defied every effort to restrain its violence. The Wesleyan chapel with all its woodwork and internal fittings, shared the general fate, together with the adjoining Mission-house; in which, likewise, nearly the whole of the furniture and the resident Minister's personal effects were consumed.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS on Monday last resulted in the choice of Matthew H. Richey, Esq., for Mayor. The votes for the two candidates were for M. H. Richey 623, for James Tobin 409, majority for Richey, 214.

For Aldermen, the following gentlemen were returned:

- Ward 1.—S. Tobin, unopposed.
2.—J. H. Symons.
3.—W. Gosip.
4.—E. W. Chipman.
5.—J. Conway, unopposed.
6.—G. Drillio, do.

A much larger number of votes were polled on this occasion than last year. The votes then stood, for Richey, 374, for Tobin, 304.

THE BRIG "ZERO."—MURDER OF THE CAPTAIN.—On Tuesday, the 25th, the boy Howard made a confession to the City Marshall that the captain had been murdered in his bed with a belaying pin, by the steward, a colored man. The whole of the crew are in custody. The mate has also confessed his knowledge of the murder, and states that the captain was scarcely dead when the steward and one of the crew—a German—threw the body overboard.

A laborer Roger Sullivan died instantaneously whilst at work on a new building on Saturday morning.

The Dartmouth station house was broken open on Thursday night last and a considerable sum of money stolen.

Joseph Asbury, cabman, broke his leg, jumping out of his vehicle, last Tuesday.

ANOTHER FIRE occurred at Liverpool on Tuesday last consuming John and William Cobb's dwellings, McLearn's stores, Campbell and Eaton's store, and dwelling-house. Loss estimated at \$20,000 partially insured. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The new steamer "Empress" will make her first trip to Annapolis on Thursday, 5th, and to Windsor on Saturday, 7th October.

The body of Robinson accidentally drowned was found yesterday near Tufts Cove.

THE CITY RAILWAY CO., have one track laid to the Dockyard gate. They will lay the other—making a double track—before coming further into the city.

Our list of Deaths contains that of LAWRENCE HARTSHORNE Esq., the late city Treasurer. He has been one of our most esteemed citizens—highly respected by all classes. An immense concourse attended his funeral on Sunday last. The City Council have resolved to erect a tablet to his memory, and to obtain a life size likeness to adorn the walls of the city building.

WEST INDIES.—Advices from Havana state that two hundred slaves had been landed on the island of Anguilla to be transferred to Cuba. Troops were sent there from Nassau.

COUGHS AND COLDS.—Those who suffering from Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, &c., should try "Brown's Bronchial Troches," a simple remedy which has relieved thousands, and which is in almost every case effectual.

Are you disturbed at night? and broken of rest, by a child suffering and crying with the pain of Cutting Teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the little sufferer immediately. It cures wind colic, regulates the bowels, and is PERFECTLY SAFE IN ALL CASES. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

New Brunswick.

FIRE AT NEWCASTLE.—On Thursday last a fire broke out in Masonic Hall, burning Rundle's store, Hamilton's house, shop and barn, McKenzie's house, barn and carpenter's shop; Mr. Allen's (Cashier of Commercial Bank) house and barn, Willard's store and barn. Supposed the work of an incendiary. Little insurance; nothing saved. Rundle's loss about £6000; insurance £2000.

CUCUMBERS WORTH LOOKING AT.—The Carleton Sentinel tells us that he plucked some cucumbers last week from his own vines, five of which weighed 16 lbs., and measured 10 feet 7 inches, or an average of 2 feet 1 1/2 inches each. He adds that they are not monstrosities, but simply a large variety, and as excellent for table use or pickling as they are large.

The Bear Raid continues. The Clerk of the Peace for this County has paid about one hundred bounties.—Woodstock Acadian.

A Royal Gazette Extra issued last week, contained the following appointments:—Hon. Mr. Justice Robert Parker to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in place of Sir James Carter, resigned; Hon. John C. Allan to be a Puisne Judge; Hon. Albert J. Smith to be Attorney General.

An election will consequently be required to confirm the latter appointment. Nomination day at Dorchester on Monday, 9th.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

SURVIVORS OF SIR JOHN FRANKLIN'S CREW.—A telegram from New York on Friday afternoon states that Henry Grinnell, Esq., has received a highly interesting letter from Captain Hall, the Arctic explorer. He has discovered that in all probability three of the men of Sir John Franklin's Arctic expedition yet survive, and are living among the Muwits. One of these supposed survivors is said to be Crosier, who succeeded Sir John Franklin in command of the expedition.

ASTONISHING.—In the absence of more important and reliable news, the telegraph wires were employed on Thursday last in transmitting the following from New York to Halifax: Major Mahan, formerly of the Ninth Massachusetts regiment, in a speech at the Fenian meeting in Worcester, intimated that a Fenian on board the Great Eastern purposely damaged the cable, because he was determined that informers should not have the use of the cable until Irish independence is achieved!

A Telegram from New Orleans says.—"The equinoctial storm was severely felt along the Gulf coast. Several boats were thrown ashore, and others damaged."

ROBBERIES.—Belmont & Co., of New York, were robbed on Friday last of \$25,000 in government bonds.

The National Bank of Concord, Mass., was robbed on Monday 25th ult., of \$300,000, principally U. S. Securities. Reward of \$20,000 is offered for arrest of the robbers.

A portion of Tennessee is invested by a gang of 30 or 40 guerrillas, who murder and rob citizens indiscriminately.

IMMIGRANTS.—The Steamship Bosphorus arrived at Boston from Liverpool on Thursday last and brought five hundred emigrants, mostly to be employed in the New England factories. Steamer Kangaroo, at New York, also brought one hundred and fifty for the same purpose.

LO THE POOR INDIAN!—Advices from Far West on 27th ult., report a severe battle with, and defeat of Indians by U. S. troops. The latter had 600 horses and 200 mules frozen to death in one night.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

Steamship Allemania, from Southampton 20th, arrived at New York Oct. 2.

Nine hundred thousand pounds in gold is en route from Australia to England.

The cattle plague was increasing in England. The London cow houses have been decimated.

The Army and Navy Gazette says—"Donald McKay, of Boston, is in close communication with the Admiralty on the Torpedo subject. The authorities intend laying torpedoes in the channels leading into harbours."

The police have blockaded Parliament street, Dublin, taking possession of the Irish People newspaper office. Twenty persons have been arrested. Several arrests had been made at Cork. The English squadron was still off Ireland. The Times says the information upon which the seizure of the Irish People office was made was received from Washington.

THE GASTRIAN CONVENTION.—Earl Russell's letter to British agents abroad censures the German powers, and says—"Force alone is the power which has been consulted and recognized. Violence and conquest are the only basis upon which Austria and Prussia have established the Convention. England deeply deplors this disregard of public rights, and the legitimate claim of the people to be heard when the question affects their destiny."

Provisions quiet and steady. Breadstuffs quiet and easier. Produce firm. Consols for money 89 5-8 to 3/4 U. S. 5-20's. 68 7/8. Gold 144.

RUSSIA.

In Russia, quite a new method of obtaining money has been practised. Warning is sent to a village or town, that if a sum of money is not deposited in a certain place, by a specified time, the village or town will be set on fire. The threat has repeatedly been executed. One town had twenty fires in a short space of time, and the terrified inhabitants encamped in the fields; a village, for non-compliance, was almost entirely destroyed; a manufactory of firearms has been also destroyed; in one town upwards of two hundred houses, the synagogue, the public court, and two churches, were burnt down; altogether a large number of towns and villages have been destroyed. It is singular that the police, though they have made a few arrests of suspicious characters, have not been able to light on any traces of the guilty persons. Accounts of similar fires also arrive from Galicia and Poland, though it is not mentioned that they are preceded by similar threats.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SUNDAY TRAINS ON THE EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW RAILWAY.—A great demonstration was lately made against the restoration of Sunday communication between Edinburgh and Glasgow, in the City Hall, Glasgow. Resolutions declaratory of the alarm of the meeting at the intention of the North British Railway to begin Sunday trains, and the intention of the meeting to memorialise as their alarm directed them, were moved and seconded by sundry persons.

NAVAL AMENITIES BETWEEN RUSSIA AND SWEDEN.—There has been a "meeting of the fleets" in the far north. The Russian fleet has been visiting Stockholm, and both Russians and Swedes are said to be astonished that so little notice has been taken of the fact in other parts of Europe. The correspondent of The Morning Post in the Swedish capital is of opinion that one of the main objects of Russia in paying the visit has been to create an impression that a better understanding has been established between her and the other States of Northern Europe than was previously known to have existed. There is besides, he remarks, in what has recently taken place there and in what is understood to be now going on in Denmark, an evident desire on the part of Russia to establish between her and those States a system of political co-operation by which she hopes to increase the influence which she has long sought to possess over them, and for which the openly avowed projects of Germany and Prussia as to the possession of Kiel, and the formation of a German or Prussian navy, have afforded her an additional and plausible excuse.

INDIAN LAW AND HINDOO CONVERTS.—About two years ago a youth named Hemnath Bose, who was a pupil in the Calcutta Academy, applied to the native pastor, the Rev. Lal Behare De, for baptism. His father applied to the Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus against Mr. De, on the ground of his son's wanting a few months of the legal age, which is sixteen. In similar cases the law has been interpreted and enforced by different judges in ways the most opposite. In this instance the youth, without any examination, was summarily ordered by the presiding judge, Sir Mordaunt Wells, to be delivered to his heathen father. By the last Calcutta mail we learn that the youth, in July last, again applied to Mr. De for baptism, and was by him publicly admitted into the Christian Church. The case had occasioned unusual excitement in the native community.

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