

you, venerable Secretary. They are men in high places in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Some of them are members of the Prudential Committee and they appreciate the generosity of giving a great life to the missionary work. In their name I now hand you, Dr. Anderson the sum of ten thousand dollars. [Long applause.] It is a gift not in any way diverted from their usual donations to the Board, but it is given in the spirit that breathes these precious verses, 'I am young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken.' Hear the responses made by some of these donors when the matter was laid before them. 'That's right.' 'Better give it so than lay it by.' Another 'Such a life shall not end in want.' Another, 'I would like to give the whole of it myself.' [Long applause.]

Oliver E. Wood, merchant, of New York;—We merchants feel that the A. B. C. F. M. has done much for commerce. Wherever our flag goes, there goes our Board's Missionary. In part payment of what commerce owes the Board on behalf of a number of New York merchants, I announce that a like sum has been raised, viz: ten thousand dollars for Dr. A. [Long and loud applause.]

Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, of New York, rose. He is a slender, light built man, but with a voice like a trumpet. He said we could not think of turning a beloved brother of 70 years of age, who has spent his life as Dr. A. has, out upon the cold world. The secretaries stand in different relations to the Christian public from the missionaries. Missionaries when worn out in their service, are provided for; not so the secretaries. The United States Government gives superannuated officers half-pay for the balance of their lives. These twenty thousand dollars will yield Dr. A. about twelve hundred per annum, which we can consider his half-pay.

Dr. Treat said Dr. Anderson wished him to say that he would reply to-morrow in writing as his feelings would not allow him to venture a word now.

All this kind attention to the retiring Secretary was right, and a just recognition of his long and valuable services. In reading the account we could not help thinking of another Secretary of a Foreign Mission Board, living a near neighbor to Dr. Anderson, who rendered long and valuable service with no less devotion, with no less integrity of purpose and with no less kindness of heart, to whom his brethren did not give \$20,000 on his retiring from office. But all the inequalities of this life will be rectified ere long.

Another subject of interest claiming the attention of the American Board was the interference of Bishop Staley with the missions in the Sandwich Islands. This called forth the earnest protest of the Board, as uncourteous and unkind.

This meeting throughout was one of thrilling interest, attended by about 2,000 persons from abroad, although the population of Pittsfield is only about 10,000.

Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, NOVEMBER 7, 1866.

Life and Times of Harris Harding.

The *Life and Times* of the late Rev. Harris Harding, Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Yarmouth, N. S., just issued at Charlottetown, P. E. I., has been obligingly sent us by the Rev. John Davis, the author. It is a small duodecimo in cloth boards, of 271 pages, very neatly got up and in good readable type, and does credit to the Island press. The book itself evinces much care and diligence in procuring and arranging the materials, which, in recording a life so long protracted as that of Mr. Harding's where so many of its incidents are now lost and forgotten, has evidently been a task of no small amount of research and difficulty. The result however, we doubt not, will be very satisfactory to the friends of the deceased, as well as acceptable to the denomination to which he belonged. It is written in a clear, unostentatious style; in strong sympathy with the subject of which it treats, and is well suited to such a publication, and adapted to leave a strong and lasting impression on the minds of its readers, of the peculiar traits of character of the excellent man, whose life and times it professes to portray. But whatever the deficiency of the known incidents of such a life may be, as compared with what we would wish to know, with which the author has had to contend, it cannot but be most gratifying to the numerous members of the large Christian community, to whom the memorials of the first fathers of our faith in these Provinces, afford so warm an interest, to find so valuable a portion of the early history of the Baptist Denomination, rescued from the oblivion that was every year threatening its almost entire extinction.

The extracts from Mr. Harding's correspondence, so well interwoven with the general narrative, and some of which so accurately depict the fervent zeal, the abilities and the peculiarities of the aged Patriarch, add much value to the work. Of the few illustrations contained in the volume, we need not speak, as Mr. Davis himself, in front of the work, has added some pertinent remarks on their deficiencies. We could have wished that a pretty large portion of the Appendix, which occupies not far from one half the volume, had been embodied in the main narrative, to which in several instances it would seem more properly to belong. But we do not feel at all disposed unduly to criticize what may perchance by many be deemed no defect, in a task which upon the whole has been so well and so creditably performed.

We cannot close this brief notice without expressing our hope that the example which has now been so ably set, to revive and give permanent form to memorials of the labours and characters of some of the most prominent of our departed worthies, may soon be followed. There is ample ability among us, and copious materials still extant, to complete so important an object, which if now neglected, will be matter of deep regret to the denomination hereafter.

We sincerely trust that our worthy brother will find sufficient remuneration in the disposal of the work, fully to indemnify him for the great amount of labour, time and trouble he must have expended upon it. And we feel fully assured that it would be no small privilege for every Baptist family in the Province, to possess so faithful and interesting a record of the Life and Times of good Old Harris Harding.

The Introduction by J. W. Nutting, Esq., very succinctly traces the history of the religious revivals, so largely enjoyed under Mr. Harding's ministry, to those which prevailed in England in the beginning of the seventeenth century, and forms a valuable link in the chain binding the witnesses for the truth in this land with the long line which God has raised up in other countries, from time to time, since the days of the Apostles of our Lord and Saviour.

Halifax and Dartmouth Sabbath School Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association was held in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday evening, 30th ult. The President, Chas. Robson, Esq., occupied the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Goucher opened the proceedings with prayer. After a few remarks by the President, the statistical returns, from the various Schools comprised in the Association were read by the superintendents present, several of whom interspersed their reports with interesting details as to the state and efficiency of their Schools.

The reports having been submitted, the topic for the evening, "The best mode of retaining the senior scholars in Sabbath Schools," was introduced by Alex. James, Esq., who, in the course of a somewhat lengthy address, threw out several valuable suggestions, as to the means best adapted to secure this desirable end.

Mr. T. F. Knight followed with a few remarks. The President then called upon the Secretary to read the subjoined report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

At the conclusion of the report, the following gentlemen were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year:

President.—D. McN. Parker, Esq., M. D.
Vice President.—T. A. Brown, Esq.
Secretary & Treasurer.—W. B. McNutt.
Committee.—Chas. Robson, Geo. Robins, W. L. Bell, John Grierison, R. N. Beckwith and M. M. Lindsay.

REPORT.

The Committee of the Halifax and Dartmouth Sabbath School Association desire to present a brief report of their proceedings for the past year.

Immediately after their appointment they prepared a Schedule of Statistics, which, together with a copy of the Constitution of the Association, and a Circular, inviting co-operation, was sent to the Superintendents of each of the Protestant evangelical Sabbath Schools in the city and Dartmouth—to the number of twenty-one. Sixteen of these Schools have connected themselves with the Association by reporting quarterly. The totals of their Statistics at the present are as follows:

Scholars.—979 Male. 1204 Female. 2174 Total.
Teachers.—136 " " 153 " " 289
Average attendance, . . . 244 Teachers. 1425 Scholars.
Volumes in Libraries, 6547.

The quarterly meetings provided for in the Constitution have been regularly held; and it is believed have been both interesting and profitable. The Committee would express their thanks to the gentlemen who delivered addresses and took part in the discussions at these meetings; as also to the Trustees of the various churches, by whose kind permission they have been held free of charge.

At the last quarterly meeting a special com-

mittee was appointed to devise and carry out a scheme for the thorough canvassing the city, in order to gather in those children attending no Sabbath School. This committee, having associated with themselves the superintendents of the various schools, arranged a plan by which each of the Sabbath Schools in connection with the Association, had assigned to it a special district for house to house visitation. This plan has been generally carried out, though there are parts of several districts still to be heard from. In those, from which returns have already been received, the canvassers have found more than six hundred children of professedly protestant families, attending no Sabbath School. As soon as practicable, the Schools of the various denominations, will be notified of the residence of these neglected ones, and it is hoped they will speedily be placed under religious instruction on the Lord's day.

In conclusion, the committee would state their belief, that the threefold object of the Association, as set forth in the Constitution—"To promote friendly intercourse and co-operation amongst Teachers—to render present Sabbath School organizations more efficient, and—to extend, as opportunity may arise, the influence of Sabbath School agency in those localities and amongst those children now destitute of such influences,"—has been to some extent promoted during the past year, and express their hope that their successors may be yet more successful in their efforts in this branch of Christian work.

EPISCOPAL.—In our last we noticed the *Church Chronicle* published, as we presumed, under the authority of Bishop Binney. We perceive by a letter in the *Morning Chronicle* that the Rev. Edwin Gilpin, D. D., is at present the Editor and Proprietor of the *Church Chronicle*, but that after the present year it will be under the control of the Executive Committee of the Synod, who will appoint their own editor.

The "rumor" we mentioned last week of disagreement between the Rev. J. C. Cochran and the Bishop of Nova Scotia appears to be a positive fact, of which the public will shortly be fully informed.

Some miscreant entered the Church at Sackville one night last week, and stole therefrom the surplice and black gown belonging to the Rev. Mr. Smith of that place.

We have just received an interesting letter from Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, at Henthada, Burmah, but too late for insertion in our present issue.

"A Young Pastor's" letter is also received and will appear in our next.

Rev. I. E. Bill, of St. John, will please accept our thanks for a copy of the Sermon preached on occasion of the death of the late Rev. Samuel Robinson. It is a worthy tribute to his memory, and, with other matters relating to the deceased minister, forms a pamphlet of 86 pages, got up in very neat style, with an excellent photograph likeness of Mr. Robinson.

It may be had for 25 cents. Some friends in Halifax desirous of possessing a copy have left their names at our office. Others who wish for one will please do so forthwith and we will send on in a few days.

Murdock's History, No. 20, has appeared in due time, bringing it down to the year 1817. This number, like its predecessors, is freighted with invaluable materials for Nova Scotia readers.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society will be held (D. V.) in Temperance Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst. Chair to be taken at 7.30.

NEWS SUMMARY.

The Fenian agitation, which for a time after their fruitless inroad on Canada, seemed in a measure to have subsided, appears again to have become rampant. Great organizations are said to be going on in some of the principal Cities of the Union, with no lack of bluster and gaseonade, or of savage threats of imminent raids into Canada, and a speedy invasion or insurrection in Ireland. Messrs Stephens and Sweeny are at present the leading spirits that ride upon the storm. Whether their threatened attempts in reality portend anything more than what is vulgarly termed, "Raising the wind," it is not easy to say—we doubt not the will is good, if but the way were plain. One thing however is quite certain as to their intentions, which is, that they fully appreciate the expense and annoyance, which their piratical movements, whether carried into actual practice or not, must necessarily entail on the British Government and the Colonies, and which even if no other object is obtained, will afford them an evil gratification. Whatever their real designs may be, we can scarcely believe they will be so foolhardy as to attempt an inroad into Canada at this season of the year. We imagine the approaching frosts and snows of Canada, with the reception they would be

sure to meet, would soon cool the ardour of a winter campaign.

The success of the Atlantic Cable has been so great and its prospects so encouraging, that the Proprietors have determined to reduce the charge for messages to one half the original rate, or from four to two dollars per word.

By the arrival of the R. M. S. *Java*, about 12 o'clock on Monday night, we learn that Vice Admiral Mundy will succeed Sir James Hope, as commander-in-chief on the North American stations.

The Prince of Wales was to leave England for St. Petersburg on the 5th Inst., for the purpose of attending the marriage of the Czarwiteh to the Princess Dagmar of Denmark.

The French evacuation of Rome was to commence on the 4th of December.

Notices, &c.

The next session of the *Cape Breton Quarterly Ministerial Conference* will be held in the Mabou Baptist Chapel—commencing on Saturday, 17th Nov., next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

We hope to meet a large number of our brethren and friends, and we most earnestly beseech them to come, supplicating the presence and blessing of the Master.

By order of the Conference,
J. F. KEMPTON.

Oct. 16th, 1866.

Letters Received.

Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., \$2; also \$6, Aug. 16.—Also per Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$1, and £1 13s., P. E. I., for Foreign Mission. C. Spide. Rev. J. F. Kempton. Rev. T. T. Filmer. Rev. E. N. Harris. Rev. W. W. George. Jos. Bradshaw, \$2, per A. F. Porter. Rev. W. E. Hall. G. Longille. A. M. Davis. Rev. J. Davis. Rev. G. Armstrong. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 1 sub. Rev. D. Freeman. S. N. Jackson. Miss E. Clark, \$2. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$2.75.—Paid P. M. \$1.25. Rev. Edw. Hickson, 6th and 27th, \$10. J. L. Tremain, Esq., \$1, and \$4 for Rev. A. S.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Supreme Court.

TRIAL OF LOCKE AND GEIZER FOR MURDER.—This case has excited no small amount of interest during the past week. The mystery surrounding the affair is exceedingly perplexing, and now that the trial is over there appears to be a great variety of opinion as to what are the real facts. We have not heretofore referred to the case at any length, as we were dissatisfied with the evidence brought forth on either side on previous examinations, and supposed something more satisfactory would be forthcoming on the trial.

Our space forbids that the trial be given in detail. Were it otherwise we hardly think our readers would wish to have it at length.

We shall give only the more important parts of the evidence.

Hon. S. L. Shannon, Q. C., and F. Cochran, Esq., appeared for the Crown, and J. H. Weeks, Esq., for the prisoners.

The indictment charged both prisoners with murder. The following is the evidence of the principal witness for the prosecution:—

Susan Ann McKenzie, Sworn.—I am 19 years old; Geizer is my step-brother—the other prisoner, Locke, is married to my step-sister; was living last fall at my mother's, on the Chester Road, 8 miles from Halifax; was engaged digging potatoes, between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening; I went into the house from the field; I went into the kitchen; I saw there my mother, both prisoners, and a stranger; the stranger was a tall, dark complexioned man with a long black beard, middle aged; he had a black cloth coat, white vest, black pants and a low beaver hat; Locke and the stranger were jawing about the war between the Northern and Southern States; it was approaching a quarrel; the stranger said he would not give a— for either one of them; the stranger got up to fight; Locke then went into the porch; the kitchen opens into the porch; there was an axe by the porch door, between the porch door and kitchen; Jas. Locke took up the axe, turned round and struck the stranger with it; he struck him in the forehead; the man fell at once; I was standing by the kitchen door it was open and I saw what I have stated. The stranger groaned once; he fell in the porch; I saw blood from the wound; there was a good deal of blood the axe was not very dull nor very sharp; Geizer was present at this time and saw what was going on; the stranger was struck with the sharp part of the axe; he gave one groan; the prisoners carried him across the street into a little building; there was no life in him when carried across; Locke took hold of his head and Geizer of his feet when they carried him across, the body was not left very long in the shed; they (Locke and Geizer) carried it to the woods on a hand-barrow; they had one there; it was just dusk when they carried it there; that was the last I saw of the stranger. There was a good deal of blood in the porch; Locke washed it up the same night.