

The Council further find that the church is regarded as blameable for having refused to call a Council at an earlier period in the history of this whole case :

Resolved. That the Council are not able to decide upon this particular question, but, in relation to the whole matter of calling a Council in critical cases of a difficult nature between pastor and people, we are of opinion, that, for the interests of all parties concerned, an advisory council will generally be found desirable, and that such a procedure is in harmony with the practice of the churches in these provinces.

Resolved 4. That in relation to the suspension of Dr. Pryor on the charge of fraudulent transactions in the affairs of Miss Vass, the Council is of opinion, after a careful examination of the whole matter in relation to which this Council has already delivered its decision, that it would be advisable for the Church to reconsider their action thereon.

Such is the judgment on all the above points at which this Council has arrived. They would have desired to add a few sentences embodying thoughts and counsels suggested by the matters which have come before them. The time at their disposal, however, forbids this. They may utter somewhat in the above way, but cannot write anything further. They can only commend the late pastor of this Church with its deacons and members to the care and guidance of the great Head of the Church. May He counsel, direct and dispose them to all that is well-pleasing in His sight, and beneficial to His cause. May He lead them to all things that make for holiness and love and peace. May He render the efforts of the Council which is now about to be dissolved, conducive to these great ends. May He at last bring us all to the world of purity and rest. The members of this Council will not then regret the toil which they have at this time been led to devote to the cause of Christ in this place. And in Heaven we shall all rejoice together in the result of our common labors, and in the salvation of our Common Lord.

Signed by the members of Council, Halifax, Sept. 5 1867.

It may not be improper to state that the church were not proposing to offer allegations, but to present the case as follows, as appears by the Minutes of Council, first session :

"The records of the church relating to the call of this Council were then read stating the object to be to consider for investigation and adjudication

1. The charges of immorality and all testimony having reference thereto, which has been or may hereafter be adduced.

2. The charges of a pecuniary character in the accounts with Miss Vass.

3. The action taken by the church in reference to each of the above cases.

And to report to the church their opinion in what degree, any and which of the charges alleged against Dr. Pryor have been substantiated before them, and whether the action of the church relative thereto and to Dr. Pryor was such as should have been taken under all the circumstances; and, if not, why not; and what course the church should have adopted."

But the Council demanded allegations and they were put in as above.

Explanations were given by Rev. Dr. Spurden the President, after reading the Decision, respecting the nature and amount of circumstantial evidence required to establish proof of criminality. Other members of the Council also remarked on the decision. It was explained to be "an average finding rather than one which fully satisfied every member of the Council."

At a church meeting held on the following Wednesday, the 11th, a committee was appointed "to examine the Minutes of Council and the Evidence in order to gather any information which might assist the church in carrying out the recommendation of the Council."

On Tuesday, 24th of September, a meeting of the church was called for the purpose of receiving the report of the said committee, which report was to the effect, that they had been unable to find anything which would be a sufficient reason for such reconsideration of their proceedings.

After the adoption of this report the following resolution was also adopted there being but one dissentient vote :

"The Decision of the Council with a copy of their Minutes having been submitted to, and carefully considered by this meeting,

Resolved, That with respect to the recommendation which concludes the decision, the church regard it as alike due to the Council, and to Dr. Pryor, that that recommendation be promptly acted upon, but, in

approaching the reconsideration which the Council have advised, the Church is sorry to be compelled to say that they do not feel warranted in adopting the findings of the Council as their basis of reconsideration, for the following among other reasons."

We refrain at present from publishing the said reasons, but if it shall become necessary at any future time, we hold ourselves at liberty to do so.

Notwithstanding our suggesting that the editor of the Visitor had laid himself open to a charge of unfairness to the individuals named in his article, he contents himself with offering to us his thanks for inserting his article, without however making any correction, or acknowledgment of the wrong impressions given, which in all fairness we think he should have done. We leave our contemporary to use his own discretion in giving a more correct account to his readers.

We regret, exceedingly, that it has been necessary to place thus much on this matter on our pages, and trust that the above may be sufficient to satisfy the brethren. It having been brought before the Association, is a reason, we think, why they should know the results of the action recommended. We have, as we conceive, given it as briefly as we could without making it unintelligible.

Young Men's Christian Association Convention.

We have much pleasure in inviting all our readers to be present at the meetings which will be held this week by the above Convention. We trust there will be an effort made to give a warm and hearty reception to the Clergymen and gentlemen of all the Evangelical Churches who may be speakers. Elsewhere these meetings have been seasons of deep interest to the members of Churches and a silent influence for good has invariably followed their being held.

There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions, every one of which will be worth attending.

There will be essays read and discussed, and Prayer and singing, and the liveliness of debate is almost guaranteed by the adoption of a rule limiting speakers to five minutes.

The following is the proposed Programme. Thursday afternoon meet at Granville Street Church at half past two p.m. Thursday evening St. Matthews Church at half past 7 p.m. for

THE WELCOME MEETING.

It is expected that this will be one of the deepest interest, and should on no account be missed.

Friday and Saturday will be occupied in the discussion of such questions as Christian work, and the best plans for its extension. The hours of meeting will be fixed by the Convention after its organization, but may be expected to be 1/2 past 9 p.m., 1/2 past 2, and 1/2 past 7 p.m.

There will be devotional exercises at the opening, and a seasoning of prayer and praise throughout. The following beautiful hymns will be sung. "Shall we gather at the river;" "Nearer my God to thee"; "Am I a soldier of the cross?" All who are present at the meetings, will, it is hoped, join in the singing, to facilitate which, copies of the hymns we use will be freely furnished.

On Sabbath at three o'clock, there will be a farewell meeting in Brunswick Street Church. Young men are specially urged to be present at all the meetings. They should also endeavor to bring their friends with them. We hope Christian parents will aid in bringing this duty before their children, and come with them also, to share in the fellowship of the brethren, and perhaps to carry away a priceless blessing. Let us unite in one sincere and solemn appeal to Jehovah for an outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon the young men of our land.

Notices, &c.

The Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Baptist church at Margaree, N. E., on Saturday, the 12th of October next, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The meeting will take place before the regular time, so as to secure better travelling for those who have to come long distances.

There will also be a meeting in the Baptist Chapel, on the evening of Friday, the 11th Oct., at 7 o'clock, for the special benefit of the Sabbath School, when it is expected that addresses will be delivered by ministering brethren from abroad.

We hope there will be a large attendance at the meetings. A free invitation is extended to all interested.

By order, J. F. KEMPTON.

Margaree, Sept. 13th, 1867.

P. S.—I am glad to inform you that we are about entering our new place of worship, which will be completely finished both outside and in in a few days.

Colchester Co. Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

The Annual Meeting of the Colchester County Baptist Sabbath School Convention will be held at Lower Stewiacke, on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

THE CIVIC ELECTIONS were progressing as we went to press. The candidates for the Mayorality were Aldermen Ackhurst, McCulloch, and Tobin.

Besides the Aldermen who retire by having served the regular period of service there are two or three others to elect in place of some who retire after two years' service.

The names of the Candidates for Aldermanic honors were :

- Ward 1.—Peter McPhee, P. Jmlay.
Ward 2.—Patrick Mahoney, Wm. Dunbar.
Ward 3.—James Butler.
Ward 4.—C. C. Vaux, T. Trenaman.
Ward 5.—William Barron.
Ward 6.—J. L. Whytal, F. W. Fishwick.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday last a car ran off the track near the four-mile house.

On Thursday efforts were being made to replace the car on the track, and it had been nearly got there. When the down train came along, at the 10 mile-house two military gentlemen stepped into the cars to come to town, on approaching the spot where the car had got off, it appears Dr. Hogan put his head out of the window to see the car, not knowing that it would come so near to the train. The two cars came almost together and before Dr. H. could withdraw his head the upper part was taken completely off, and he was instantly killed. Several other persons it appears were somewhat injured by having their elbows outside the windows.

Dr. Hogan was a highly esteemed young man of the Army Medical Staff, in the 24th year of his age, being the son of the celebrated Irish sculptor of that name. He appears to have been the principal dependence of a widowed mother. The sad accident caused much sorrow in the city generally. His funeral took place on Saturday with the usual military honors of his rank. A very large concourse attended to witness the solemn and imposing ceremonies.

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH took place on Sunday morning. Andrew McKinlay, Esq., had been somewhat unwell for some time past, but on Saturday was sufficiently recovered to walk out, but on Sunday morning he expired very suddenly. Mr. Mackinlay has for some time past filled the office of Custos of Halifax County and has been otherwise recognized as a leading man in connection with educational and benevolent enterprises. His departure will be regretted by many of his fellow-citizens. He was one of our earliest friends in Nova Scotia, and we sincerely lament his departure.

A young woman, named Ellen Murphy, arrested for being drunk, and using profane language in the public streets, attempted on Tuesday last to strangle herself in one of the cells in the Police Station. On Wednesday she was fined \$5, or in default 60 days in the City Prison.

Two men named Robichau, father and son, while engaged in blasting a rock, in the town of Yarmouth, recently, were badly injured by the accidental explosion of the charge.

The Eastern Chronicle learns that one day last week a young girl at the Acadia Mines was so severely injured by her clothes catching fire that she died in a few hours.

The Hon. Jas. McNair, was attacked on Sunday with a stroke of paralysis, and lies in a very precarious condition.

We regret to learn that the Dwelling House and out-buildings of Dr. Robinson at Annapolis were consumed by fire on Tuesday evening.—Free Press.

We regret to learn that Mr. Manus Kane, one of the men injured by the premature firing of a cannon at Yarmouth on Saturday last, died on Sunday morning from the effects of the injuries received. Deceased was a brother-in-law of Mr. J. M. Allen, Confectioner, of this city, and leaves a wife and family. We also learn that young Mr. Killam, who was injured at the same time, lies in a very precarious condition.—Recorder.

STABBING AFFRAY.—At or about 10 o'clock on Saturday night a colored man named William Johnson got into an altercation with a white man named John Farrel, and in the melee, the person last named, was stabbed in the back by the former. The occurrence took place at the corner of Albermarle and Jacob streets. Both persons are shoemakers by trade. The wound is a dangerous one, but we learn that it is not likely to prove fatal. The occasion created much excitement, and had it not been for the timely interference of the Military police, the probability is that Johnson would have been lynched on the spot.—Unionist.

EXTRAORDINARY GOLD PRODUCT.—We are assured at a recent "clearing up" of quartz from a mine lately opened at Unisacke, and under the management of Mr. John Woodruffe, fifteen tons of quartz, taken from a lead six feet thick, yielded 29 oz 1 dwt. of gold at the mill, besides about six ounces in specimens. This was the result of thirty-five days' work, and is therefore equivalent to an ounce of gold per day per man. We believe this surpasses in productiveness anything ever before discovered in Nova Scotia.—Chronicle.

At the sitting of the City Council last week the annual report of the Committee of Cemetery was handed in by the Chairman, Ald. Richardson. From this document it appears that the number of interments in Camp Hill Cemetery, from the 16th Sept. 1866, to the 16th Sept. 1867, was 282, of which 51 were paupers. In respect to denominations they classed as follows:—Episcopalians 105, Presbyterians 55, Wesleyans 52, Baptists 27, and other denominations 18—The number of interments in the Cemetery of the Holy Cross, for the same period, was 298, making the total number of burials in these Cemeteries, for the years 580.

During the year the Committee have erected a fountain in Camp Hill Cemetery, and they suggest that a small house be built therein, in order to afford shelter to those attending funerals in stormy weather.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A TUNNEL THROUGH AN EXTINGUISHED VOLCANO.—The Moorhouse Tunnel, opening up the fertile plains of the Canterbury settlement in Australia it is believed, the first instance where a complete section of an extinct volcano has been opened out. The elaborate drawings by Dr. Haast, for the exhibition in Paris, will draw the attention of geologists to the scientific world. The rock in the tunnel may be described as a series of lava streams and beds of tufa intersected by vertical dykes of phonolite. The lava streams generally consist of scoria, overlaying a coarse pink trachyte, which passes gradually through shades of grey, purple, and blue, into a black, finely-grained dolomite, intensely hard and tough; the lightest and softest rock being at the top and the densest and blackest at the bottom. Regarded from an engineering point of view, the work is considered eminently successful.

We are instructed to inform the readers of the Messenger that if Parsons' Purgative Pills fail in any instance to give satisfaction, the money shall be refunded. Cut out this notice and take it with you.

The Needle Gun without a doubt Is thought by some the best thing out; Not so with others, they declare; That Grace's Salve will well compare With anything that yet was known By humble cottager or king on throne.

PURITAN SURE THROAT. The best remedy that has ever been discovered for this dreadful disease is Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. We do but simple justice to the medicine, as to the public, when we recommend the same for general use.—[Halifax (N. S.) Daily.]

FRIGHTFUL AND DANGEROUS.—Spasms of the stomach must be promptly treated. They may soon end fatally, if not checked at the outset. Send for a doctor if you will, but first administer a full dose of RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, internally, and rub it briskly over the stomach, and on the spine. In five minutes the attack, however frightful, will be arrested, and the danger over. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by Druggists

THE RITUALISTIC COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.—The following is Punch's version of this famous report:

Your Majesty's faithful Commissioners appointed to inquire into Ritualistic Practices, have the honour to inform your Majesty that they have not done so.

For reasons with which they need not trouble your Majesty, they abstained from making any report at all until Parliament had dispersed. They may, however, just mention, that they considered it would not tend to the peace of the Church to have disagreeable Parliamentary debates on the subjects in question.

They now beg to state that they have asked several persons what they thought of the new Vestments, and that the Commissioners have arrived at the important discovery that there are different opinions on the topic.

They are strongly of opinion that it is Expedient not to give offence.

They therefore unhesitatingly say, that where persons are aggrieved by the Ritualistic Vestments, those persons should be enabled to obtain Redress.

The name of Mr. Walpole, subscribed to the report, will be a sufficient guarantee to your Majesty that no uncalled-for joke is meant in the last word of the preceding paragraph.

The Commissioners are quite unable to offer the slightest hint as to the means whereby such redress should be obtained, but they beg to disclaim in the strongest manner the idea that the Bishops of the Church ought to be troubled to inquire into the doings of clergymen. If parishioners are aggrieved, they should take action for themselves, if able to afford it.

The Commissioners need not add, that where a minister can induce his flock to assent to Vestments, or any other novelty, interference would be objectionable, inasmuch as no principle is involved in church-matters, and as has been said, the question is one of Expediency.

They conclude by expressing to your Majesty their conviction of the great value of the Commission, and of the satisfaction with which all good persons will hail this conclusion of an important controversy.

RESULTS OF NOVEL READING.—A young urchin, fourteen years old, had just stolen a horse at Southsea. Pursuit being made, he was overtaken at Portsdown-hill where he was resting while the horse grazed. There was found on his person two pistols—one loaded—a large quantity of powder, bullets, &c., and a black mask. He said his intention was to have gone to London to try his fortune in the class of life made famous by the exploits of Jack Sheppard, Dick Turpin, and other gentlemen of like fame.