

For the Christian Messenger.

#### QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE HANTS COUNTY TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

The Quarterly Session of the Hants County Temperance League was held at Burlington Hall, on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. The morning session was opened at 11 A. M., Bro. Joseph Marsters officiating as Chaplain, in absence of Rev. E. Annand.

A committee on credentials was then appointed, consisting of Bros. J. Walley and J. Marsters, who reported delegates present from Summerville, Unison, Crystal Wave, Golden Rule, and Dirigo Lodges, and Avon Division. On motion Bros. Marsh, Marsters, Vaughan, and Harvie, were invited to a seat with the members. On motion,

Resolved, That the afternoon session meet at 2 P. M.

The Secretary acknowledged the receipt of \$1.67 from Unison Lodge. Prayer by the Chaplain. Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

*Afternoon Session.*—League opened in usual form. Minutes of previous session read and approved. Committee on credentials reported new arrivals from Crystal Wave, Unison, Golden Rule, and Summerville Lodges.

On motion, Bros. C. Harvie, J. Armstrong, T. Armstrong, T. Harvie, and A. Burgess were invited to seats.

A lengthy debate ensued upon the advisability of procuring the services of a Temperance Lecturer for the County, which resulted in a motion for a committee of five to duly weigh the subject, and to engage such lecturer for three months should they deem it expedient. The motion passed unanimously.

The following Committee was appointed:—D. Mosher, Windsor; Dr. Sturgiss, Walton; J. Walley, Scotch Village; G. Harvie, Burlington; J. Armstrong, Summerville.

After much discussion the following resolution passed unanimously:—

Resolved, That the Lodges and Divisions be respectfully invited to hold public Temperance Meetings in their different localities, and that at each such meeting collections be taken up for the benefit of the League.

A subscription list, at the instigation of Bro. A. McNeil Parker, was then opened, to assist in sustaining a lecturer, which proved quite a success. The Secretary was requested to forward such lists to each temperance organization in the County, earnestly requesting their cooperation in the matter. They will be forwarded at an early day. We hope our brothers will not be backward in this, but will come over and help us against the enemy. None need be discouraged at the late action of one august body in this county. On motion Bros. Wm. McDougald, B. J. Moxon, D. Mosher, and R. S. Blois, were appointed delegates to the Provincial Temperance Meeting which takes place at Halifax in March.

A vote of thanks was tendered the brothers at Burlington for their kindness upon the occasion.

The Secretary acknowledged the following receipts: Crystal Wave Lodge, \$1.00; Summerville Lodge, \$1.50; also \$2.00 from Dr. Sturgiss, the proceeds of a lecture given by that gentleman. We want a little more of the Dr's. energy in our ranks. The minutes of the session were read and approved. The Secretary was requested to publish a report of the proceedings.

Prayer by Bro. D. Marsters. League adjourned to meet at Noel, the second Wednesday in March, at 10 A. M.

By order,

LUCIUS B. BANCROFT, Secretary.

P. S.—The different Temperance organizations in this County petitioned the Grand Jury of West Hants, at the late session against the granting of licenses. The petitions were presented, the Grand Jury, probably, read, pondered over, and inwardly digested their contents,—then licensed sixteen grog-shops. Comment is unnecessary. Can any one inform us what parties drew the names of the "Enlightened Twelve" of West Hants? L. B. B.

(Wesleyan and Witness please copy.)

### Religious Intelligence.

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#### NEW YEAR'S EVE AT NORTH SYDNEY.

Mr. Editor,—

I had the pleasure on New Year's Eve, of being one of a pleasant company who had gathered to pay our Pastor—Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr.—a donation visit. It proved indeed a pleasant way of seeing the old year out. Besides enjoying the consciousness of trying to show our appreciation of a devotedly faithful Pastor, we had the un-

expected pleasure of meeting the Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, who is now here on a visit to his parents. By his easy social manner he added much to the evening's entertainment. Upon him devolved the task of presenting our Pastor with the purse, a duty he gracefully performed in a speech consisting of a neat introduction in English, and the rest in *Burmese*. We presume the latter was suitable for the occasion, it being quite as unintelligible to us as Gaelic or Hebrew. Mr. Crawley also favored the company with the singing of a hymn in *Burmese*.

After wishing our Pastor and family a happy New Year we returned to our homes, feeling that we had enjoyed a never-to-be-forgotten privilege. Mr. Crawley has imparted to us an increased interest in his self-sacrificing work, and we cannot but feel that his visit here will result in increased earnestness in working and praying for the great Missionary enterprise.

ONE PRESENT.

North Sydney, Jan. 18th, 1869.

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#### SOCIAL VISIT, DONATIONS AND PROGRESS, AT PUGWASH, WALLACE, AND GOOSE RIVER.

Mr. Editor,—

Please allow me through the *Messenger* to inform my friends of the very kind attention of the brethren in Pugwash, Wallace, and Goose River.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 30th ult., about 150 gathered at our house, quietly took possession and stowed strange looking parcels in the kitchen, and various articles in various parts of the house. At 6 o'clock we were invited down to a repast furnished with a score of pantries, each seeming to vie with its neighbour in the beauty and delicacy of its productions.

Tea being over, we sung and conversed during the evening, which passed all too quickly. Each one manifested a determination to enjoy himself and make his Pastor and family happy. The occasion to me was one of deep interest, especially as I saw among the cheerful faces, many that I have been permitted during my short stay to bury with Christ in baptism, and lead into the church of God.

Before leaving, Deacon Seaman was delegated to place in my hand a purse, together with a list of choice articles—some of which had been received previously—amounting to the handsome sum of \$175.

We will allow this simple act of hearty good will to speak for itself, as regards mysterious doings among the brethren of Pugwash and vicinity. After a few addresses, singing and prayer, our friends departed taking our hearts with them.

May God bless them all abundantly.

Yesterday, 17th inst., was a good day in Pugwash. One brother was restored and two others were baptized and received into our membership. The sound of the Saviour's footsteps is heard among us.

Yours in Christ,

J. MURRAY.

Pugwash, Jan. 18th.

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#### BAPTIST OPERATIONS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Extract of a letter from Rev. M. P. Freeman: "We are glad to hear of God's grace to some of the churches. We, on the Island, are complaining, with many in other parts, over our coldness and declension from the path of the higher christian life, but yet God hath not forsaken us—and the pledges of His love, renewed from time to time, confirm our faith and encourage to further efforts. Our Home Missionary Society has been blessed since its organization. Eternity alone will reveal all that God has wrought by our missionaries. In one section of my field of labor—the rising town of Summerside—a church has been gathered under its auspices, and now the brethren—a small band of believers,—have resolved to build a place of worship. At a meeting called a few evenings since the sum of £100 was pledged—and since that the amount subscribed has exceeded £200. We hope to get £250 in the town—and think there will be enough forthcoming from friends in other parts to complete it.

Bro. Davies of Charlottetown gives us the site. I have just received a letter from Bro. Kidson—our Missionary, in which he states that the Lord is blessing his labors in Belfast. He describes the revival as "one of the most glorious seasons" he ever witnessed. Several had been baptized and the work was still in progress. You will doubtless have from him, or some other person, a fuller account of this work of grace."

BELEAST, P. E. I.—Rev. E. N. Archibald writes: "A glorious revival is now in progress in Belfast. Our faithful missionary, Rev. F. Kidson, has been holding meetings for five weeks. A solemn sense of eternal things, pervades the minds of the people. Ten have been baptized, as many more are about to go forward. Many are seeking in the solemn earnestness of the truly awakened. It was greatly encouraging to me as I spent nine days on the field sharing in the blessed toil, to see so much of the harvest, a result of seed long sown by devoted men, some of whom now sleep in dust. The scattered children of sainted parents are sweetly confiding in their fathers' God. We look for the spreading of this work to all our churches. For this let the children of God pour out fervent prayer."

MARGARET'S BAY.—We have a note from Rev. T. C. DeLong, dated the 10th inst., confirming the gratifying intelligence given last week. He says the meetings are still continued daily. The few who sustained the Prayer meetings have had their hopes realized. "God has in answer to prayer visited us by His Spirit. Backsliders have returned and one has been restored. Some besides those baptized have professed to find peace, and we expect to baptize again soon. We ask the prayers of God's people that this whole region may be blessed and pure religion revived."

We learn that, on Sunday last, the ordinance of Christian baptism was administered to five persons.

HEBRON, YARMOUTH COUNTY.—We learn from Bro. W. R. Doty that God has in a small measure revived the faith of his people at Hebron. Backsliders have returned and sinners have been converted. Rev. J. Rowe baptized two persons on the 10th inst., and a good hope is cherished of others giving themselves to the Lord in the covenant of his grace.

DONATION TO REV. ISA. WALLACE.

Dear Editor,—

It affords me great pleasure to acknowledge the reception of generous Donations, recently made me by my kind and considerate people, as follows: Dec. 22nd, 1868, at Captain James Johnson's, Lower Granville, \$29. Jan. 1, 1869, at Mr. Anderson Healey's, Karsdale \$27.34. Jan. 5th, at the Parsonage \$107.71, in all \$164.06, \$113 of which was in cash.

This is the largest Donation I have ever received. Its great value to me is enhanced by assurances given that it expresses the sympathy and affection of a people among whom I have laboured for nearly 8 years. That Heaven may graciously reward the donors and help the recipient to consecrate himself afresh to the work of God is my earnest prayer.

Yours truly,

ISAIAH WALLACE.

Granville, Jan. 5th, 1869.

P. S. It was my privilege to baptise one believer in Jesus last week. I. W.

MARGAREE, C. B.—Dear Brother,—For the last few years the Christians of Margaree, Cape Breton Island, in common with their brethren in all parts of the world, have thankfully accepted the invitation of Evangelical Alliance for United Prayer to God. This year the various Congregations met in the different places of Worship, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; and 6 o'clock, P. M., of each day during the week. Truly it was a refreshing time, the Lord was with us according to the promise. Matt. xviii. 20. Believers were drawn nearer to the Lord and each other by the bonds of love, and as their hearts warmed in fellowship, prayer and praise, with earnest intercession for all, afar off or near at hand, ascended up to the Lord, who has said, "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it."

The claims of the Gospel were pressed with much faithfulness upon all present. Believers were revived and many were deeply impressed by the solemn and precious truths pressed upon them.

Saturday evening was by general consent set apart for Prayer, for a blessing upon the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, some extracts were read from the last Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. At the close, the sum of \$9.00 was subscribed towards the Funds of that Society, as a thank-offering, which was placed in my hands, with the request that I would forward the same to the Treasurer.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

G. WHITLEY.

#### EPISCOPAL.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia, in the *Church Chronicle*, makes an appeal to the Members of the Church of England in Nova Scotia to arise and

build a Cathedral to accommodate 900 persons. He has procured a design and plans of a building that will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Judge Bliss has given, conditionally, a piece of ground for the site, we believe at the western extremity of Spring Garden Road.

THE REV. JOHN P. HUBBARD.—The Ecclesiastical Court of the Episcopal Church, which met in Providence, Rhode Island, some time ago, to try the Rev. John P. Hubbard, on a charge of permitting a Baptist minister to read the service and preach to his congregation, has just rendered a verdict of acquittal. One of the three clergymen composing the Court dissents; but the other two unite in saying that Mr. Hubbard's conduct does not constitute a violation of the canon, though they seem, from their published opinion, to think him morally guilty of not conforming to the spirit of his ordination vows, and intimate that, under the recent amendments to the canon, he might be held liable to discipline for that offence.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.—The following is a tolerably accurate account of the sermons and emoluments as well as honours of the Archbishop of Canterbury:—

"Among English ecclesiastics, the Archbishop of Canterbury is the first,—the nearest approach to a spiritual Pope existing in Protestant England. By virtue of his arch-episcopal dignity he is primate and metropolitan of all England, and while other bishops of the church are only *Divina permissione*, he alone may write himself *Divina providentia*. Five prelates of the church are officially the ministers of his grace at Canterbury—the bishop of London as dean, the Bishop of Winchester as sub-dean, the Bishop of Lincoln as Chancellor, the Bishop of Salisbury as precentor, the Bishop of Rochester as chaplain. The two hundred and fifty seven parishes of the diocese of Canterbury, besides numerous chapels in Kent and other dioceses are called the 'peculiar' of the Archbishop. The annual value of the see is £15,000, and the archbishop is the patron of one hundred and seventy-seven livings. In addition to his other 'rights, dignities, honours, pre-eminences and appurtenances,' as the royal mandate styles them, the archbishop is a temporal peer, taking precedence of all peers save those of the blood royal, and wherever the sovereigns of England may be upon English ground, they are his domestic parishioners.

Recently an Anglican Clergyman, Mr. Wood, preached in Montreal in favor of the Confessional. He was ready, he said, to receive confessions from all who desired to make them.

#### Dominion and Foreign News.

Two graceless fellows were brought up as disorderlies before the Montreal Recorder the other day, and gave their names as Joseph Howe, and John Styles—rather a scampish trick with the names of "the old man eloquent" of Nova Scotia, and the Washington correspondent of the Halifax press.—*Toronto Globe*.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22nd.—The Privy Council met on the 20th, the subject under consideration being Nova Scotia affairs.

The loss by the late fire here is estimated at \$100,000.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—Mr. Marchand's Hotel, at River du Loup, was burned down at 4 o'clock this morning. Three of Mr. Marchand's children, and Mr. Wallis, Civil Engineer of Quebec, perished in the flames. Mr. Johnston, C. E., escaped, but somewhat injured. Contents of Hotel and Intercolonial Railway Office all lost.

The Quebec Legislature assembled on Wednesday last with its usual ceremonies.

It is rumoured that the Dominion Government will appoint Mr. Howe delegate to Washington, to aid in obtaining Reciprocity.

TORONTO, Jan. 23.—The Whelan case was up yesterday before the full Court of Error and Appeal. The Judges stood four for, and six against granting a new trial. The prisoner's counsel applied for leave to appeal to the Privy Council of England, and after consultation the Court decided that it had no right or power to grant the leave. The prisoner was ordered to be sent back to Ottawa Jail; and so far as the Canadian Courts are concerned the law takes its course, and if a reprieve is not granted, Whelan will be executed on the 11th of February. Whelan was taken to Ottawa this morning under a strong guard.

A Montreal paper says that the decision of the Ecclesiastical Council at Rome with respect to the division of the parish of Montreal, is said to be adverse to the pretensions of the Catholic Bishop of Montreal, and hence his journey to Rome, where, it is reported, he will be permanently stationed.

An Ottawa despatch says the new specification of Intercolonial Railway provides that the bridges are to be of the most approved Howe truss pattern, built of pine with white Oak keys, cast-iron prisms and wrought-iron rods. This is a change from iron, as originally provided. The Commissioners allege that wood will be cheaper, and that when it decays a change can be made to iron.

SALT.—It is stated in the papers that a petition to the Dominion Legislature, signed by sixty-three members of the Ontario Assembly, has been got up, setting forth the disabilities under which the salt interest labors, in that while Canadian salt is taxed to the amount of 70 cents (gold), on going to the States, salt from the other side comes into Canada free of duty. The petitioners wish therefore for the imposition of a duty on salt.