

Religious Intelligence.

ELDER KNAPP AT YARMOUTH.

We have received communications from two brethren on this subject. The following extracts from their letters will be read with interest:—

Persons of all classes and denominations flocked to hear "the celebrated evangelist." Many, like myself, were disappointed in the preacher. I had expected to hear a man of an entirely different style,—full of animation, fervor and perhaps excitement. I thought I would not like his preaching on account of the odd, startling and sometimes ludicrous things he is accustomed to say. But in his first sermon there was very little of an objectionable character: his manner was then, as in all his preaching, calm, and quite free from gesticulation or any kind of extravagance. For the most part he stands at the desk almost motionless, and speaks in one unchanging tone of voice, or with very little variation in tone or rate. But there is in his discourses a manifest earnestness of purpose, strength of conviction and clearness of conception, together with a remarkable force of expression, which seems to compel the attention of every one, and carries the truth right to the heart of very many. In every sermon the venerable preacher introduced some remarks which were so unexpected, so shocking to our ideas of pulpit propriety, as to cause a smile on almost every countenance, and sometimes a slight laugh in many parts of the house,—but at the same time so forcible and apposite as illustrations as to add strength to what was said. Still I cannot but believe that Elder Knapp would do well to avoid this mode of "advertising himself." No doubt his oddities attract many to hear him, out of curiosity, and some of these receive lasting benefit. But solemn thoughts and good impulses are often stifled and killed by these irresistibly laughable interruptions, and in many cases no doubt the good effects of the preaching are thus counteracted.

Very many persons here, however, have reason to be thankful that the great revivalist was permitted to labour among us for a few days. The regular meetings of the church had been well attended and exceedingly interesting all winter,—and some young persons had been converted. Two prayer meetings a week, in the vestry adjoining the church, had been sustained. Besides services at Milton and Salem, and two "Bethel" meetings a week in a hired building on Water Street. Still the Church stood in need of a revival, and numbers of the unconverted were not reached at all.

Elder Knapp began with the Church taking for his first text Rev. ii: 4, 5. He preached three times on Saturday, as often on Sunday, twice on Monday, and conducted Conference meeting on Monday afternoon. I am sure the majority of his hearers, must have regretted that they could not longer have the privilege of hearing such searching, stirring sermons.

A despatch from home awaited Mr. Knapp on his arrival in Yarmouth, requiring his immediate return to his family. Feeling unable to undertake the journey at once, on Friday morning, he merely remained till the next trip of the steamer, and left here on Tuesday morning.

Of the results of Elder Knapp's preaching here it is impossible for any but the Searcher of Hearts to judge. This much, however, is evident,—that very many slumbering Christians have been awakened,—there has been repenting and doing of first works,—some who have uniformly lived as Christians and been active in various forms of Christian work, were so pierced by the weapon sharper than a two-edged sword, as to give up all hope and confidence in Christ for a time, and declare themselves among those seeking the Saviour: besides this many persons, old and young, were convicted and led to ask the prayers of God's people on their behalf. A number of these have professed faith in the Redeemer, and many are still under conviction. Three persons were baptized by the Rev. G. Day, the pastor, on Sunday evening last. We have had meetings every evening since Elder Knapp left us, and expect to continue them for some time. The Holy Spirit is manifestly working upon the hearts of many in the community. May many souls yet be converted and made to yield themselves and all they have and are to Christ and His cause! H. C. C.

Elder Knapp being so soon called away from us is a great mystery, and greatly regretted by both Ministers and nearly all our other people. Of course there was hostility excited to a man of Elder K's style of presenting truth. But seldom, if ever, has a stranger "taken" so well in Yarmouth since the day of the Ainsleys & Co.

He does use illustrations and say things that are not wholly grateful to the ear of a loyal British subject, nor pleasing to any person of delicate sensibility. Yet Elder Knapp is a man of far better education, refinement and of greater mental capacity than I had supposed him to be. In the social circle he is truly genial, indeed almost all, if not every one in Yarmouth who formed his acquaintance loved him, and we are hoping for his return another winter. You may judge somewhat of the regard in which his congregations in this town held him, when I tell you that the collection taken for him exceeded \$60 during three days. His anxious seat measure is only one form of asking persons to express their determination to become Christians.

His witty sayings and occasional political references are very minor objections compared with the powerful effects for good of his preaching. Halifax need not hesitate a moment to invite him there. My prayer is that he may be spared and disposed (Divinely) to visit Nova Scotia next Autumn and spend the winter." A. C.

WINDSOR is in a fair way to have the question of Baptism pretty fully discussed. A few weeks since Rev. D. M. Welton preached on the subject, and it appears awakened some hostility by the plainness of his statements respecting the evils flowing from Infant Baptism so-called. A writer in the local paper on the following week made some outrageous charges against Mr. Welton, which he (Mr. W.) in the next issue absolutely denies, and says "If he ('Charity') wishes to know what I did say he may learn by calling on me." We hope he may do so, and be prepared for conviction and an acknowledgment of error.

It is advertised that Rev. Dr. Richey will preach on Baptism in the Methodist Church on Sundays the 17th and 24th Insts. What a blessed thing it is that we have an infallible Bible!

TUSKET, April 11, 1870.—REV. P. R. FOSTER writes:—"The work of the Lord still moves on. I have baptised four since I last wrote, and others have professed to have found Christ, whom we hope to see soon able to take up their cross, and publicly dedicate themselves to the Lord; and quite a number are seeking the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward. To God be all the praise."

BRIGHTON, ST. MARY'S BAY, DIGBY CO., is enjoying quite a revival of religion. Rev. L. B. Gates the pastor has been assisted by Rev. Aaron Cogswell, for about three weeks.

Bro R. N. Westcott wrote on the 13th Inst., that God has greatly blessed their labors in the reviving of believers and the conversion of sinners. Baptism has been administered on three successive Lord's Days. Thirty-six persons have followed the footsteps of their ascended Lord in that ordinance, and the work is still advancing.

Bro. Wm. Aynar writing on the 16th, said:—

"Most of the inhabitants are moved as by the mighty power of God, laying aside all worldly pursuits and flocking to the House of God. Giddy and thoughtless young men and women have been made to bow under his mighty power, and have been made to cry out, 'Men and Brethren what must we do to be saved?' The work is becoming deeper and wider, and extending. It is my prayer that it may reach Hill Grove Church."

TREBO—Rev D. W. C. Dimock baptized eleven converts on Sunday last. These, with three others by letter, were subsequently received into the church. Meetings of the most intense interest are being held every evening during the week. About five hundred persons were present to witness the very impressive and significant baptismal service at the river.

ANTIGONISH.—Lord's Day the 3rd Inst., was a glorious day for the little Baptist church here; fourteen were baptized, who with one restored, were received. Others have expressed great spiritual concern, and are expected shortly to follow in obedience to the Saviour's command.

HALIFAX—The ordinance of Baptism has been administered for several successive Sunday evenings at the North Church, by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Goucher. The meetings are attended by large numbers and are full of interest.

HOME MISSIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—The two Sackville Churches, of which the Rev. Thos. Todd is pastor, recently raised a fund for Home Missions, and sent their pastor out for six weeks to destitute places. Mr. T. says he visited Bay Verte, Port Elgin, Tidnish, Middle Cape, Shediac, Bucoche, Kingston, Richibucto, Dundas, McLaughlin Road, McLean Settlement, Scotch Settlement and Douglastown Settlement: Preached three times every Sabbath while absent and generally every evening, and addressed some large Temperance gatherings, visited from house to house, reading the Scriptures, exhorting the people to "prepare to meet God," and in prayer commending them to "God and the word of his grace," and distributed about three thousand pages of tracts.

At the N. B. York county Quarterly Meeting, held on the 11th ult., the following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That Rev. G. Rigby be our missionary to labor in York County for three months; and that he collect all he can from the people among whom he labors, towards paying his salary. The deficiency is to be paid at the Quarterly Meeting out of funds collected by the different ministers of said County.

Parliamentary.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY April 12th.—On the report of the Committee on Navigation Securities being presented some sharp discussions occurred between Dr. Murray and the Hon. Prov. Secretary.

Dr. M. charged the Prov. Sec. with using improper means to secure the votes of members in favor of the government, and with making statements that he knew were not true.

Hon. Prov. Secretary denied the charges, and charged Dr. M. with having been covertly in opposition to the government since the opening of the session.

The scale submitted was objected to by several members. Another scale was proposed by Mr. Flynn.

On the original scale being put to vote it was lost by 20 to 17.

It was voted 17 to 16 to refer the scale back to the Committee, for readjustment.

The Committee on Education reported against an alteration of the School Law.

WEDNESDAY April 13th. The Committee on Navigation Securities reported the following scale for subdividing the \$13,000 amongst the several counties of the province:

Annapolis.....	\$500	Richmond.....	\$800
Antigonish.....	900	Shelburne.....	900
Cape Breton.....	800	Victoria.....	800
Digby.....	2,000	Yarmouth.....	900
Inverness.....	1,250	Kings.....	900
Lunenburg.....	900	Comberland.....	250
Pictou.....	700	Hants.....	200
Queens.....	900		
			\$13,000

which after a long discussion on division, was agreed to—21 to 12.

The Legislative Council sent back the Bill providing for elections to be by Ballot, with certain amendments. Much discussion arose on a request from the Legislative Council for a free conference on the Judiciary Bill. The request was a read to by a vote of 20 to 13.

Mr. DesBrisay moved, and Mr. Landers seconded, that the committee of conference be instructed to adhere to the bill as originally passed, and accept no amendments proposed by the Council. This motion was strenuously opposed by the Provincial Secretary and Attorney General.

Hon. Prov. Secretary moved that the bill do not come into operation till 1872, serious alteration arose between Dr. Murray and the Hon. Provincial Secretary, in the midst of which the galleries were cleared and the House subsequently adjourned.

SATURDAY 16th.—Hon. Prov. Secretary submitted a scale for dividing the special Road Grant of \$2,000 as follows:—

Annapolis.....	\$500	Hants.....	\$900
Antigonish.....	1,000	Kings.....	900
Cape Breton.....	1,000	Lunenburg.....	900
Colchester.....	900	Pictou.....	1,350
Comberland.....	900	Queens.....	1,000
Digby.....	1,250	Richmond.....	900
Guyaboro.....	2,000	Shelburne.....	900
Halifax.....	2,000	Victoria.....	1,000
Inverness.....	1,200	Yarmouth.....	1,000

This called forth a lengthy discussion. Mr. DesBrisay moved that the whole sum be thrown into the general fund and equally divided amongst the counties. This was negatived by 21 to 6. The scale was the all-wed to pass.

A supplementary estimate containing the following items, was then passed: \$1000 for the Blind Asylum, \$100 per month for steamer across the Strait of Canso, \$2000 for the survey of the railway line to the Eastward, and \$500 for a steamer at Lennox passage.

THURSDAY 14th.—A discussion respecting pilots, pilotage, and harbor masters, occupied the morning sitting.

In the afternoon the amendments to the Ballot Bill made by the Legislative Council were taken up. The provision for tickets of different colors for the several candidates was struck out.

Hon. Prov. Secretary thought that in many places it was very important to have the ballots of different colors. Where people cannot write, and the French people, might be imposed upon, except some such provisions were made. Messrs. Purdy, Kidston, Dr. Murray, Smith, and Morrison, took part in the debate. The amendments were accepted by 21 to 10.

Mr Dickey's Trade Resolutions were then passed.

Hon. Attorney General introduced a series of resolutions respecting Confederation, preceded by a long preamble, setting forth the purport of despatches and resolutions referring to the subject—especially the honor conferred on Sir A. T. Galt, notwithstanding his views respecting the independence of the Dominion, culminating in the following:—

"Be it therefore resolved, that an humble address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty's Government will distinctly inform Her Majesty's faithful subjects in Nova Scotia

"First—Whether, should the Dominion of Canada desire to be made independent, the Government and Parliament of Great Britain are prepared to acquiesce in such a measure, and permit the Dominion to assume the position of a free and independent nation.

"Secondly—Whether, if the people of any one of the Confederated Provinces, dissatisfied with the Confederation, desired independence, Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to set it free.

"Resolved, under all the foregoing circumstances, this House, as the representatives of the people of the Province and on their behalf, does most solemnly and firmly protest against the Province being any longer coercively and unwillingly held in confederation under the British North American Act; and further declare that if not released from such

confederation, it will be through the oppression of great and dominant powers against a weak and helpless people, and will be contrary to free constitutional principles and natural and civil right, justice and freedom."

Hon. Att. General said he had embodied all that appeared in Dr. Murray's resolution of a previous day, and that he had brought his in for the purpose of superceding those of Dr. M., that there might be unanimity on the question.

An evening session was held when the said resolution was discussed and adopted.

MONDAY 18th.—The Report on Humane Institutions recommended the establishment of an Inebriate Asylum.

Several Reports of committees were brought in; Mr. Dickie one on Indian affairs; Mr. DesBrisay on Private claims; Mr. Morrison on Immigration.

Mr. Chambers was willing to let his resolutions on Retrenchment lie over till next session.

Hon. Provincial Secretary by command laid on the table a package of 72 Petitions containing 3783 signatures, asking for the re-instatement of Mr. Rand, the list of these was read, as follows:—

Annapolis, 4; Antigonish, 1; Cape Breton, 2; Colchester, 3; Cumberland, 6; Digby, 7; Guysborough, 5; Halifax, 2; Hants, 3; Inverness, 2; Kings, 14; Lunenburg, 3; Pictou, 2; Queens, 6; Richmond, 1; Shelburne, 3; Victoria, 5; Yarmouth, 3.

Hon. Prov. Secretary laid the Report of the Superintendent of Education on the Archat school affairs, stating that but little additional information would be obtained by further investigation.

In the afternoon there was some conversation on this matter, till the House was summoned to the Council Chamber, when His Excellency Sir Hastings Doyle prorogued the Legislature by the following

SPEECH:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I congratulate you on the number of useful measures which you have matured during the present session, and it affords me pleasure to relieve you from arduous public duties, and enable you to resume the occupations of private life.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I thank you for the supplies which you have voted for the public service; and I can assure you that, in the disbursement of the money you have thus placed at my disposal, economy shall be studied, and the interests of all sections of the country carefully consulted.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I am happy to find the Bill for the improvement of the Administration of Justice, to the necessity for which I called your attention at the opening of the Legislature, has been passed by you; and I trust that other measures may be adopted next Session still further to facilitate the Administration of the Law.

In returning to your homes I confidently hope that by your counsel and example you will continue to instill into the minds of the people due respect for the principles of social order and sound loyalty. I now close this Session, trusting that Divine Providence, by whom all things are governed, may so rule events that they may tend to the peace and prosperity of the people of this Province.

Marriages.

On the 9th ult., by the Rev. James MacLean, Mr. William John Tays, of Gay's River, to Miss Ann MacHew, of Subenacadie.

On the 13th inst., at the house of the bride's father, by Rev. C. Tupper, Mr. Joseph Henry Eaton, to Miss Helen Sophia Rhodes, daughter of William Rhodes, Esq., of Aylesford.

At Aylesford, March 25th, 1870, by the Rev. A. Stronach, Mr. Judson B. Foster, to Miss Sarah M. Pelbeck, both of Margerville, Wilmot, Annapolis Co.

By Rev. J. M. Parker, March, 20th, Mr. John O'Neal of Port Williams, to Miss Phoebe Bent, of Havelock.

At Margaree, on the 16th Inst., by the Rev. Ronald Macdonald, Mr. Allison Trenboun, of New Brunswick to Miss Sarah Leadbetter, of Margaree, C. B.

Deaths.

On Tuesday, April 12th, Martha Jane Williams, in the 22nd year of her age.

On 11th inst., Joanna, wife of Samuel Lanson, and daughter of the late David Murus, in the 39th year of her age.

At River John, Pictou, on the 6th inst., John, third son of Mr. Duncan Wier, aged 26 years.

At the Poor's Asylum, on the 9th inst., aged 70 years, John Clarke

On the 10th inst., Jas. Smith, aged 74 years.

On Saturday morning, Mr. Alexander Munro, aged 48 years.

On the 8th inst., Peter Corkum, Esq., in the 68th year of his age. Mr. Corkum was added to the Church in Chester, in the days of the venerable Joseph Dimock, and continued a consistent member till called away to join the church above.

On the 3d inst., Minnie Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, of Chester, aged 1 year and 2 months.

On the 20th ult., William, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vaughan, of Western Shore.

At Havelock, March 8th, James Haley, aged 73. Much respected as a citizen, and highly esteemed as a Christian. He died in Christ.

On Monday, the 15th inst., in the year of his age, Nicholas Thomas, youngest son of the Rev. George W. and Emma Hill.

At Falmouth, Hants Co., April 12th, Mrs. Jane Hanson, in the 75th year of her age.