

These disciples are scattered over three settlements; we sent word to one that we were coming to visit and have prayer-meetings with them.

When we got there we found the house nicely swept, and a room made of mats for us to rest in. While spending the day here, we went to visit a heathen woman whose husband they said had almost made up his mind to become a christian, but was prevented by his wife.

We went round to the different settlements, holding prayer-meetings with them and enquiring into their spiritual state. We left them on Monday when many of them with tears in their eyes bade us good bye, telling us how glad they were that we had come among them, and how much good the visit had done them.

It is very hot here, up to ninety-five. Yours in christian love and remembrance.

MINNIE DEWOLFE.

Since receiving the above we have another letter, received by Rev. Dr. Tupper from Miss DeWolfe, dated "Plan-ner-mu March 9, 1871."

"How I wish you could know this ignorant but kind-hearted people; every thing in their power they do for their teachers, and among themselves no stranger ever goes hungry from their door; even the heathen are fed, and the heathen feed us when we go among them, never thinking of taking what we offer them in exchange for their rice and fowls.

out reading God's word—not one of them being able to do so. To-morrow we expect, God willing, to go to another settlement about the same distance, and do likewise. The children in this village have had superior advantages to many of the jungle settlements.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., June 1st, 1871.

OUR ANNIVERSARIES.

We enter upon the first of our Anniversary occasions this week. It is very appropriate that the commencement should be with our Collegiate institutions. A fine class of a dozen young men will then complete the course of study provided by the University of Acadia College, and will pass out to fill their various places of usefulness and honorable employment.

Another week or two and the first of our gatherings of the Associated Churches will call us into Christian convocation. This will demand of the delegates the preparation of a spirit of prayer for direction, and for holy influences to descend upon the assemblies. To make their times of refreshing there must be a realization of the great object for which each one has been redeemed by precious blood, called out from the world, and placed in the Church of Christ.

INTEREST IN EDUCATION.

THIRD ARTICLE.

As the nature of an institution of learning of high order precludes it from appealing successfully to popular sympathy, its strength must be in the foresight and assiduous care of a few wise friends, and in the special donations of a few wealthy friends. Acadia has always been fortunate in having the sympathy of a few men of property, and it has existed thus far only by their timely gifts. The general contributions and the scholarships would have been insufficient for its support; its Library would have been scarcely more than a name had not a legacy been given for its benefit.

ject, while many of different experience would still call such expenditure unwise. A large part of our people seem to have the idea that Baptists can sustain institutions equal to those of their neighbors and expend on them only half as much money; but men whose means and business have enabled them to know the world, will concede at once that if we are to do as well as our neighbors, it will be at about the same cost.

The fact that a class of men have this experience and knowledge is, as we judge, a clear indication of Providence that they should cherish special interest in educational institutions, and that they are called to make investments in these enterprises. We hold that every considerate mind must see that if we allow our educational institutions to decline, we lower the relative character of our Ministry, as a community of christians we decline in relative influence, we are not so well prepared to take possession of the home field and we make an independent Foreign Mission an impossibility.

"THE BAPTIST HYMN BOOK."

This book comes among us with authority. It is issued by the American Baptist Publication Society, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the annual meeting of that Society, in the year 1867. And it assumes to be "The Baptist Hymn Book."

The preface contains the following paragraph:—"In the preparation of this book, we have constantly remembered that it is to be used by those who are born of God. The ideal of the service of Christian song is declared in the words of the Apostle Paul: 'I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.' Hymns which express those emotions that are the fruits of the Spirit have been specially sought, and those which utter merely natural feelings or human sentimentalism have been, as far as possible, rejected. We have aimed to make a book which shall be emphatically a book of praise, embodying the warm outgushing of Christian emotion,—of penitence, faith, hope, love, joy, peace and holy aspiration:—a book which shall be full of Him whom God hath highly exalted, giving him a name, which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Two observations are invited. In the first place, we are surprised at the use made of a scripture text—"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." The interpretation of that text does not appear to us to be correct. "To sing with the spirit" was to exercise a "spiritual gift," in an unknown tongue, which must have been extremely inconvenient to the hearers. The Apostle Paul's Christianity was so utilitarian that he valued gifts in proportion to their uses. If a brother could only pray or sing "with the spirit," that is, in an unknown tongue, he would have him keep silence till he could interpret, or some one interpret for him, so that the exercise might be conducted "with the understanding also." A careful perusal of the chapter (the 14th of the first Epistle to the Corinthians) will lead, we think, to the adoption of our view.

In the second place, while we acknowledge that this volume is more "emphatically a book of praise" than many hymn books, there are some hymns inserted in which "praise" forms no part. We refer to hymns under the titles, "MAN warned and entreated—convicted of sin." Zeteles must be shocked to find, in the 539th number, the celebrated 469th of the Psalmist.

Nearly one-half of the hymns in the "Baptist Hymn Book" are already to be found in the Psalmist. Being long-standing favorites with the public, they have a place in all Collections. We should be sorry to miss them.

The multiplication of hymn books is not desirable. But as tastes differ, it is well to have a variety to choose from. We recommend Congregations that have not yet decided in this matter to adopt a book that is "emphatically a book of praise."

POLITICAL.—The vote given by the Yarmouth people at the recent election, we are informed, was regarded as a Temperance vote and a Temperance triumph. Mr. Gayton the new member elect was the nominee of the Yarmouth County Temperance League, and was sustained by nearly all the Sons of Temperance, the Lodges of Templars, and the Temperance Societies. There are other good Temperance men amongst those returned to our Provincial Parliament. It is not to be supposed perhaps that the other candidates and their friends in that county were regarded as opposed to Temperance principles, but the majority obtained for Mr. Gayton was more the result of the Temperance organizations than of any other cause.

Our readers may perhaps think that the correspondence from Rev. A. S. Hunt and T. H. Rand, Esq., respecting the Destruction of Teachers' Examination Papers has become too lengthy, and of too personal a character for our pages. We too are of the opinion that enough has been heard upon it, and have taken steps, as may be seen in another column, for preventing its continuance. It will however be perceived that the real question at issue is one of far greater moment—affecting the vital interests of our educational institutions, and the integrity of the Provincial Examiners—four men of the highest standing in the province—as well as that of the Superintendents of Education, past and present. It should be borne in mind that every man who pays his school tax is entitled to know whether what he pays is to be appropriated to the support of Teachers, duly examined and licensed, or to such as have obtained their licenses by some unfair and dishonorable means.

Whatever may have become of the Examination Papers heretofore, if we are to have any value attached to the Examination of Teachers and to the Licenses granted upon the results of such examination, their papers must henceforth be preserved, say, for three or four years, or for a sufficient length of time to rectify any error, accidental or otherwise, made by the Examiners or the Superintendent; and they must be open to the inspection of the individual by whom they were wrought, or other proper parties for them, or who are interested in what they have done. The best of our Teachers who have any self-respect will hesitate in seeking for licenses if they find that there is not strict impartiality exercised respecting their work. Our system of Examinations is, we believe, an excellent one, similar in many respects to that of Great Britain, and, when honestly administered, such as would give the fullest confidence that the work performed received its proper appreciation, but, if abused, it will become a delusion and a sham. Bearing these things in mind it will be perceived that this discussion is of importance to every friend of education, and to the public generally.

PARIS is at length pronounced quiet, order is again established, the barricades have been removed, the pavements are repaired, and the police employed in arresting persons suspected of designs against public order. This will be welcome intelligence to all the friends of peace, and good government. The chapter has been a terrific one, but we hope it is now ended.

The great question to be settled now will be, What is to be the future form of government for France? This will not be easy of solution. The opposing parties will be in danger of resorting to deeds of violence in the endeavour to

carry their point. May the powers that be have wisdom given to enable them to avoid a repetition of bloodshed. It has been discovered that the moving spirits of the Commune were in London, and that they would have extended the insurrection to England had it succeeded in Paris.

The Pope has issued an Encyclical Letter, which declares that the Italian guarantees are at issue of lies and hypocrisy, and formally protests against them.

His Holiness has refused Father Hyacinthe the permission to hold the religious conferences he had announced, and refuses conference with him, until he publicly retracts his errors.

The submarine cable between Singapore and Hong Kong was successfully completed on Saturday last. London is now in direct telegraphic communication with China.

The International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations which was convened at Washington on the 24th ult., adjourned on Saturday the 27th. The next Convention will be held at Lowell, Mass.

The Halifax Delegates arrived on Saturday last. The session was regarded as a highly successful and satisfactory one.

The "Railway and Steamboat Guide and Tourists Handbook for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island" for April, is published by Mr. A. Inglis Harrington, of this city; it will be found useful to travellers.

We beg to acknowledge receiving a copy from S. T. Hall, Water Street, Halifax.

Notices, &c.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

- April 12. A. A. Pineo, Esq., Cambridge, for native preachers \$ 5 00
" 15. First Yarmouth Baptist Sabbath School 50 00
Miss M. Condon and Friends, for Karen p. 24 27
Member of 2nd Cornwallis Baptist Church. 62 4
25. Interest on Debentures 60 00
May 12. Miss A. Clarke, Mission Box, Cavendish, P. E. I. 1 00
" 15. Pine Grove Church, for n. p. 50 00
For support of Miss DeWolf, April 15. Member of 2nd Cornwallis Church 62 4
For support of Miss Norris, April 15. Mrs. Isaiiah Shaw. . . 1 00
N. B.—Sums received by the Treasurer will doubtless soon be acknowledged by him.
C. TUPPER, Secretary.
Aylesford, May 29th, 1871.

SUMS RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

- Amherst,—per Miss Bent. . . \$20.00
Ohio, Yarmouth Co.,—Mrs. R. T. Cann. 12.00
North Sydney, C. B.,—Mrs. J. B. Moore. 7.00
Wilmot,—Mrs. Ada North. . . . 13.00
M. R. SELDEN, Sec.
June 6th, 1871.

CAPE BRETON QUARTERLY MEETING.

The next Cape Breton Quarterly Meeting will be held (D. V.) with the Baptist Church at Margaree, commencing with preaching on Friday evening 23rd inst. We hope there will be a good representation from all our Churches present. By order, E. C. SPINNEY, Secretary.

OMISSION.—The writer of a "Plea for Cape Breton," wishes to say that he inadvertently omitted the names of the two Messrs. Hull, from the list of Cape Breton ministers.

NOTICE.

A Quarterly Session of the Hants Co. Temperance League is appointed to be held at Burlington, on Wednesday the 14th of June.

It is hoped that the opportunity which the occasion affords for a reunion of Temperance organizations, and of the friends of Temperance throughout the County, the favorableness of the season, and the location and attractions of the pretty village of Burlington itself, will combine to secure a numerous attendance. Ministers of the several religious denominations of the County, are especially and urgently solicited to attend the sessions of the League. Their influence, their counsel, and their eloquence are needed to aid in the accomplishment of the objects which the League has in view.

EDWIN S. CREED, Secretary H. C. T. L.

[Our Temperance friends in Hants Co. appear to be active in promoting the good cause. They deserve the countenance and support of all well-wishers in the community.]

BAPTIST... ACADIA... NOVA SCOTIA... the Fifth... on Saturday... o'clock, A... NOVA SCOTIA... the Church... on Saturday... o'clock, A... With y... statement... in Percu... o'clock, I am... management... Halifax, I... sor, may... Station to... before the... those cor... leaves H... reaches H... where car... vey the d... sociation... convey su... cars hom... be inform... persons n... no inform... be sent... Person... please ca... lives clos... Canni... ASSOCI... The A... will be c... day, the... business... vestry o... 2 o'clock... the mem... P. M., t... large au... ing Hou... be delive... The n... Railway... excursion... be good... Partic... which w... and, wh... the up j... A M... will tak... Sec... Rev. I... Rev. Dr... Isaiiah... Murray... Rev. D... McKee... Blenkb... Marsha... \$4.48... Hall... C. H. I... Spinney... 1 sub... I. McN... ready... Dr. Tu... A he... with... o'clock... On t... little... boat at... The b... recover... The... July n... former... lector... Sad... Upper... day, He w... the an... ing aft... who... him so... few h... Jotha... WA... Gazet... Satur... Mr. R... Road... due, a... all it... grain... unfin... Loss... Bri... was fr... cash... accou... obtain... On... was t... tangl... legs b... injuri... Th... Youn... Lowe... N. B.