one that we were coming to visit and we expect, God willing, to go to unwise. A large part of our people "emphatically a book of praise" than have prayer-meetings with them. One another settlement about the same dis- seem to have the idea that Baptists many hymn books, there are some of the good sisters came over early, tance, and do likewise. The children can sustain institutions equal to those hymns inserted in which "praise" with her cart and oxen, so that we in this village have had superior advan- of their neighbors and expend on them forms no part. We refer to hymns should not be out in the hot sun. tages to many of the jungle settlements. When we got there we found the house There has been a young man among whose means and business have en- treated- convicted of sin." Zetetes nicely swept, and a room made of them for the past year, teaching school; abled them to know the world, will must be shocked to find, in the 539th mats for us to rest in. While spend- and when they came together I found concede at once that if we are to do number, the celebrated 469th of the ing the day here, we went to visit a they had not forgotten what they had as well as our neighbors, it will be at Psalmist. heathen woman whose husband they learned, the most of it was still fresh said had almost made up his mind to in their minds, many of them have learnbecome a christian, but was prevented ed the Scripture Catechism through, by his wife. We told her we had gone as far as fractions in Arithmetic, come to visit her, and tell her of the studied Geography, and learned some love of Christ; she spread mats, and music; their teacher, "Swhaybwin," asked us to sit down, which we did, is a fine man, and their is a prospect of and talked of the little ones she had his becoming the pastor of this church. lost, who were now safe in the arms After the Sabbath is past (D.V.) we of Jesus, urging her to accept Him expect to go on visiting other villages." as her Saviour. We read the third chapter of John's gospel, made some The Christian Alessenger remarks on it, or rather asked her questions, and tried to make it plain to her mind, sang and offered prayer with her, then came away feeling that the grace of God was sufficient, but oh! how weak is man and his best efforts. God chose to bless the visit, by inclining this woman to make up her mind to be on the Lord's side, and, according to their custom when one decides for Jesus, she invited her christian brothers and sisters to come to worship in her house on Sunday, and this they keep up every day for a month. The good of this is very apparent, for when they first become disciples they are so weak, just like new-born babes, they need strengthening and instruction; besides, their heathen friends by this can see that they have thrown away all "nat' worship, and are now worshippers of the true God. We next went over to a house where they have not long worshipped; the man of the house asked me to read a chapter to him, which I did, sang some, and returned to the place where we were staying. In the afternoon the sisters were called in, and we had a very interesting prayer-meeting; some, who had never heard their own voices in an assembly, were called upon, and by a little exhorting made their first prayer in public.

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. They took us on to the next place in as many carts as they could spread our things around in. will continue the account of our visit there in my next.

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." Some of its contents, similar to the above we omit. The other parts will be read with interest:-

" How I wish you could know this ignorant but kind-hearted people; every stranger ever goes hungry from their the heathen feed us when we go among support: its Library would have been emotion,-of penitence, faith, hope, held a meeting with the women, and as they gatherer round in a circle, and as I looked upon them, a deep, and it seemed, a fresh sense of gratitude arose in my heart, that I had been permitted to labor for them. Some had a testimony they could not pray, they did not know how; that when they went to bed at at night all they could say was this, "O Lord have mercy on me, bless me, and keep me safe to-night .- Amen." But as we exhorted her to make an

These disciples are scattered over out reading God's word-not one of ject, while many of different experi-

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. The great want in the churches and in the world throughout these Provinces, as indeed everywhere, is men-godly men having noble aims and high aspirations, men of talent and superior cultivation, men of enterprize and christian earnestness. Especially are ministers needed who shall lead the followers of Christ to a fuller appreciation of their high privileges and duties.

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 them 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. There may be diversities of gifts but the body is one, and so there must be but one spirit. Unity is demanded before the highest blessings in this relationship can be enjoyed. To be of one heart and of one mind has been, from the earliest days, the characteristic of such general gatherings of our Lord's disciples. May it still continue so to be.

## 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 thing in their power they do for their property, and it has existed thus far teachers, and among themselves no only by their timely gifts. The gene- aimed to make a book which shall be ral contributions and the scholarships | emphatically a book of praise, embodydoor; even the heathen are fed, and would have been insufficient for its ing the warm outgushing of Christian them, never thinking of taking what scarcely more than a name had not a love, joy, peace and holy aspiration: we offer them in exchange for their legacy been given for its benefit. If -a book which shall be full of Him rice and fowls. We were out among the advancement is made, it can be only whom God hath highly exalted, giving disciples to-day, a village of two or by similar gifts in the future; and the him a name, which is above every three miles from this, but belonging to object seems to commend itself es- name; that at the name of Jesus every this church. \* \* \* This afternoon we pecially to men of means. The ac- knee should bow, and that every cumulation of wealth generally indiordinary breadth, and acquaintance | Father." with men in various conditions and with the various influences which mould social life. Men with this exto bear for Jesus; but one or two who perience have learned to look on large | sing with the spirit, and I will sing have not been worshippers long, said enterprises as a whole and are not inclined to be discouraged if some things may occur in carrying out the plan not in themselves desirable. Such men are in the habit of making investments for the future, often tor a distant future, and can stand by an entereffort, she said she would try; so we prise that needs time for its developall knelt down and she began to say a ment, while others of different exfew words, and then looked up and perience must see immediate results to their uses. If a brother could only This will be welcome intelligence to asked, if that was right? One of published or they give up in despair. pray or sing "with the spirit," that is, all the friends of peace, and good govthe other 'Aunties' said, "yes;" and Men of large business relations have in an anknown tongue, he would have ernment. The chapter has been a told her to go on. She tried again, and had opportunity to learn that in the him keep silence till he could inter- terrific one, but we hope it is now then looked up asking if that was main educated men lead public affairs, right?" Poor woman, she had never and that a people maintains its intried to pray before others, and to terests wisely and successfully in prosatisfy us made her first effort in this portion as sound education prevails careful perusal of the chapter (the way. I speak of this to show you how among them; and, therefore, they are 14th of the first Epistle to the Corin- be easy of solution. The opposing parlike children they are. These people prepared to admit the wisdom of mak- thians) will lead, we think, to the ties will be in danger of resorting to support of all well-wishers in the commeet together; sing and pray, with- ing large appropriations for this ob- adoption of our view.

only half as much money; but men under the titles, "MAN warned and enabout the same cost.

we judge, a clear indication of Provi- | standing favorites with the public, they dence that they should cherish special have a place in all Collections. We interest in educational institutions, should be sorry to miss them. and that they are called to make investments in these enterprises. We not desirable. But as tastes differ, it hold that every considerate mind must is well to have a variety to choose from. see that if we allow our educational We recommend Congregations that institutions to decline, we lower the have not yet decided in this matter to relative character of our Ministry, as adopt a book that is "emphatically a community of christians we decline book of praise." 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. It is difficult to see how the ability to manage property worth ten thousand dollars can co-exist with so little forecast as is implied in the denial of all this. It ought not to seem to our business men a great thing to invest in the educational enterprises of a denomination like ours a sum equal to are other good Temperance menamongst the capital of a single provincial ship- those returned to our Provincial Parbuilding company or trading firm, or liament. It is not to be supposed perus. We can raise from the people their friends in that county were resomething like the salary of one Theo- garded as opposed to Temperance prinlogical professor annually; but if the ciples, but the majority obtained for benefactions from individuals to whom the Lord has given wealth to be used for Him. None of us liveth to himself, and the money we hold is as much subject to the call of duty to the Lord and His cause as are the time and ability of the Minister. This truth is felt to some extent, but its full power is yet to be manifested. We have means sufficient for all our work. Much more property is held by Baptist church-members in Nova Scotia than they will care to account for in the final reckoning. We have presented a serious question of duty before them, which we ask them prayer fully to consider.

### "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 tongue should confess that Jesus Christ cates an experience of more than is Lord, to the glory of God the

Two observations are invited. In the first place, we are surprised at the use made of a scripture text-" I will 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, tle Paul's Christianity was so utilitarian that he valued gifts in proportion pret, or some one interpret for him, so ended. that the exercise might be conducted " with the understanding also."

In the second place, while we ac- carry their point. May the powers three settlements; we sent word to them being able to do so. To-morrow ence would still call such expenditure knowledge that this volume is more that be have wisdom given to enable

Nearly one-half of the hymns in the The fact that a class of men have "Baptist Hymn Book" are already to this experience and knowledge is, as be found in the Psalmist. Being long-

The multiplication of hymn books is

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 the property of individual men among haps that the other candidates and College is to keep pace with the Mr. Gayton was more the result of the demands of the times, it will be by 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 selfrespect 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 barriwhich must have been extremely in- cades have been removed, the paveconvenient to the hearers. The Apos- ments are repaired, and the police employed in arresting persons suspected of designs against public order.

The great question to be settled now will be, What is to be the future form of government for France? This will not deeds of violence in the endeavour to | munity.]

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

His Holiness has refused Father Hyacinthe 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 Arril, 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.

# Motices, &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.

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 .

For support of Miss Norris. April 15. Mrs. Isaiah Shaw. . 1 00 N. B.-Sums received by the Treasurer will doubtless soon be acknowledged by

C. TUPPER, Secretary. Aylesford, May 29th, 1871.

SUMS RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Amherst,-per Miss Bent. Ohio, Yarmouth Co.,-Mrs. R. T. North Sydney, C. B.,-Mrs. J. B. Moore. . . . . . . . . .

Wilmot,-Mrs. Ada North. . . 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 represen-

tation 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

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.

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