

AS OTHERS SEE US.

A writer "N. P. K." in the Boston Christian Era probably N. P. Kemp of Boston, in giving a report of the Ministers' Institute and Convention at Yarmouth makes some highly complimentary statements respecting that denominational gathering. He says:—

Lectures upon the usual subjects were presented and discussed, very much in the accustomed way. It is hardly to be expected that much novelty can be introduced in discoursing upon Scriptural exegeses, or practical ministerial duties. We doubt if any institute has ever had a better qualified class of instructors than this one at Yarmouth.

After giving the names of the Lecturers he remarks:—

"It is presumed that each one of these teachers gave the very best possible instruction, and therefore the institute must have well answered the purpose for which it was convened."

In speaking of the Board of Governors of Acadia College and the Foreign Missionary Board he institutes the following comparisons:—

"Less power is given to these Boards, and far more is reserved to be exercised by the representatives of the churches than is the case with us, and therefore our denomination in the Provinces in religious matters, is more thoroughly democratic and Baptist than we are in the United States."

"There appears to be somewhat more of machinery, and consequently more time spent in organizing preparatory to business than is usual in our religious gatherings, but in compensation for this there is not manifest the manipulations of those 'mutual admiration circles' which with us always occupy the front seats, nominate themselves—or in some way secure their own nomination—on all committees, 'cut and dry' all arrangements, and endeavor, usually with some success, to control everything in the interest of some clique, or party of favored ones. At the several Conventions in these Provinces which we have attended, the largest liberty of action has been allowed, and every member given the opportunity of expressing freely his views upon all questions, and to exert, for or against any proceedings, in a proper way, all the influence which his abilities will command."

"Perhaps no previous Convention has acted upon questions so vitally important to the denomination in the provinces, as those we have so briefly stated. The endowment of Acadia College so as to make it the peer of other similar institutions not only in the provinces, but in the United States, and the decision to assume the responsibility of inaugurating and carrying forward the work of Foreign Missions, are surely objects that may well excite the ambition, and task the energies of our noble brethren of this part of the Dominion. On the whole, the Convention was one of much interest. The weather was most delightful, and the kindness and hospitality of the good people of Yarmouth was overflowing and unbounded."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND 1860 AND 1871.

The Island Royal Gazette gives the particulars of the census recently taken. One of our exchanges, the Patriot, gives the corresponding figures of the former census, taken in 1860, and remarks "it will be observed that there is an apparent falling off in the growth of wheat and barley, while oats, potatoes, turnips and hay show a considerable increase. Hay has more than doubled since the last census, owing principally to the application of manure mud to the soil. We think oats, wheat, potatoes and butter are under-estimated. Our exportation of oats is now 569,170 bushels, in excess of 1860; we have added 77,000 acres to the land under cultivation; our system of farming has improved; our population has increased 13,000; and the doubling of our threshing mills, and the importation of 1024 mowing and reaping machines within the last few years are all fatal to the correctness of the returns in the article of oats. The potatoes are nearly a bushel per head less than they were ten years ago. This we need not say is manifestly incorrect. We consume as many as we did then; we feed far more to our farm stock; and our exports are pretty nearly the same as they were in 1860. According to our calculation, the potato crop of last year is about 3,750,000 bushels. The difference in the relative growth of the Protestants and Roman Catholics is attributable to the greater emigration among the latter. Our population has, we observe, doubled in the last three years. With these remarks we submit the census, such as it is, to our readers. We regret that such an important work is not more accurate. On the whole, however, it is a creditable record of the industry and progress of Prince Edward Island:

Table with 2 columns: Year (1870, 1866) and Total Population (94,021, 80,857).

Table showing Decennial Increase—16.28 per cent. and Religious Denominations with counts for 1861 and 1871.

IRELAND IN 1861 AND 1871.

The Baptist body in Ireland is but a small fraction of the population, yet they appear to have made some advance during the past ten years, whilst most of the other bodies have rather diminished. The census of 1871 shows a decrease in the population amounting in ten years to 396,208 souls.—The statistics of "religious profession" are interesting:

Table showing religious statistics for Ireland in 1861 and 1871, including Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, etc.

The general result of this comparison may be thus stated:

Table showing Increase and Decrease in various religious groups like Baptists, Quakers, etc.

The Roman Catholic population has decreased 8.06 per cent., but Protestant bodies have decreased 5.39 per cent., making a less disparity than in the preceding ten years.

THE BUFFALOES IN THE WEST.

In travelling over the Great Pacific Railway the herds of buffaloes are a most remarkable feature of the great western prairies. A writer in one of our New York exchanges gives the following description of what he saw in this line:—

Here we find the buffaloes. Each day, on the Kansas Pacific Road, there is a "menagerie" to be seen gratis. Not a beggarly lot of forlorn and mangy captives in cages and coops, but the lords of the wilderness by the thousand, wandering in uncurbed strength. In the Spring and Fall the Plains will be black with them for miles. Herds four and six miles square are feeding all along, the train being often obliged to come to a halt on account of them. Sometimes, for a hundred miles, it seems like a continuous herd. It does not look as if they were going to disappear right away. At this time of the year they are not so plenty, but some are seen each day. Few have any idea of the speed of these animals. The day we came out, we descried a herd of a hundred or more feeding near the road. As soon as the whistle blew, cow-like, they all started for the track. Unable to reach it before the train was ahead of them, they turned and ran alongside about fifty rods distant. The train slackened its speed to a mile in four minutes, and for five or six miles the herd kept abreast. At the head was a group of tremendous bulls—great unwieldy fellows—with a rolling gait like the motion of a boat when there is a heavy sea on, but they did not seem to be exerting themselves, though they were making a speed which few horses could equal. Scattered through the herd were several calves, and they had to pick up their feet pretty lively. One big fellow, by taking advantage of a curve, dashed across the track just ahead of the train. For almost half an hour they kept up the race, but at last they turned and disappeared over the distant ridges. Few race-horses could have kept up with them. And it should be also borne in mind that they labored under the disadvantage that it was a warm day, and each one had on a buffalo skin! All along the track are scattered carcasses of buffaloes shot from the train.

A "BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY!"—The Washington Chronicle gives the following account of what is supposed by many to be a scripture ordinance: "At an agreeable company of relatives and family friends, at the residence of D. F. Hamlink, Esq., at which four clergymen were present, two bright and charming boys, Frank and Clinton, were duly christened by the Rev. Dr. Newman, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wilson: the water was brought from the river Jordan. After this beautiful ceremony followed music, cheerful converse, and a collation. After the collation, the clergymen indulged for half an hour in a jolly smoke with the rest."

It would be difficult to find any

warrant in the New Testament for such a "beautiful ceremony." We can hardly think the "jolly smoke" noticed in connection with it was mentioned by authority of the Methodist church which the officiating minister is pastor.

The Dr. Newman here mentioned is the author of the prayers printed for the use of the Arctic Expedition, including one to be read "at the North Pole." It is stated that "his society pays two hundred dollars per annum for having his sermons reported for one of the morning papers; a thrifty way," says the Christian Register, "to keep one's name and church before the public."

The English Bishops have recommended that the Athanasian Creed be re-translated. No translation, however, can remove the damnatory clauses.

A hard case.—An English Baptist Minister states in the Christian World that he "preaches or speaks at public meetings" about 300 times a year, but that his salary, "including help from Associations," is less than £80 [\$389.33]—"and there are five of us to live upon it;"—while his people are so poor that if their pastor takes a rest for one Lord's day, the expense of finding a supply is met by a deduction from his pittance.

University College, London. The following names appear in the list of Prize-men, for the Session, 1870-71:—J. F. Trafford, Serampore; V. Lasoto, Moscow; J. C. Armstrong, Klatzfurt; R. Koma, Japan; W. C. Trafford, Serampore; N. Futchally, Bombay; F. B. Robertson, Dundas, Ontario; K. G. Gupta, Calcutta; G. Haas, Wassenburg. Is-not this a Cosmopolitan College?

The Church.—"It is not now the place, but the assemblage of the elect, that I call the church." Clem Alex. Stromater, vii. 6.

Notices, &c.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS. 1871. Sept. 2. From North Sydney Church torn. p. D. C. \$48 30 " 4. From the widow of the late Warren Longley, Esq., for n. p. O. C. Miss Anna Longley, for n. p. 5 00

These sums are forwarded, the former in the Post Office order sent to the Secretary in St. John, and the latter, by the late Treasurer, in cash to the Treasurer in N. B. C. TUPPER. Aylesford, Sept. 5th, 1871.

CORRECTION.—In the acknowledgment of money from Mr. H. C. Creed for Foreign Missions for \$28.00 read \$20.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS. In the absence from home of Henry Vaughan, Esq., I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts: From A. T. Baker, Esq., per Mr. J. A. Stubbert, in Nova Scotia Money. \$1062 50 Of this \$750 from Mrs. Warren Longley, and \$5 from Miss Anna Longley, for Native Preachers. The undermentioned sums have been entrusted to me by the Rev. W. S. McKenzie, and will be handed by me to the Treasurer upon his return to this city in a few days. From North Sydney Baptist Church for support of their native preacher, (by P. O. Order through Rev. Dr. Tupper.) \$48 30 From a Lady, a friend of Missions, Dighy, N. S., through J. A. Durkee, for Native Preachers under Rev. A. R. R. Crawley. 20 00 From an unknown friend, who says "it is a debt that has been owing for some years." 4 87

Executors of S. N. Binney, Esq. \$486 67 TIMOTHY HARLEY.

N. S. HOME MISSIONARY BOARD. Monthly Meeting of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Board in the Vestry of Granville Street Church, Wednesday 6th September. Present.—The President in the chair. Rev. A. S. Hunt, Hon. Judge McCully, Alex. Robinson, E. D. King, David Thompson, H. N. Paint, Jno. Steele and Secretary. Letters read from Revs. Jno. Miller, E. B. Corey, Wm. McPhee (2), Jno. Shaw, E. C. Spinney (2), and Daniel McLeod. Received from the Treasurer of Eastern Association. \$329 45 Executors of the late S. N. Binney, Esq. 194 66 Appointment.—Rev. John Miller 4 weeks additional at Lawrenceton and destitute places adjacent. R. N. BECKWITH, Sec'y.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD MEETING.

SAINT JOHN, 8 Sept. 1871. Dear Bro. Seiden, I find that the meeting of the FOREIGN MISSION BOARD on Tuesday evening, 19th instant, as already advertised, will not answer, if the Members of that Board, residing in Nova Scotia, are to be accommodated, and it is important to have that first meeting of the New Board at a time when the members out-side of Saint John can attend.—The Bay-steamer does not reach our city in time Tuesday evening for the meeting. It is suggested, and and hereby advertised, to have a Board meeting on Wednesday evening the 20th instant, instead of Tuesday evening, the 19th; and it will be necessary for the Nova Scotia members to come over on the Tuesday steamer.

On Thursday of the same week the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association convenes in the Brussel St. Church and it will be gratifying to have present with us, on that occasion, the brethren from Nova Scotia who may attend the Board Meeting.

Please give insertion in the Messenger of the above, or its substance, and oblige, Yours very truly, W. S. MCKENZIE.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

There will be a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board on Wednesday evening, September 20th, in the Committee Room of the Leinster St. Church.

The following brethren constitute the Board:

- Revs. C. Tupper, D. D., G. E. Day, M. D., J. M. Cramp, D. D., D. A. Steele, I. E. Bill, Sen., I. E. Bill, Jur., J. E. Hopper, T. Harley, G. M. W. Carey, W. B. Boggs, J. W. Titus, and Brethren Geo. E. Davies, Z. G. Gabel, and Hon. A. M. Seclery. Rev. W. S. McKenzie, Secretary. Henry Vaughan, Esq., Treasurer. By order, W. S. MCKENZIE.

RECEIVED FOR WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. D. C.

- North Sydney.—Mrs. J. B. Moore, \$8 50 N. S. Currency. \$6 32 Hantsport.—Donation Mrs. John Churchill, per Mrs. Jane E. Rand, \$20 00 N. S. for Miss Norris. 19 47 Mrs. M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. Sept. 12th, 1871.

COLCHESTER CO. BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The annual session of this Convention will be held at Portauquique, on Friday 29 inst., at half-past two P. M., evening session at 7 o'clock.

We invite all Superintendents and Teachers who desire an efficient Sabbath School to attend the Convention. A. J. WALKER, Secretary. Truro, Sept. 11, 1871.

NOTICE.—There will (D. V.) be a meeting of the Western Home Missionary Board, at the Nictaux Meeting House, on Friday the 29th Sept., at 4 o'clock, P. M. M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y. Nictaux, Sept. 1st, 1871.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will be held with the Church at Nictaux, commencing on Saturday the 30th day of September, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Rev. J. C. Morse, is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

N. S. CENTRAL SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sabbath School Convention of the Central Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, will meet in Gasperaux, on Thursday the 14th Sept., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following are officers of the Convention: President, Melatiah Kinsman. Vice-Presidents, David Ellis and A. F. Chipman. Secretary and Treasurer, D. Freeman. Managing Committee, E. F. Foshay, J. W. Barrs, Jehiel Caldwell, J. S. Wittor, and J. P. Graves.

D. M. Welton is to present the Essay, and J. F. Kempton is to preach the Sermon. Circulars have been sent to seventy-three schools. Should any schools not receive circulars, it is to be hoped that they will still report themselves to the Convention by sending delegates and statistics. Yours truly, D. FREEMAN. Canning, Cornwallis, Aug. 25th, '71.

P. S.—For report of last year, see Christian Messenger, Sept. 21st, 1870.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

W. F. Cutten, Esq. G. S. Phinney, \$8.76. Joseph Dimock, 1 sub. Rev. A. Chipman. Rev. A. H. Munro. Rev. T. C. Delong. Wm. Aymar, Esq., \$4.50. Rev. Dr. Tupper, —Have no knowledge of any arrangements made with W. & A. Railway for attending Western Association. Had no instructions to seek for free return tickets.

SUBSCRIBERS TO PETER'S MUSICAL MONTHLY get all the latest and best music at one and two cents a piece. Every number contains from \$4 to \$5 worth of new music; and it can be had for 30 cents. The July and August numbers contain Thirty Pieces of Music, (72 pages, sheet-music size,) and will be mailed for 50 cents. Address J. L. PETERS, 599 Broadway, New York. Aug. 9th, '71.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



PUBLIC NOTICE.

On and after the 26th September ensuing the Halifax and Queenstown Packets will sail from Liverpool and Halifax on the same day, viz., Tuesday in each fortnight. On and after that date the mail from Halifax for Europe will close on Tuesday instead of Saturday as at present and so continue every second Tuesday until further notice. Rate of Postage as usual. Hour of closing 10 a. m. Post Office Department, Halifax, Sept. 1st, 1871. Sept 13 11 Sept 26

GOLDEN ROBIN!

BY W. O. PERKINS.

If you need a New SCHOOL MUSIC BOOK, do not weary yourself by looking over a long list, but send at once for this favorite collection of beautiful School Songs. It will not disappoint you. Price 50 Cents. Sent, post-paid, on receipt of above price. OLIVER DITSON & CO., Boston. C. H. DITSON & CO., New York. July 13 Inc.

TEA MEETING.

THE Baptist Meeting House in Tremont, Aylesford, was consumed by fire in February last and there is now in course of erection a new one on the same site. The Ladies of Kingston, Tremont, and Vicinity, intend holding a Tea Meeting on Wednesday the 11th of October, in the above named house.

Tea to be ready at 2 P. M. After which speeches will be delivered by Ministering Brethren and others. Tickets at the door, 37 cents. Persons coming by the cars will be provided with Messrs of conveyance from and to Kingston Station. We hope for liberal patronage, as the proceeds will go to assist in the erection of the above named house.

Should the day named prove unfavourable, it will take place on the first fine day following. In behalf of the Committee, G. M. PARKER, Chairman. Tremont, Aylesford, Sept. 8, 1871. Sept. 13.

Hantsport.

Tea Meeting and Fancy Sale, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1871.

The Baptist Church and Congregation of Hantsport, purpose holding a TEA MEETING and FANCY SALE, on WEDNESDAY, Sept. 20th, to pay a debt on their beautiful personage. Patronage is respectfully solicited. Tickets for Tea, 30 Cents. ADMITTANCE 10 Cents. If the day proves stormy it will take place the first fine day after. Sept. 13.

Nova Scotia Railway.

Reliable and Popular Through Routes FROM Halifax to St. John, Portland AND BOTSON. UNTIL further notice, Trains leave Halifax at 8 00, a. m., connecting daily (Sunday excepted) with the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, at Windsor, with the Steamer "EMPRESS" at Annapolis, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, landing passengers in St. John same evening; making connection with the steamers on the St. John River to Fredericton during the navigable season; and also with the International Steamship Company's superior line of steamers to Eastport, St. Andrew's, Calais.

Portland and Boston, On MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, leaving ST. JOHN at 8 o'clock, a. m. and with the Grand Trunk Railway, To all parts of QUEBEC and ONTARIO, and also connecting by Railway and Steamers to NEW YORK, And all Parts West and South. Also connecting at WINDSOR with steamer "City of St. John" every FRIDAY.

FARES: Halifax to St. John \$4 00 " Fredericton 5.00 " Woodstock 6.00 " Eastport 5.00 " St. Andrew's 5.50 " Calais 5.50 " Portland 7.00 " Boston 8.00

The popularity of these Routes is becoming daily more apparent, and they are recommended to all Tourists and Pleasure-seekers. Through Tickets via Annapolis Can be had at Railway Station, Richmond; at A. & H. Creighton's, Ordnance Square, Hollis Street; at Windsor Station, and on board the steamer "Empress"; and Tickets via Windsor and "City of St. John" at the Railway Station, Richmond, and at Fishwick's Express Office, Hollis Street.

GEORGE TAYLOR, General Superintendent. Railway Office, Richmond, August 2nd, 1871. Aug. 9th.

WINDSOR & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.

KENTVILLE, June 30, 1871. SMALL PARCELS up to 7 lbs. weight, will be conveyed by the EXPRESS TRAINS from any Station on this Line to any other, at 10 cts. each, over 7 lbs. and under 50 lbs., at 15 cents. As soon as circumstances permit, they are prepared to carry between Halifax and any Station, on their line Express Parcels by every train, at from 20 to 30 cents each, according to weight, including cartage at Halifax. Aug 9

VERNON SMITH.