

are panned to test their firmness, a smart stroke is laid with a cane on the shoulders, to exhibit the slave's character, and all this time the intending buyers are freely decanting upon him, as if he were a four-legged brute. What should we say if we were to see such a scene in London? Yet such a scene was visible each day in the market place at Zanzibar, with all the degradation of humanity that must follow such an exhibition.

Bishop RYAN rose to move the fourth resolution and said, the Home Mail of October 22nd contained an account of the capture of one of these dhows, and the description of it was horrible. There had been small-pox on board, and the sick were thrown overboard. The mass of the victims were children, many of whom were too emaciated to recover under the careful treatment of devoted Church missionaries; and the one word which was on the lips of these children in their delirium was the native word for "mother." These were the cruelties that were being perpetrated: England had power to prevent them; and he believed she would prevent them. In conclusion he moved—

"That it is desirable that petitions to Parliament be promoted in all parts of the country, &c."

The Rev. HORACE WALLER, vicar of Leyfoustone, formerly a traveling companion of Dr. Livingstone, briefly seconded the resolution, which was put and carried unanimously.

Lord LAWRENCE, in moving a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for his earnest sympathy with the object of the meeting, and for his kindness in presiding on the occasion, said he was certain that if the Government was determined to put down the slave trade it would be done, though he did not mean that it was easy to accomplish; and perhaps no better man could be appointed to carry out the object in view than Sir Bartle Frere. He hoped he and his companions might, by the blessing of God be successful in putting down what was a curse and a shame to all who were connected with it, and that before a few months had passed we should see him among us again and have the pleasure to congratulate him again on the success of the labours he had undertaken and the work he had accomplished.

The motion was seconded by the venerable Dr. MOFFAT, who, as is well known, spent 55 years as a missionary in Africa, and was carried with acclamation.

The meeting, which lasted about three hours was one of the largest and most unanimous that had assembled in the city of London for many years.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., December 18, 1872.

The proposed Educational Meeting called in reference to Acadia College Endowment was held in St. John, N. B., on the 5th Inst. A number of delegates representing several churches were present. The Visitor reports that it was "not as numerously attended as might have been anticipated by some. But good men and true were there from City and country, who have the interest of Acadia College deeply imbedded in their hearts; and who, in this crisis in its history, feel great pleasure in giving their hearty sympathy and support."

"The discussion was free, full, and earnest; and while brethren, looking at the subject from different stand-points, expressed different shades of opinion—still, in the issue, the decision to support Acadia, we rejoice to say, was unanimous and decided."

As many of our readers are deeply interested in knowing the results of said meeting we give a brief epitome of what was said and done.

The afternoon session was called to order by Rev. L. E. Bill, Agent of Acadia College. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. H. Porter, of Fredericton. On motion, Hon. A. McL. Seely was elected Chairman, and Rev. W. P. Everett, Secretary.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. I. E. Bill:

"That in the opinion of this Educational Convention, the Baptists of New Brunswick should co-operate with their brethren of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island in the effort now being made to endow Acadia College."

The resolution was ably supported by the mover and T. H. Rand, Esq., Principal Superintendent of Education, who were followed by speeches from Revs. G. W. M. Carey, T. H. Porter,

W. B. Boggs, H. R. Traver, W. P. Everett, and J. March, Esq.

Rev. I. E. Bill presented briefly the early history of Acadia College and its struggles. At the Convention held in Bridgetown twenty years since, the venerable and venerated Father Theodore Harding, declared the marriage of the two Provinces duly solemnized, and from that day to this no application for divorce had been presented.

The Institution could not prosecute its work satisfactorily, nor with credit to the Denomination, without a further endowment of \$100,000, it becomes absolutely necessary for the Denomination in New Brunswick to redeem its pledges, and give substantial pecuniary responses, at least in proportion to those which Nova Scotia and P. E. Island are now furnishing.

T. H. Rand, Esq., commenced his speech by inquiring what would be the probable views and action of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces if there were no such Institution in existence as Acadia College. He thought that the Denomination would perceive and declare the necessity for just such a school of learning, and would proceed to organize and equip it. Its existence and perpetuation were, in his opinion, absolutely necessary to meet the requirements of the Denomination. To preserve the prestige of the Denomination as occupying a front rank in the work of education, nothing would answer but a hearty response to the effort now being made to secure ample endowment.

Rev. Mr. Carey spoke in reference to the Provincial University, and its educational advantages.

Rev. W. P. Everett, repeating the question propounded by Mr. Rand, "What should we do, if to-day there were no Acadia College?" said: This question really touches and involves the questions and difficulties which himself and other New Brunswick ministers now find their people considering and discussing, and some of them are demanding a solution of their doubts and difficulties from their pastors.

The question which agitates our membership, is not whether Colleges are necessary and ought to be supported; but it is whether we now really need a Denominational College, or whether we had not better abandon our efforts to sustain the College as such, and invest our College property, so far as we can, and unite our whole strength and pecuniary ability in endowing and maintaining a first-class Theological Seminary.

Rev. J. H. Porter said that he had supposed that the question, whether Acadia College had been wisely organized, and was actually necessary to subserve the interests of the Baptists of New Brunswick, had been long ago decided in the affirmative. He saw no reasons for the reconsideration of the question.

He had not observed any tendency of Baptists to compare Acadia College, as respects the merits of its course of instruction with any Provincial University.

He would however state that so far as his observation extended to the New Brunswick University, that there was a tendency on the part of Baptists attending that Institution to be seduced from their loyalty to denominational principles. From this fact he argued that it was wisdom for Baptists to patronize and foster a denominational Institution.

Mr. Rand offered some suggestions calculated to remove the impressions under which some of the speakers seemed to labor in respect to the ample endowment of the Provincial Universities, and said that some wise and foresighted men were fearful that the day might come when these Institutions could not be so liberally sustained as they ought to be, and hence would become crippled.

He also alluded to the great efforts which are now being made in the United States to organize and endow denominational Academies. After the child had arrived at the period when he needed the training of the Academy or College, he must of necessity go from home and among strangers, and then it was that parents felt the necessity of placing their children under the care of teachers who should instil in their minds the principles of truth cherished by the parent. Hence the supposed necessity of Academies and Colleges where religion is revered and is a controlling element.

Rev. Mr. Everett said, he feared that he was regarded as occupying a position hostile to Acadia College. This was not the fact. He believed most firmly in establishing Denominational Colleges and Academies, and it has been found on careful investigation, in the neighboring Republic, that, as a general thing, the most flourishing Universities and Colleges were those which were under the control and fostering care of single denominations.

But as our denomination had entered into solemn compact to sustain Acadia, he was prepared to heartily co-operate in any reasonable effort to secure the needed assistance.

Mr. Carey remarked that he was gratified by the success achieved by this Convention, so far as eliciting facts and variety of views were concerned.

In the evening Session prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Bars of Moncton.

The discussion was re-opened by Rev. I. E. Bill, who proceeded to revert to the origin of the Nova Scotia Educational Society.

The history of our institutions at Wolfville is replete with instances of powerful revivals, affecting largely the spiritual condition of the students who have received instruction there.

At that day there was no avenue opened by which a candidate for the Baptist ministry could obtain an academic or collegiate training, without doing violence to conscience and sinking his self-respect.

King's College had essentially barred its doors against the denomination; and even Dalhousie, which was regarded as an unsectarian institution and a Provincial University, was most unfriendly. The leaders of the Baptist educational movement were desirous to choose Dalhousie as the college to which they should send the alumni of Horton academy to complete their education. They made overtures to the governors of that college to accept of one of our leading Baptist educators as a professor in that institution, with the pledge of giving the institution our denominational support, but the proposition was rejected with scorn. Hence the necessity arose for the establishment of Acadia College.

Now when the college had reached another crisis, he had been again called upon to lend his assistance as an agent. He had been led to review its history, and notice the results and character of its work. He saw that in Nova Scotia alone to-day forty of the watchmen that stand on the walls of our Baptist Zion there—men, good and true—had received their education at Wolfville. He saw too a number of the sons of Acadia occupying prominent and honorable positions in New Brunswick.

Letters of an interesting and important character from Drs. Spurden and Sawyer were read.

Deacons V. H. Graves, J. H. Harding, and Z. G. Gabel, and Rev. Mr. Carey followed in remarks of an interesting character, and each of them pledged his liberal pecuniary support in raising the endowment.

Rev. E. Hickson, in an effective and fervid speech, bestowed warm eulogies on his alma mater, and pledged himself in a substantial donation to support her.

The resolution was then submitted to the vote of the Convention and passed unanimously.

On motion, the following resolution passed unanimously.

Resolved, That as pastors and representatives of the Churches we do pledge our hearty support and co-operation to the Rev. I. E. Bill in his work, as General Agent of Acadia College.

On motion after prayer by Rev. W. B. Boggs, the Convention was adjourned, sine die.

We are frequently receiving very encouraging words from brethren far and near which give us fresh confidence in our endeavors to render some feeble service to the cause of Christ, and contribute somewhat to the spread of truth and righteousness in the world. Our brethren may perhaps think us ungrateful because we so seldom make any public reference to these kind words. We can however assure them that we do not feel so but that we highly value such appreciation of our endeavours. For ourselves we may say that a week never passes in which we do not feel that imperfection attaches to all earthly things, especially in the publication of a religious newspaper, and are desirous each week of coming up nearer to our ideal of what it should be.

The following good word came a week or two ago from another province:

"I shall try and do all I can for the Christian Messenger. It is the paper I love as I love the home of my youth, Nova Scotia, which is ever dear to me, I love her, I love her Institutions, I love her Christian principles. May long life be given you, and may the paper you have so long laboured to make successful go forth to the ends of the earth, freighted with its rich treasures of truth, to aid in the great work, for which Christ came into the world."

What was till lately the richest living in England is once more brought under our notice by the lying of the foundation-stones of two new churches in the Isle of Ely. One of the stones was laid by Sir Thomas Peyton, son of the late rector, whose income from Dodington parish was never less than £10,000 a year, and who scarcely ever preached a sermon except when one of the Royal family died. He had in one of his villages a curate to whom he paid a stipend so miserably small that the poor man, who had a large family, was much beholden to kindly Dissenters for material sustenance. There was more spiritual work done for Dodington parish by any one of several Dissenting laymen we could name than was ever accomplished by a rector who enjoyed during a protracted lifetime an income twice as large as that of the Prime Minister. By the Dodington Division Acts, the living has been broken up into seven distinct rectories and parishes, each of them worth, we suppose, more than £1,000 a year. The story of Dodington would make a good Liberation tract.

The above, from the London Freeman, is a case which shows distinctly some of the evils of a Church Establishment. It is generally the scheming politician and not the laborious christian minister who gets such livings as those of Dodington.

Miss M. B. DeWolf.—Dr. Cramp has sent us an extract of a letter recently received from our missionary, Miss DeWolf. She says of the Karen school at Henthada that "it has given satisfaction in almost every particular:

the pupils have made rapid progress in in most of their studies." Those who study Scripture Geography are drawing maps of Palestine and Asia Minor. Again:—"There has been quite an awakening among our scholars. Several have presented themselves for baptism, but it was thought best to accept only three, advising the others to wait for a few months. The three that were accepted have given evidence of a change of heart for some time; but being quite young were put off for a little while. There have been many conversions in our school since I came but this was the first baptism. It took place in the early morning, and was a beautiful sight."

DEATH OF THE HON. WM. GARVIE, M. P. P., FOR HALIFAX COUNTY.

A telegraph despatch from England was received on Monday last, announcing the death, on the previous day, of the Hon. W. Garvie, in the south of France, where he had gone in the hope of receiving benefit from the change of climate. His many friends in this country will deeply regret the removal of one with the fine talents he possessed. We have personally had some special interest in Mr. Garvie from the circumstance of his succeeding us in the Principalship of the public Institution in Halifax, where we taught for several years. Being an industrious and ready writer he early became connected with the press, and entering political life, soon attained the position he held in the Legislature and government. He was highly esteemed by men of all parties.

We are sorry to see that some of our country exchanges have inserted an advertisement of a U. S. lawyer, offering to obtain Divorces for parties dissatisfied with their married state. We received a copy of the same with inducements to give it publication, but as we regarded this as one of the means by which such lax morality has been introduced in that country, we did not feel at liberty to insert it in our columns.

Notices, &c.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Cape Breton.—A Friend, \$8.00 N.S., \$ 7 80 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. December 17th, 1872.

NOTICE. There will be a meeting (D. V.) of the Western Home Missionary Board at Baptist Meeting House, Paradise, on Tuesday, the 14th January, 1873, at 2 o'clock, P. M. M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y. Nictaux, Dec.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The communications from Rev. Dr. Tupper, Dr. Day and others will appear in our next.

ACADIA COLLEGE. There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College Chapel, on Thursday, Dec 19th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Sec'y. Wolfville, Nov. 28th, 1872.

There will be a meeting of the Governors of Acadia College resident in Nova Scotia, in the College Chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 7 o'clock, P. M. for Academy business. A. D. W. BARRS, Sec'y. Wolfville, Nov. 28th, 1872.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. Dr. Tupper \$2. Melanich Kinsman \$3. F. M. Hawkins, \$3 00 U. S. \$2 67 Mrs. Delap. Rev. W. H. Richan, \$15. Rev. Dr. Tupper. W. Churchill, E-q, (2) \$8. W. C. Bill, E-q, \$5 for Rev. Mr. Cote. Rev. D. M. Weldon; C. I. Graves, 1 sub., \$2, \$21 for Rev. Mr. Cote, a free will offering from the Guysboro Church, \$4 37 of which was from eighteen young converts as a first offering to the Lord. Rev. W. C. Ridsout, 2. A. Marshall, Esq., \$5, yet the 2 bbls apples came all right, thanks N. H. Dobson. We are sorry to find that some two or three letters received have been omitted from our acknowledgments. We regret that our friends have been anxious respecting them but believe they have come to hand and have been credited all correctly.

News of the Week.

ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR.—The following gentlemen are officers for the ensuing year:—President, John Doull, Esq; Treasurer, W. S. Sterling Esq; Chairmen of District Visitors, S. Brookfield, D. H. Starr, T. Cosman and R. J. Sweet, Esqs

Rev. Mr. McGregor was to lecture in Yarmouth on Monday last, on "More Light."

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, 5th August, 1872.—Johnston Hunt, Esq., to be a Notary and Tabellion Public.

DECEMBER 7th.—To be a Commissioner for granting certificates and taking affidavits under Chapter 144, Rev. Statutes—George W. Burbridge, Esq., of St. John, N. B.

Inverness Co.—To constitute a Board of Health at Port Hastings—Thomas Scanlan, John Chisholm, Archibald Skinner, Thos. Heughens, George Gallup, Henry Forbes, W. I. Am Clough, Angus McMaster, James G. McKeen, D. M. Sunderland, and Thos. Wilmot, M. D., Esq.

Halifax Co.—To be a Commissioner for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.—Wallace Graham, Esq.

Yarmouth Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools in the District of Yarmouth—An. drew Hilton, jr., William H. Moody, jr., Robert B. Brown, James Crosby, and James Cain, Esq.

DECEMBER 11th—Hants Co.—To constitute a Board of Health at Maitland—A. M. Cochran, William Lawrence, Charles Cox, David Frieze, and Archibald Frame, Esqs.

Colchester Co.—To constitute a Board of Health at Economy and Five Islands—Stephen H. Harrington, Harris Fulmore, Benjamin Meek, and John W. Thompson.

QUICK PASSAGES.—Two ships sailed recently from Sheet Harbor in this County, for England. The "Annie Lorway," Capt. Lorway arrived in Bristol, after a voyage of 19 days; whilst the "Lara," Capt. Fulton from the same place reached Liverpool in 18 days.

REV. MR. GRANT'S LECTURES.—The Committee representing the Institutions for which the above lectures were delivered beg to report for the information of the public as follows:—

Total am. amt. of receipts.....\$851.62 Less Expense for Hall.....\$50.00 For Advertising..... 35.62

\$760.00 This amount the Committee divide as follows:—

Y. M. C. A. Building.....\$190 00 Industrial Sch. of..... 190 00 Richmond Ch. reh..... 190 00 Dalhousie Col. Medical Faculty 190 00

\$760.00

The Committee have great pleasure in submitting the above report, and would take this opportunity of publicly thanking the Rev. Mr. Grant for his generous contribution to the funds of the institutions which they represent. Ever since their inception in this community Mr. Grant has taken a warm interest in their success and contributed very materially to the prosperity of each by his sympathy and advice.

J. B. MORROW. J. S. MACLEAN. REV J F CAMPBELL. DR GORDON. D. H. STARR, Sec'y. Halifax, Dec. 13, 1872.

MR. PARSONS, G. W. P. of the Sons of Temperance, late Inspector of Schools in Halifax County, is engaged lecturing before the various Divisions in the City and County of Halifax. His lectures are highly acceptable and are doing much good.

A HEAVY SNOW STORM commenced early on Friday morning last, and continued with more or less violence through the day. The wind from the north-east whirled it into drifts six or eight feet deep in many places, and gave considerable trouble to the railway trains east and west, so that they were all very late. It is somewhat creditable to the parties in charge that they came on as well as they did.

There was no contest between the City Rail-cars and the Truckmen. The former were effectually stopped, and sleighs, more useful than ornamental, were put on the line without delay, and have been since running.

PICOT COUNTY.—On Wednesday last a young man named McRae met with a sad accident at Sutherland's River, having his hand torn off by a thrashing machine.

The Standard reports that a barn together with 12 tons hay, owned by Mr. Geo. McLeod, of Fishers Grant, was destroyed by fire last Sunday week. The fire was caused by sparks from the locomotive.

AMHERST.—Donation visit to Rev. D. A. Steele.—On Friday evening last, Dec 6th, the Rev. D. A. Steele was visited by as many of his friends as he could entertain, and was the recipient, at their hands, of \$175. Mr. Layton addressed the pastor on behalf of the congregation, and referred feelingly to the sympathy and affection existing toward him. Mr. Steele replied in most suitable terms. Revs. D. McKeen and G. F. Miles, also addressed the meeting. A. S. Blenkhorn Esq., presided.—Gazette.

On Wednesday evening Dec. 4th, Deacon William Logan and wife celebrated their golden wedding, when a number of friends assembled and passed a most enjoyable evening with our venerable neighbors.—Jb

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.—The Presbyterian Witness says the paragraph from the Citizen respecting the sale of this building, and the erection of another one "is purely imaginative. There is not the slightest movement in the direction indicated."

APPLES FOR ENGLAND.—Annapolis county is sending a large part of its growth of apples to England.

The new bark, Emma Francis, is loaded at Annapolis with 6 000 bbls. of apples, for London.