

The attention of the Presbyterian Synod was largely taken up by the question of Marriage Affinity as it is called. The *Witness* gives the following account of how the debate arose:

That case, the "Windsor Case," is substantially as follows: A woman has been admitted a member of the church there, who is married to the husband of her deceased half-sister. The woman had never heard that the propriety of such marriages had been questioned. The session believing her to be a sincere Christian, admitted her to church privileges, although they knew that step was in opposition to the law of the church. The congregation, with two exceptions, fully approved of the action of Session. Two ladies disapproved, and complained to the Presbytery of Halifax. The Presbytery referred the case to the Synod. Last year the Synod's time would not admit of the discussion of the case. This year it was taken up early and discussed as never any subject was before in this body.

The drift of the discussion is indicated pretty clearly by the motions placed before the court.

The motion which received the largest vote was moved by Rev. John Cameron:

"That the final decision of this question be left till next meeting of Synod."

The next meeting of Synod will be held in Truro, a most central and suitable locality. By the close of June 1873, it may be fairly hoped, the "Intercolonial" will be open all the way through.

We have received the first No. of *The Baptist Weekly*, a paper of 16 pages, quarto size, published in New York, under the editorial direction of Rev. Dr. Patton. It is the continuation by a change in name and personnel of the *American Baptist* formerly and for many years under the control of the Rev. Dr. N. Brown.

The life of the latter paper merges into that of the *Baptist Weekly*, and it promises to become an increasingly valuable exponent of the views of truth held by the great Baptist family. The Baptist press in the United States maintains a high character, and is a powerful auxiliary to the churches in the work of evangelization. The people evidently know how to estimate its power.

BAPTIST MOVEMENTS AT ROME.—Mr. W. C. Van Meter's recent visit to the United States was for the purpose of obtaining funds to purchase land and erect a place of worship for the recently formed Baptist Church in that ancient city. The *Watchman and Reflector* of last week gives a telegram the editor had just received from Mr. Van Meter to the following effect:

Editor Watchman and Reflector.—A letter this moment received informs me that they have secured for my work the Dudley Stewart Palace, with garden and fountain, in the Corso, near Hotel Roma. Just the place I wanted. I leave for my field of labor on Wednesday. Farewell.

W. C. VAN METER.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces has closed, and the Wesleyan Conference has finished its annual session. Now we have the Church of England Synod in session in St. Luke's Cathedral in Halifax. There is a large number of the clergy and lay representatives present.

Rev. L. E. Bill gives a glowing account of his visit to the gathering of Bill families in New York, and, as a matter of course, a wedding on the occasion. Our contemporary adds:—"All that we saw of the companions of our relatives, gave us a highly favorable impression with regard to their personal and social worth."

By an interesting report in one of our exchanges, of commencement week at Madison University, Hamilton, N. Y., we perceive that two of the graduating class who gave the orations were from Burmah, one Kay-Chur from Shwaygyeen, Burmah; on "Culture, essential to Society," the other Myah-Sah from Rangoon, Burmah, on "The Future of India."

The Wesleyan Conference, in addition to the usual business, was largely occupied during the past week, with the matter of Endowing their College at Sackville. They propose to raise the sum of \$60,000. The ministers—members of Conference—contributed \$11,000.

One of our New York subscribers writes June 15, 1872:

"I prize the weekly visits of your paper very much. It comes very regu-

lary and thereby I am kept posted as to your doings in Nova Scotia. After years of absence I find my interest unabated, in all that pertains to the welfare of my native province—and cannot afford to be without the *Messenger*.

Notices, &c.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Windsor.—Miss E. Harding. \$ 9.81
Halifax Granville St.-Church,—
Mrs. E. D. King. 22.50
Bridgewater,—Edna Burbett. 6.00
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y

WESTERN HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

There will (D. V.) be a meeting of the Western Baptist Home Missionary Board, at the Baptist Meeting-house in Bridgetown, on Tuesday, 23rd July, at 2 o'clock, P. M. A full attendance is requested.

M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

Nictaux, June 27th.

All persons who intend being present at the Convention, to be held at St. Stephen, N. B., on the 24th August, are requested to send their names immediately to the Secretary of Committee, and state whether they will be accompanied by ladies, in order that arrangements may be made for their accommodation.

W. VAUGHAN,
Sec'y of Committee.
St. Stephen, N. B., 1st July, 1872.

ERRATA.—One of our compositors made a stupid mistake on the 1st page of our last issue, changing the name of the month to "May 3rd," instead of July 3rd. Subscribers who file their papers had better make the correction at once or it may lead to inconvenience.

Another almost equally stupid error occurred in the last column of the second page, in our own resolution. Instead of "Resolved, That in the judgement of this Association the consolidation of our Home Missionary operations in this province in our Institution is very desirable, it should have been

"in one Institution is very desirable.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*.

DEAR BROTHER.—Allow me again in the columns of your increasingly esteemed *Messenger*, to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums of money for our Foreign Mission: Thus—

From the Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Board of New Brunswick, (G. M. Steeves, Esq.,) the balance in his hand from last year's account up to the 20th June, 1872, of . . . \$305 57

From Mr. Fielding, (a member of the Granville Street Baptist Church, Halifax, N. S.,) per H. N. Paint, Esq., the sum of . . . 10.00
From the N. S. Central Association, per the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., the sum of . . . \$552.44

For the support of native preachers.

Thus made up—from the Kempt Church, N. S. . . . \$50.00
New Germany Church. 25.00
The widow of the late John Parker, of Cornwallis, N. S. . . . \$4.86

From other sources, collections &c., . . . \$472.58 552.44

From Sidney Shaw, Esq., Cornwallis, N. S., by Rev. J. M. Cramp 4.00

From bequest of the late Miss Emma Sweet, of Cornwallis, by the J. M. Cramp, D. D., 4.00

From Asa Coy, Treasurer at the late sitting of the Western New Brunswick Association 46.38

From Rev. W. S. McKenzie, collected at the Association 26.50

\$948.89

Z. G. GABEL,
Treasurer F. M. B.

News of the Week.

The Inauguration of the Forrester Memorial will take place in Truro, on Tuesday the 23rd of this month, instead of the 25th as first announced—the exercises to commence after the arrival of the morning trains from Halifax and Pictou. There will be four tablets in the monument, one of which has a picture of the Doctor neatly inserted. George Taylor, Esq., Supt. of Government Railways has kindly consented to convey the stone to Truro, gratis, and will also issue first class return tickets for one fare from all stations on the line to Truro, good for that and the following day. P. Innes, Esq., also favors the object by granting free return tickets for one fare at that time over the Windsor and Annapolis Railway. A large number of Teachers and friends from all parts of the Province will avail themselves of this opportunity to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the late lamented and beloved Doctor Forrester, and to the Free School system which he strove so hard and so successfully to establish.—*Com.*

SAD ACCIDENT AT SACKVILLE.—A son of Mr. Henry Bambrick was accidentally drowned on Sabbath last, while playing about some logs in a lake near his home. He was between seven and eight years of age.

EDITH EMILY.—100 Bundles and 3 Cases

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July 10.

EXAMINATION.—The Examination of the pupils of the Deaf and Dumb Institution in this City, was held in Argyle Hall on Monday afternoon the 8th, inst. There was a large attendance. Chief Justice Sir Wm. Young president and after some opening remarks Mr. Hutton the Principal of the Institution said, "The past year had been a very successful one. It was very encouraging to know that notwithstanding the many objects of charity in this city the institution maintains its old place in the prayers and affections of the people. The whole number of pupils in attendance during the past year was forty-four, of whom a considerable portion were from the neighboring Provinces."

A number of pupils selected from the various classes then went through the customary exercises with credit to themselves and their instructors.

The ladies of the Baptist congregation of Sackville instead holding a Bazaar and strawberry-festival at Bedford, on Tuesday the 16th.

OUT WITHOUT LEAVE.—On Wednesday night last, two men and two women effected their escape from Rockhead. It is supposed they sealed the walls by means of some clothes props. It would seem to be almost as easy to effect an escape from our prisons as it is to get in there.

A FOSSIL TREE, about fifteen feet of which is exposed, has been discovered on the shore north of the Joggins Mines. Mr. Seaman, of the Mines, has informed Dr. Honeyman of the discovery, and he has secured the fossil for the Provincial Museum.

GOING WEST!—Rev. George M. Grant pastor of St. Mathew's Church, has obtained three months leave of absence to visit the Provinces on the Pacific Coast via the proposed route for the Canada Inter-oceanic Railway. He goes in company with Sanford Flemming, Esq., who in his official capacity will "spy out the land," decide upon the route for the railroad, and report to the Dominion Government. While Mr. Grant is away, the pulpit of St. Mathew's Church will be filled by the Rev. Mr. Cumming.—*Citizen.*

A SNOW BANK IN JULY.—On the 1st July, inst., a snow-bank nearly three feet deep was to be seen on the side of a hill on the farm of Thomas Kennedy Esq., Middle River, Pictou County.

LIVERPOOL.—The Drill Shed was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday morning, and it was with difficulty that the flames were prevented from communicating with the Lighthouse. It is thought the fire was the work of an incendiary.

DARTMOUTH AND ITS FERRY STEAMERS.—

We are glad to learn that the Mic Mac commences her trips to Bedford about the 20th inst. An afternoon visit to Dartmouth, and a walk in the shade of its woods and on the margin of its lakes, would be found an excellent substitute for, if not superior to, a trip to Bedford.

TRURO.—About 500 men were under arms in the Militia Camp at Truro, last week. 200 from Cape Breton, and the rest composed of the 78th Highlanders battalion, consisting of companies from Hants, Pictou and Colchester.

YARMOUTH CO.—Some surprise appears to be felt at the verdict of acquittal given in the case of the colored man George Woods, on his trial for shooting at a constable a short time since.

AN EXPOSURE.—A fire occurred on Thursday last in a grocery and liquor store in Upper Water Street occupied by a Mr. McFarlane. On the firemen going into the house and after the fire had been extinguished, it was found that illicit distilling was being carried on there. The authorities on obtaining this information, went and took possession, and the proprietor found it convenient to be missing.

SAD ACCIDENT.—The *Eastern Chronicle* reports that a lad, son of Thomas Ballantyne, Pine Tree, Gut, fell before a flat roller, on Tuesday, and the machine passing over him broke one of his collar bones and tore the scalp off the back of his head. It is thought he will recover.

The *Truro Sun* of last week informed its readers that it would not rise again till Wednesday next. Reason given, short of hands, and those we have are about fagged out and want to attend one or two of the Pic-nics which are to come off this week.

SUGGESTIVE.—Strawberries are said to be very abundant at West River; we hope our friends in that locality will see to it that the pigs do not eat them all.—*Truro Sun.*

If a horse has a good constitution and has once been a good horse, no matter how old or how much run down he may be, he can be greatly improved, and in many respects made as good as new, by a liberal use of "Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders."

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FOR CASH,

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TWO DOLLARS EACH.

July 10.

WINDSOR & ANAPOLIS RAILWAY.

CONDENSED TIME TABLE.

JULY, 1872.

HALIFAX TO ST. ST. JOHN.

Miles.	STATIONS.	Exp.	Acc.	Pass.
		1 cl.		
0	Halifax—Leave.	8.00	7 15	3.00
8	Bedford	8.24	7 45	3.30
13	Wind. Junction	8.89	8 15	3.55
26	Mount Uniacke	9.20	9 30	5.27
39	Newport	9.59	11 20	5.27
45	Windsor	10.20	1 00	6 05
52	Hantsport			