

the Constitution of the Union, and the resolutions passed by the different Associations. Why not condemn those and spare the Bill? Even if there were anything irregular in the formation of the Union, what sense is there in this opposition to it, since it commends itself to the great majority of Baptists in this Province?

We are charged rather tartly with a want of courtesy for not showing our Bill to the Board of the Home Missionary Society. To prove the charge, a very strange line of argument is followed. To our feeble intellect, it makes against the one who uses it. Our letter to the Board of Managers is quoted, and the Board's reply. The fact is this: We said, "Brethren, until our Societies are consolidated will you give us advice and counsel?" The reply we received was, "We cannot comply with your request." After this, we are charged with a want of courtesy for not seeking advice of the Board that sent us such a reply. We are a very kind and forgiving people up here, but we stand a little on our dignity too. We think that discourtesy has been shown us. The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society, at its last annual gathering, ordered its Board of Managers to correspond with us in order to a full and perfect Union. Nine months have passed and we have received no correspondence on the subject. We think it is high time that the correspondence should be opened.

When we get through with the work assigned us by the Board of the Union, we shall be ready to answer all the objections that have been, or may be, made to the Union, especially if no more forcible ones are brought forth than have yet made their appearance.

G. E. DAY,  
Cor. Sec. of Union.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORAM.

ABRAM LENT, ESQ.,

of Tusket, Yarmouth County, son of the late Judge Lent, of the District Court of Shelburne, was a man of high moral tone, public respect and trust. When a young man he studied some time, at New York, which, combined with his natural turn of mind, made him a true gentleman, which his bearing manifested at all times and places, and won for him the highest respect from all. In 1819 Mr. Lent, was elected representative to the Provincial Legislature for the county of Shelburne. (At that time comprising the Counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth.) He represented the united Counties again, from 1822 to 1836. He was appointed the first Custos Rotularum, for the township of Argyle, which office he filled until encumbered by old age. He also for many years held the office of Collector of Customs for the Port of Argyle. This office he retained until his death. In all his public duties he displayed the strictest integrity. As a Christian Deacon Lent was steadfast, calm, yet earnest. Always when practicable, filling his place in the house of God. He took delight in bearing his part in all the services and responsibilities of the Church, evidently possessing a knowledge of Christ by experience. With clear views of the plan of plan of salvation, a thorough acquaintance with God's word and naturally gifted in public speaking, he would discourse eloquently on the doctrines of the Cross. And when he would dwell upon the love of Christ, and his hope of an entrance being ministered unto him abundantly, through Christ, into the rest which remains for the people of God, he would seem to glow radiant through the presence of his Divine Master; and "all took knowledge of him, than he had been with Jesus." He professed conversion, when quite young, under the labors of the late Enoch Towner, but was not at that time baptized. Yet he continued to walk humbly with God, but so great was his distrust of self, and his feeling of unworthiness to follow his Master, that he passed the meridian of life before he publicly put on Christ in baptism. He was baptized in 1848 by his brother, the late, and lamented Rev. James Lent, pastor of the Tusket Baptist Church. He was ordained to the office of Deacon, May 22nd, 1853. In this office he purchased to himself a good degree and great boldness in the faith. For two years prior to his decease he was chiefly confined to his house. On the 4th of March 1873, he, after a long pilgrimage, calmly and without a struggle "entered into peace" in the 84th year of his age, leaving an aged and sorrowing widow, and a large circle of friends to mourn the loss of a kind husband, a true friend, and a devoted christian.

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Religious Intelligence.

WALLACE BRIDGE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, April 2nd, 1873.—Dear Brother Selden,—We have been holding meetings in this place afternoons and evenings for two weeks I am happy to say that the results of our special efforts have been satisfactory and cheering. The Wallace River Church has been very much revived, back-sliders have returned rejoicing, and a number have professed conversion. Last Sabbath morning we had the privilege of baptizing eight happy believers in the presence of a large assembly, many of whom witnessed the scene with the deepest interest. What gave additional interest to the scene was the baptism of a man in middle life, who told us he was about entering upon two journeys one to a foreign land, the other a heavenly journey which was free without money or price. Bro. Jas. Higgins has been with us and rendered valuable assistance in carrying forward the work of the Lord. The congregations are very large in the evening. The converts united with the Wallace River Church. Dear Brother pray for us. Yours very truly,  
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Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., APRIL 9, 1873.

The Canada "Gazette" gives the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for March, as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Customs \$1,134,108.53; Excise \$68,156.14; Post Office \$6,281.60; Public Works, including Railway \$28,534.31; Bill Stamps \$14,990.33; Miscellaneous \$17,116.00. Total \$1,955,799.00. Expenditure \$13,952,266.00.

The government were charged by Mr. Huntington with corrupt practices in reference to the Pacific Railway contract. A vote was taken without discussion and the government was sustained by 197 to 75.

The House of Commons has been engaged in Committee of Supply.

In the House on Monday, Mr. Langevin said he would make arrangements for placing Pullman Cars between St. John and Halifax, and night trains between these cities, but could not say when.

Hon. Mr. Tilley said it was not intended to establish a uniform rate of interest throughout the Dominion.

The articles used in Canadian manufactures, placed on the free list, are as follows:—Curled hair; oranges; citron; lemons; cotton warp; annatta, and rennet gums; collar cloth paper; canvas; unmanufactured ivory; machinery or mills for gold crushing; 3, 4 and 6 ply white and colored unprinted cotton; precipitate of copper; aniline salts; felt (cotton and woolen) belting; plush and silk twists.

It is said that the new malady—cerebro-spinal meningitis—is prevalent throughout Ontario. Several deaths are reported.

A wash and lath factory was burned in Toronto on Saturday last. It was owned by Mr. Burke. Loss, \$25,000. Five dwellings were also burned.

UNITED STATES.

There was quite a gold excitement in New York last week almost causing a panic. On Tuesday it went up to 184 and rested at 174, on Saturday it rose to 184.

Great excitement was caused in New York and Boston over the loss of the steamer Atlantic. Crowds assembling at the office of the Agents of the White Star Line, anxious to know the fate of their friends. Messrs. Ismay, Imray & Co, the proprietors of the White Star Line, at Liverpool, G. B. telegraphed to New York on Friday:—"The Atlantic's deviation to Halifax is incomprehensible. The quantity of coal on board was 967 tons, against an average consumption during eighteen voyages of 744 tons."

The train containing about 300 of the shipwrecked passengers of the Atlantic arrived in Boston on Saturday. The passengers formed a long procession and were escorted by the Police to Faneuil Hall where they partook of a substantial breakfast, and at noon of a good dinner. Thousands of visitors streamed into the Hall all day to see the rescued ones. They are making a lion of the little boy Hanley who writes off his name for all who ask for it, receiving from them gifts of money for the same. He was taken down to the Traveller Counting Room by one of the staff where hundreds of the merchants talked with him in Mr. Worthington's office. A hundred dollars were collected for him on the spot by the proprietors.

Quite a number of the passengers are being hired here by business men. The rest were to go on to New York.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular notifying American Fishermen in British waters that previous to July 1st, 1873, they will continue to be liable to interference by private parties, under the laws of the Dominion Government.

The Ocean House, at Rye Beach, was destroyed by fire on Thursday; loss \$100,000.

Several persons have been badly injured by a mail train thrown from the track, by spreading of rails, on Harlem Extension, near Bermington on Thursday.

Intelligence of the murder of five Surveyors by Cheyenne Indians in Colorado, and of a mail carrier near Fort Laramie, Wyoming, has been received at the Interior Department.

An extensive fire at Parker's Landing, Pa., on Thursday night, the Parker House, Central Hotel, Exchange Bank, and other property. The total loss is over \$450,000.

Fires are reported at Oil City, Pa.—loss \$50,000; also at Jacksonville, Oregon, loss \$50,000.

It is reported that the Brooklyn gasmen will also strike for the eight hour system.

The employes in the New York Gas Works have struck for eight hours labor, and portions of the city were in darkness on Sunday night.

The Internationals, have adopted resolutions of encouragement to the striking gasmen.

A terrific storm of rain, hail and wind occurred at Burlington, Iowa, on Saturday. Many buildings were unroofed and one was blown down burying twenty persons, seven of whom were killed.

Heavy storms of Snow occurred throughout that section, and in Colorado at the same time.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—On Thursday night there was a lively debate in the House of Commons, the Irish members resenting an attack by the Pall Mall "Gazette," which reflected on their conduct in regard to the Dublin University Bill.

Mr. Martin, Member for Mallow, after a long speech, moved that the article libellously reflected on the conduct of certain members, and was a breach of the privileges of the House. After a long discussion the motion was withdrawn.

The Pall Mall "Gazette" on Friday confessed that the language of its article which gave rise to the debate, was rude, ill chosen, and ungracious, and says that the publication of the article was owing to accidental failure of Editorial supervision; but it insists on characterising much of the agitation in Ireland as a series of noisy disloyalty, and maintains that certain members of Parliament are of the disposal of the Priestly party.

George Bidwell, alleged to have been implicated in the frauds on the Bank of England, has been arrested in Edinburgh. He and Edward Noyes, charged with being his accomplice, were brought before the Lord Mayor on Friday, and both were released on bonds for further appearance.

The amalgamation of the Anglo-American Transatlantic and the New York and Newfoundland Atlantic Cable Companies is announced.

The parliament of New South Wales has voted \$200,000 to aid immigration to that Colony.

An explosion of fire damp occurred in a coal mine, in Monmouthshire, on Friday last, causing the death of five miners and the wounding of many others.

There is a scarcity of coal in New Zealand, and prices have advanced to famine rates.

Parliament is adjourned from Monday the 7th to the 21st inst.

FRANCE.—On Tuesday last during a debate in the National Assembly on the Lyons Municipality Bill, warm words arose between Leroyer and the Marquis de Grammont.

President Grevy called the Marquis to order, but the latter refused to retract his language. The Right, exasperated at the call to order threatened to quit the Chamber.

Grevy made a dignified speech, intimating that he should resign, and declared the sitting closed.

The House broke up amidst intense excitement, and deputies of all shades of political opinions waited on Grevy and begged him to overlook the incident.

The following day M. Grevy did not attend the session; but his resignation of the Presidency was presented and read. The Assembly at once re-elected M. Grevy by 349 against 281. President Thiers, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Minister of the Interior endeavored to persuade him to again resume the Presidency of the Assembly.—Grevy, however, announced that he would not again accept then position. Deputies of the Left called then upon Grevy and congratulated him upon his firm attitude. It is believed that Grevy will accept the leadership of the Left in the Assembly.

On Tuesday Louis Jessep Buffet was elected President of the Chamber to succeed M. Grevy.

The Republicans have carried the municipal elections in Nantes and Marseilles.

SPAIN.—Spanish affairs look bad. In Barcelona serious disorders have taken place, including the sacking of churches by the populace.

Castellar has threatened to resign, unless the Ministry adopts a more energetic policy.

A disturbance has taken place in the Artillery Barracks at Valencia and several have been killed and wounded.

Ten thousand armed citizens maintain order at Malaga, but refuse to admit regular troops or Government Customs officers, nor allow vessels conveying soldiers to other points to remain in port. They provide for expenses by taxing wealthy residents. The citizens are divided into moderate and ultra Federalists. The moderates now have the upper hand, but the ultras are growing.

The population of Madrid manifest a hostile disposition towards the Municipality of the city, and trouble is apprehended.

The Municipality of Cadix have demanded of the Government the withdrawal of all the troops from the city.

Twenty-five Carlists were captured on Friday last near Barcelona.

The Government troops had great difficulty in preventing a mob of citizens from lynching the prisoners.

Most of the churches in Catalonia are closed or turned into barracks.

The official report of the surrender of Berga charges the Commandant of the town with treason, and attributes the disaster to that cause alone. It also confirms the statement that the Carlists bayoneted 67 prisoners.

It is rumored that the Revolutionary Agents have gone into Portugal well supplied with money.

News from Havana confirms the reported capture of the seaport of Monzanilla, and that an immense amount of booty in money and munitions of war fell into the hands of the Cubans, who sacked the town.

Capt. Genl. Ceballos has telegraphed to Madrid that a large body of troops are wanted in Havana, as a revolution may break out at any moment.—The slaves are also reported meditating a revolt.

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