

Great want of fodder for cattle is one of the results of the unwonted length and severity of the winter.

I suppose there is no better gauge of the life and vigour of a Christian Church than that afforded by the inspection of its aggressive efforts, in other words its mission work at home and abroad.

The Missionary for Red River is preparing to leave for his new and distant field of labour, in two or three weeks. It is expected that a small party, perhaps a considerable one, of Baptist emigrants will accompany him.

The committees on Ministerial Education, appointed by the Trustees of the Woodstock Institute have just sent out their annual appeal. They ask this year from the churches, at least \$3200, for payment of salaries of Theological professors, and aid to students in the prosecution of their studies.

Our Foreign Missionaries, Brethren Timpany and McLaurin with their wives are labouring with great earnestness and success amongst the Telugus. During a recent trip the latter baptized about or over two hundred converts.

For the Christian Messenger.

A BRIEF REVIEW.

In the Christian Messenger of April 30th, in alluding to the reasons I have given for the affiliation of the Acadian French Mission with the ordinary Home Mission measures of this Province, our Hon. bro. McCully says, "I shall be pardoned, I trust, if I briefly dispose of much, if not all he has advanced, as I think, by a single observation or two."

I proved, that the location of the Acadian French in Nova Scotia is such that we cannot, if we would, preach the gospel to them separately. Has he shown that we can preach the gospel to them separately? I proved; that the affiliation of the Acadian French Mission was contemplated in the original design of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society.

I proved, That the affiliation of the

French Mission would give strength to the Union. In order to establish this point I was under the very painful necessity of proving that our worthy and honorable brother McCully had been led to misrepresent the French Mission, and that in his statements of its affairs, (to use his own expression of our worthy brother Dr. Day's statement) the "essential element" is fearfully scarce.

I cannot see how he has legitimately "disposed" of this. J. H. SAUNDERS. Beaver River, May 7, 1873.

For the Christian Messenger.

NEW CHURCH AT LOCKEPORT.

AN ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL convened at Lockeport on the twenty-first day of April pursuant to an invitation from the first Ragged Island Baptist Church. The council was organized by the choice of the Rev. Joseph Jones as moderator, and Amasa H. Fiske secretary.

A. H. FISKE, Sec.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., May 14, 1873.

That "the Lord reigns" is clearly seen in very many of the developments of Divine Providence. Men propose to accomplish certain objects, and endeavour in their wisdom to devise plans in accordance therewith, but it becomes evident that the Lord has other intentions.

C. H. Spurgeon when quite a youth in the ardor of his early piety sought an appointment to the Foreign Mission work but, he says, on applying to the Committee, he remembered being "bowed out as coldly and respectfully as anybody could be."

We have another illustration of this great fact in the Bible Lesson of our present issue. Joseph did not go to Egypt willingly and of his own accord, but he afterwards saw that even his being sold into Egypt by his brethren was "for good."

Whilst the knowledge of this should not produce carelessness or indifference in carrying out whatever our hand may find to do, yet it should save us from mistrusting God's wisdom in sometimes overthrowing our designs, and consequently preventing the completion of our plans.

MR. SPURGEON AND HIS AMERICAN OFFER. - It appears from a statement made by the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, that he has had a tempting offer to pay a visit to America. Mr. Spurgeon thus referred to the matter: "I will just tell you one little thing which happened to me this afternoon. I had a letter from a gentleman well known in America, giving me this offer—\$25,000 for 25 lectures—that is, £200 for each lecture. On these terms the 25 nights would give me £5,000, and in a hundred nights I should have £20,000. Besides this, I should be allowed to lecture for as many more nights as I chose, so that I might, in the course of a year, be worth \$40,000, and no doubt the persons who undertake this would earn ten times the amount. I have nothing to do but to leave you for a year and come home with \$20,000 or \$40,000, while if I stay here I shall have nothing like that. What do you suppose was my answer to this offer? I wrote, 'If you were to multiply that offer by one hundred times, and again a hundred times, I should feel it as easy to decline as I do now, when I say I cannot cross the ocean to lecture upon any subject whatever. I am a minister of the Gospel, and never lectured for money, and do not intend to do so now; and if my people cannot support me it is a pity.' Some people would say, 'Why not go over to America and get the money to build the college?' I shall not do so, because I would not do one thing to degrade myself nor disgrace you. I shall not make any appeal to another country to do what you can and ought to do. There are two brothers here to-night who have received offers from America. Each man can lecture as well as preach, and there is no harm in their having £500 and a month's holiday. If I were in their position I should do the same thing, but as I am I cannot leave you. I cannot leave the college nor the orphanage, nor if my house were filled with silver and gold from top to bottom. There are two things which I should feel if I went to America. The first is that I should go, not to preach the Gospel but to lecture, and I cannot do that, not for the National Debt."

The Watchman & Reflector in referring to this "tempting" offer says:— This would be a strong persuasion to an ordinary man. We recall a brief note which he addressed to Mr. Barnum, years ago, in reply to a proposition from that enterprising man looking to an engagement for a lecture tour. The note simply referred the showman to Acts 13: 10, for an answer. Mr. Barnum could hardly have felt flattered when he found the place and read: "O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"

"WISE IN THEIR GENERATION."—Some of the Prince Edward Island merchants have done a clever stroke of business during the past week.

The present duty on Rum in the Island is very low (about 40 cents a gallon) we believe, in comparison with what is paid on its importation into the Dominion. Large purchases of that article have been made in Halifax for the purpose of taking to P. E. Island. On this, if not in bond, the usual drawback would be allowed, seeing that it would go out of the country. But when the Island comes into Confederation with the Dominion the same article may be brought into Halifax or to other parts of the Dominion and sold at a handsome profit. Some of the Halifax merchants we are told made very large sales last week in this business. Other articles are doubtless being bought in a similar manner to avoid the larger duties that will shortly be put on importations to the Island.

Great Britain is doubtless designed to be the instrument of evangelizing its foreign possessions. This is being done not only by the direct foreign missionary work, but also by other means and influences brought to bear on the people of those countries. An Association has recently been formed in London called the National Indian Association. Its object is to bring the natives of India visiting England into social relations with refined and cultured Englishmen. The number of Indians who resort to Great Britain for study, in order to qualify themselves for the civil service and the bar, is constantly increasing as caste prejudices break down, and it is thought very desirable that kindly relations should exist between them and Englishmen, and that they should return to their country with favourable recollections of English life and manners. The society organises social gatherings at which Indian and English gentlemen meet for conversation; and it also has a monthly journal.

The amount of travel between the United States and Europe is becoming greater and greater every year. We learn from New York papers that the various trans-atlantic steamship lines

have made arrangements for carrying nearly 22,000 cabin passengers to Europe during May, June and July, whilst the steerage will accommodate at least as many more. A large number of excursion parties will make the tour of Europe this summer from America. They will number from ten to one hundred and fifty each, and the expense of each of the members will be from \$400 to \$1000.

The HONORABLE JOSEPH HOWE on Saturday last attained to what probably exceeds the dreams of his boyhood. At 12 o'clock, he was sworn into office, in the Council Chamber, as Lieut. Governor of his native province, in the presence of a number of members of the Legislative Council, members of Assembly, Senators of Canada, and a large number of the leading citizens of Halifax. The Hon. Provincial Secretary read the mandates from the Governor General, Lord Dufferin, declaring Mr. Howe's appointment to the office. After this Mr. H. read in a distinct voice the oaths of office, administered by the Chief Justice. He was accompanied by his son, Mr. Sydenham Howe. Mr. H. was evidently suffering from his recent sickness, but spoke cheerfully to, and shook hands with, a large number of the gentlemen present.

THE TYRO is a pamphlet published three times a year by the Adelpian Literary Society in connection with the Canadian Literary Institute, at Woodstock. The March number has several good articles, 1st "The Student Life and the Higher Life," by J. E. Wells, M. A., is an able argument in favor of high mental culture in connection with religion. The next article we have copied on our first page. Also an exquisite piece of poetry—Evening—by Miss M. McGinn. There are also other good articles.

The Australia Colonies do not appear yet quite prepared for Confederation. The recent conference on the subject, held at Sydney, did not afford favorable symptoms, and failed because the province of Victoria claimed that the mails now first taken to Sydney should come to Melbourne. Each province appears to be the nucleus of a nation which will be continuing to develop its greatness for centuries to come.

The friends of Foreign Missions will be deeply interested in the report under "Notices" of what was done at the last meeting of the Board. The Mr. Churchill there spoken of as being accepted for service in the foreign field is a native of Yarmouth, N. S., and we learn has many qualities and characteristics which render him admirably adapted to the work. We entertain high hopes from his appointment.

Mr. W. E. West is appointed agent for Cobbin's Child's Commentary on the Bible, for the County of Hants. The circulation of such a book is a very useful occupation, and we doubt not Mr. West will succeed in placing it in many households.

Notices, &c.

- RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. C. A. Hammond, Grand Falls . . \$5.00 "A Friend," Baddeck, C. B., for Miss Norris 2 00 North Brookfield, Queens.—Susie A. Leadbetter 8.00 Guysboro.—Mrs. J. McGregor Cunningham 20 00 Bridgetown.—Jessie E. Chipman . 10 00 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. May 13th, 1873.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD. Saint John, N. B., May 6th, 1873 — The Board met to day at 4 p. m., members present: Hon. A. McL. Seely, Chairman, Revs. W. P. Everett, I. E. Bill, G. M. W. Carey, A. B. McDonald, D. A. Steele; G. M. Steeves, and E. Hickson, and Bro. W. J. Stewart, being present, were invited to seats with the Board.

Prayer by Bro. Steele. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. An application was presented from Mr. George Churchill, at present studying at Newton, for appointment to the foreign field. After the reading of correspondence relative to this application, and due consideration thereof, it was unanimously:—

Resolved, That Bro. Churchill be accepted a missionary of this Board, the appointment of course being subject to the decision of the Convention. Resolved, That Brother Churchill be employed during the ensuing summer, in

visiting the Churches, with Brethren Armstrong and Sanford.

Communications were read from the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Central Boards of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies—upon consideration of which, it was

Resolved, That Miss Maria Armstrong of Wolfville, and Miss Flora Eaton of Cornwallis be accepted as Missionaries of this Board, provided their health will warrant such an appointment, and the funds be forthcoming from the Mission Aid Societies to sustain them.

Resolved, That any members of this Board who may attend the approaching Anniversary of the American Baptist Missionary Union at Albany, be our delegates, and that certificates to that effect be furnished them.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to arrange with the brethren at Newton, a plan by which they may visit as many of the Churches and denominational gatherings as possible during the summer.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Hickson. W. B. BOGGS, Sec'y.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

- Rev. H. Morrow. John Moser. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$6. Rev. C. H. Weatherbe. W. E. West. Rev. Obed Parker. A. J. Leadbetter, \$4. W. Churchill, \$8. Rev. H. Eagles, \$5. Rev. J. H. Saunders, \$3. A. J. Eaton.

News of the Week.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

To be a member of the Legislative Council—Chas. J. Campbell.

Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—James Kerr, John Kirker, in the place of John Parker, Esq., resigned. Saml. Balcum, jr., in the place of Henry Balcum, Esq., resigned. Malcolm McFarlane, in the place of Alex. Fraser, deceased, David Archibald, Geo. W. Madill, John Lindsay, and Alex. Mitchell. To be Commissioners of Schools—John W. Artz, Esq., in place of Rev. John McMillan removed from the district.

To be a Notary and Tabellion Public, Robert Sedgewick, Esq.

Pictou Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools for the South District, Rev. Andrew McGillivray, Rev. E. A. McCurdy, Rev. Robert Cumming, Robt. McNeill and Adam C. Bell, in the place of Rev. D. McGregor, Rev. John McLeod and Donald McDonald, removed from the county, and E. Roode, declining to act. To be Justices of the Peace—John P. Lawson, Robert S. McCurdy and Francis McKenzie.

Hants Co.—To constitute a Board of Health at Sumnerville, Kempt—Jno Skaling, Samuel Marsters, Abel Beckwith, Ezekiel Masters and Samuel Caldwell, Esq. To constitute a Board of Health at Eilershouse—Albert Hobart, Edward Abern, Edwd. Blanchard, James Johnson and J. W. Walsh, Esqs.

Richmond Co.—To constitute a Board of Health for River Inhabitants—Anthony Oliver, James Walker, Charles F. Grant, Edward Proctor, Danl. McNamara and R. G. Proctor, Esqs.

Lunenburg Co.—To be Clerk of Peace for the District of Chester—J. G. Lefler, Esq. To be Justice of the Peace—E. Johnstone Manning.

Victoria Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Donald McRae, Juddeek Bridge, in the place of D. McRae, deceased; Alex. McRae, Big Farm, Baddeck; Chas. Hart and David McCurdy, Baddeck; Roderick McKenzie, Boularderie (S. side); Chas. McDonald, Baddeck bay, in the place of D. McNab, removed from the county; Chas. L. Campbell, New Campbellton, in the place of D. McKenzie, removed from the county; Peter McLeod, Hunters' Mountain, in the place of Angus McLeod, resigned; Donald McKenzie, Boularderie, and John McRae (Alexr's son), Middle River. To be Commissioners for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.—David McDonald, Cape North, and John Burke, Ingonish.

Kings Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Obadiah H. Newcomb. To be a member of the Board of Health for Horton and Cornwallis, Frederick Burden, Esq., M.D., of Canning To be Issuer of Marriage Licenses at Kingston Station, F. H. Allison, Esq.

Yarmouth Co.—To be Justices of the Peace, Wm. H. Moody, Thomas Killam, Wm. D. Lovitt, Wm. Law, Thos. Crosby, George R. Doty, Richard C. Cann, Nathaniel Churchill, Jr., Melford Sims, Nathaniel Travis, Sr., J. V. N. Hatfield and Charles D'Entremont. To be Commissioner of Dykes for the Township of Yarmouth, James B. Bain, Esq.

Annapolis Co.—To be Justice of the Peace—Benjamin M. Goldsmith, of Perot.

Guysborough Co.—(District of Guysborough)—To be a Commissioner of Schools, Rev. J. P. Tremaine, of Pirate Harbor.

Colchester Co.—To constitute a Board of Health for Upper Londonderry, Wm. Miller, Sr., James Ross, M. D., Thomas Morrison, (4th) David F. Layton and Robert Crow, Esqs. To constitute a Board of Health for Lower Londonderry—D. A. Davidson, E. T. McRoberts, M. D., Wm. McKim, Robert Dill and John M. Baikie, Esqs. To be a Commissioner of Sewers for Upper Londonderry—Albert Elliott, Esq.

Cape Breton Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace, John Ross, M. P. P., and John McGregor, Little Bras d'Or; Israel Slatery, Gaberouse; Donald McLellan, Grand