

Sabbath School and other positions in the Christian Church, will long be remembered by many who partook of the benefits conferred by them.

Although this official distinction comes upon Judge Johnston in the evening of life—he being, as we believe, in the 82nd year of his age—yet we are informed that his health is much improved by his late residence in Europe, and he is returning invigorated, and with the probability of being yet spared a good while to enjoy the honors he has so well won.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The following are some of the interesting facts developed by the Ninth Census of the United States:—

The total population of the country is about thirty-eight and a quarter millions. Total number of deaths in the current census year, 492,263, or about 1,349 per diem.

March seems to be the most fatal month, leading all others by about 1,000.

March, April and May form the most fatal quarter, exceeding any other three consecutive months by over 13,000.

The births number 1,100,475, or about 3,000 per diem.

The blind number about 20,000. The deaf and dumb about 16,000.

The idiotic, about 24,000. The insane, about 37,000, nearly one-third of whom are of foreign birth.

Persons over 80 years of age number about 150,000.

Persons over 90 years of age number about 7,000.

Persons over 100 years of age number about 3,500.

Of those over 80 years, the female outnumber the males by about 12,000.

Of those over 90 years, the females are in excess by about 1,200.

Of those over 100 years, the females exceed the males by about 1,000.

H. W. BEECHER has a good many questions put to him every week, or that he puts to himself, some foolish and difficult, and others very sensible and useful ones—to which he or somebody else for him, gives answers in the Christian Union. The answers are sometimes smart and racy—perfect Beecherisms—at other times they are equally non-committal and Delphic. The following are a few specimens:

What is your opinion of Freemasonry and other secret societies?

We can only judge from the character of the men who belong to them. Seeing that some excellent men are Masons, we cannot believe that the order is a secret cabal against the peace of society nor that it is an awful aristocracy, sheltering injustice and corrupting morals. There are men in the secret lodges who could not swear to anything very bad. But while we have no fear of positive harm from the masons or odd-fellows—while we do not lie awake at nights dreaming of the evils which they might plot—we do fear that they expend a great deal of time and money to very little purpose.

Do you believe that Samson possessed the physical power attributed to him in the Scriptures? He seems to me a bad youth, possessed of few qualities that would give him a claim to Divine favour.

Neither physical strength nor mental strength seems to be apportioned according to moral quality. God has always known how to use great leaders on the side of right whose lives were badly regulated, and Samson's great strength served its end in those barbaric times. Even Samson must be judged charitably, in the light and by the standards of his own age. His education in that day of anarchy must have been something different from that of a Sunday-school boy.

What does the injunction, "Call no man your father upon earth," etc. (Matt. xxiii. 9.) signify?

The great trouble of our modern Bible reading is a tendency to treat the book as though it were a copy of the Revised Statutes—with dead literalness. What Christ meant, was not to forbid our calling a man "father"—his speech was always deeper than the surface. Christ would have us have no popes, either living or dead. We have no right to surrender our own private judgment to Pius IX., to Calvin, to Wesley, to any General Assembly of fathers, to Conventions, Conferences, or what-nots. The godly judgment of good men should have weight with us, but let us not call them "father" in a sense that implies the surrender of our own liberty of thought.

We would call the particular attention of the Medical Profession in this Province, to the advertisement of the "Provincial Medical Board," (over the signature of their Secretary Dr. T. R. Almon) relating to the registration of their degrees, or diplomas, in Medicine and Surgery.

The Provincial law of 1872, entitled, "an act to regulate the qualifications of Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery" directs, that all practicing Physicians, and Surgeons, shall register their qualifications, on or before the 1st day of May, 1873. While many have complied with the terms of the act, we are informed that some Practitioners in almost every county in the Province, have neglected to do so. We would remind the latter, that non-registration, not only entails loss of fees, by preventing unregistered men from collecting their accounts; but, it renders every medical man unregistered, after the above date, liable to a penalty of \$20 for each day, on which he practices physic, Surgery or Midwifery for hire, gain or hope of reward.

We trust our Professional readers who may not yet have registered their qualifications, will pay prompt attention to this matter.

PARKER'S COMBINATION WORK TABLE.—This compact useful piece of furniture is now being offered to the public in Halifax by Mr. B. F. Condon, Commercial Hotel, 12 Buckingham Street. We had an opportunity of inspecting a sample one a few days since, and could but admire the several transformations through which it passed from a wash-hand-stand and towel horse, to a handsome worktable, then a wool-winder was added, and then a good-sized clothes horse and clothes line was raised. The changes may be made in an instant. Mr. Parker having been laid aside by sickness, instead of giving himself up to despondency and thinking exclusively of himself, and registering the progress of his ailments, having some mechanical genius, employed his time in making a number of clever contrivances in portable furniture. This combination is likely to find a place in every household and be of every day use wherever it finds its way.

We see no reason why Cabinet organs should not be made in Nova Scotia equal to imported articles, as well as Pianofortes. We are glad to see that Messrs. Gates (see advertisement) have commenced this business at Aylesford. A friend writes respecting their establishment:

I have visited their factory, and some of their 5 stop double reed organs are before the public, and are pronounced by competent judges as superior in tone and finish to any imported. I may say they are a success thus far—and bid fair to take the place of the American organs. Home manufacture should be patronized. Four brothers are engaged in them. The one who takes charge of the Piano department has worked at the business in every part for many years past, in Boston and New York. G. O. G. was with Mason & Hamlin, New York for some time, and C. E. G. has made music his life study, having given his attention specially to it in all its branches for more than fifteen years, therefore they are well qualified to engage in the work.

Notices, &c.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1873.

The Nova Scotia CENTRAL ASSOCIATION will meet with the Church at Bridgewater, on Saturday the 28th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Nova Scotia EASTERN ASSOCIATION will meet with the Church at Pugwash on Saturday the 12th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The New Brunswick WESTERN ASSOCIATION will meet with the Keswick Church on Thursday the 26th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The New Brunswick EASTERN ASSOCIATION will meet with the Second Cambridge Church on Tuesday the 8th day of July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Prince Edward Island Baptist Association will meet with the Church at Summerside on Saturday the 19th day of July at 10 o'clock, A. M.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger.

SIR,—I will thank you to give notice in the Messenger, of my receiving the following monies for the Foreign Mission, viz:

- From the Acadia College Missionary Society, per Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., for the support of two native preachers. \$37.00
From Daniel Webber, per Mr. S. Selden. 2.00
From Upper Stewiacke Church N. S., per Mr. Jas. A. Cox, and S. Selden. 36.00
From a young Lady, member of the Granville Street Church, Halifax, N. S., an instalment on \$50. 12.00

Total \$87.50

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

[Christian Visitor please copy.]

NOTICE.

A Council will convene on Saturday at 2 o'clock, P. M., July 5th, at North Sydney Baptist Church, to take into consideration the ordination of Bro. Daniel McLeod of St. Anns, C. B.

NOTICE.

The New Baptist meeting-house at Weymouth, will D. V., be opened for Divine worship, on Sunday the 29th inst., at ten o'clock, a. m.

Any of our ministering brethren who can give us the sabbath will be welcomed by us.

CHARLES RANDALL.

NEW MEETING HOUSE.

The New Baptist Meeting House at New Canada will be opened for divine service on Sabbath, June 29th. We expect Revs. D. Freeman, E. O. Read and J. F. Murray, to be with us on the occasion. As it will be at the time of the Central Association and only 12 miles from Bridgewater, we hope other brethren will also be present.

Wm E HALL.

New Germany, May 27, 1873.

NOTICE.

All delegates intending to be present at the next session of the Central Baptist Association at Bridgewater, to be convened on the 28th of June next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., will please forward their names without delay to B. W. C. Manning, Esq., Bridgewater, so that suitable accommodation may be provided for all.

By order of the Church,

W. J. GATES,

Church Clerk,

Bridgewater, May 7th, 1873.

NOTICE.

Ministers and delegates attending the Baptist Central Association at Bridgewater on 28th inst. (not already located) will please call on either of the subscribers who will see that they are comfortably provided for.

W. J. GATES.

West end of village,

JAMES GRINTON,

East side of River.

B. W. C. MANNING,

Commercial Hotel, Center of village

Committee.

N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

All ministers delegates and friends intending to be present at the next session of the Eastern Baptist Association at Pugwash, to be convened on the 12th of July next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., will please forward their names without delay to Bro. William Dickie, Pugwash, so that suitable accommodation may be provided for all.

By order of the Committee,

R. D. BURGESS.

Pugwash, June 7th, 1873.

News of the Week.

The Programme made out for the holiday on Monday was carried out in every particular. The fine weather added much to the enjoyment of the day. We regret to hear that two or three accidents occurred in connection with the horse-racing, one or more of which may prove serious, otherwise the proceedings passed off with great success every detail.

NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this Society was convened in Kentville on Wednesday last. During the day two of the Scientific Committees reported, viz On Surgery, and New Remedies, the former by Dr. Gordon and the latter by Dr. A. P. Reid. A paper on Diseases of the Eye was read by Dr. Dodge. At the sitting, the Hon. Dr. Parker exhibited a number of the latest improved scientific instruments, such as are now used by leading physicians in England and France. At the close of the discussion a vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Parker for the valuable information imparted, as well as for the opportunity of inspecting the new and scientific instruments placed before the meeting. On Thursday the members of the Society dined together at the Webster House.—Col.

DRUMMOND COLLIERY.—On Sabbath morning last a part of No. 2 slope fell in and remained open until Monday. There were no indications of fire apparent and no smoke, but a steady flow of carbonic acid gas was emitted from the opening. Considerable diversity of opinion exists as to whether the fire is completely extinguished or not. Not a few experienced miners are of opinion that the fire is still smouldering in the shale. This does, however, appear improbable. The temperature is still nearly 80 degrees. With regard to flooding the mine we are informed that the Government will not allow the water to be raised to such a height as will endanger the works of the Acadia Coal Company.—Eastern Chronicle.

CAPE BRETON.—The Cape Breton Times says all the coal mines are now shipping to their full capacity. A large amount of tonnage of the heaviest class is at the several piers, and the trains are running night and day. Between 200 and 300 French miners are on the way from France to Cape Breton. A very powerful engine has been placed in the Gardiner Colliery, and operations are to be pushed forward vigorously. The fire at the Lingan Mine is not extinguished and is likely to prove more serious than at first anticipated. A great body of fire is still reported under-ground, and from an indefinite number of infalls near the outcrop, the extinguishing of it promises to be a matter of some difficulty.

Mr. Danl. Bishop, of the firm of Bishop & Dodge, mill owners, met with a severe accident on Monday last at their mill, situated about 4 miles below Bridgetown. He was engaged in prying a log with a crowbar, when it slipped, causing Mr. B. to fall towards the saw, and it being in motion at the time, cut into the wrist, nearly severing the main bone and badly lacerating the flesh.—Col.

A young man named O'Leary, an engineer, was found lying on the sidewalk in one of the streets of Quebec, on Sunday night, with his skull fractured and one of his legs broken, and he died soon after being discovered. The deceased had, in company with his younger brother, returned to his lodging, at the door of which they parted. It is supposed that on entering his room he sat down on the window, and falling asleep fell to the pavement and met an untimely end.—Id.

"Atlantic" seems to be an unlucky name just now. The steamer "Atlantic" was lost at Prospect with between 500 and 600 lives; the Atlantic Bank failed in New York, ruining hundreds; and last week the Atlantic Base Ball Club, one of the crack clubs of America, was badly beaten.

The Bridgetown Monitor reports that Albert Macleod and Alexander Jackson (colored), confined in Annapolis Jail for stealing, came near making their escape on Tuesday night last. They, by the help of some friends outside, sawed two bars off, one inside and one outside, and had the bars on the outside not been very close together would no doubt have made their escape. The bars sawed off were an inch and a quarter in diameter.

The following Nova Scotians have passed successful marine examinations at St. John, N. B.:—Henry W. Lawrence, master, Hantsport; George Noble Fulton, master, Bass River; Amos Denis Hilton, first mate, Yarmouth; James Stewart Crowe, first mate, Maitland.

KENTVILLE.—The Storehouse of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway was destroyed by fire on Wednesday last. The contents were partially saved. Fire caused by sparks from passing locomotive.

HANTS COUNTY ELECTION.—Captain George Armstrong is the government Candidate for this County. It is said that Mr. Manson Goudge will be the Opposition candidate.

A VISIT TO ANnapolis Co.—The latter rains have done much in bringing forward vegetation in this valley. The grass looks well, and prospects of good yield of fruit, &c., fully as encouraging as usual. This is certainly a lovely valley, all is peaceful and quiet as a Sunday eve. The contrast is so striking between this and the rushing hurrying of the Lumber business of Bridgewater, that one feels the difference on nearing the valley. This beautiful locality with its outstretching orchards and velvet fields of grain and grass, its neat fences and well painted residences and its ornamental trees, give it the appearance of a vast garden. Nothing save the snorting puffing noise of the iron horse which rushes past east and west three or four times each day, and the occasional passing of a carriage, seems to disturb the monotony of the scene. 'Tis the place of all others to rest and recruit after a few months hard toil in a busy town or city. One then returns to the active pursuits of everyday life, invigorated in mind and body. I suppose many of your readers will be wedding their way westward to gather in their associated capacity, and will then be enabled to enjoy these delightful scenes as the writer is now doing.

Yours, &c., W. J. G.

Cholera has appeared at Washington, D. C., and Paducah, Ky., and the mortality at Memphis and Nashville is increasing.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

150 GRANVILLE STREET.

New Goods, per "Peruvian"

- BLACK YAK LACES, COLORED YAK LACES, POINT LACE BRAIDS, GRAPE SQUARES, (for neck), BLACK SILKS, JOSEPHINE KID GLOVES, &c.

"ATLANTIC" SILKS.

We have still a few of these left. They are one of the best Lyons makers, and very slightly (if at all) damaged.

SMITH BROTHERS. June 25.

To the Electors of the County of Hants:

GENTLEMEN,—I have been nominated at a General Convention of the supporters of the Dominion Government as a Candidate for the vacant seat in the House of Commons for the County of Hants, and have the honour to solicit your suffrages for that position.

My policy will be in accordance with that hitherto pursued by the Dominion Government.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant GEORGE ARMSTRONG. Kempt, 16th June, 1873. June 25.

Meadow King Mowers.

The subscriber has just received a lot of the Meadow King Mowers which were so largely patronized the past season. J. P. DODGE. Middleton, June 20th 1873. June 25.

WATERS' CONCERTO PARLOR ORGANS



are the most beautiful in style and perfect in tone ever made. The CONCERTO STOP is the best ever placed in any Organ. It is produced by a third set of reeds peculiarly voiced, the EFFECT of which is MOST CHARMING and SOUL STIRRING, while its IMITATION of the HUMAN VOICE is SUPERB. A GREAT OFFER. HORACE WATERS & SON, 481 Broadway, N. Y., will dispose of 100 PIANOS and ORGANS of first-class makers, including WATERS', at extremely low prices for cash, or part cash, and balance in small monthly payments. New 7-Octave first-class PIANOS, all modern improvements, for \$275 cash. Organs \$55-\$75. DOUBLE-REED ORGANS, \$100; 4-STOP, \$110; 8-STOP, \$125, upwards. ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUES MAILED for one stamp. A large discount to Ministers, Churches, Sunday-Schools, Temperance Societies, Lodges, etc. AGENTS WANTED.

June 25.

NOW IS YOUR TIME!! NEW SEASONS TEAS

Just arrived direct from CHINA, CONGOUS, SOUCHONGS, OOLONGS, PEKOES, & GREEN TEAS.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

All are invited to give them a trial.

ALSO,

A choice lot of various kinds of

Superior Coffees.

The best and cheapest place to buy your TEAS and COFFEES is at

E. W. Sutcliffe's,

CORNER OF BARRINGTON AND BUCKINGHAM STREETS, HALIFAX, N. S.

P. S.—All kinds of FIRST CLASS GROCERIES at lowest market rates, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, at

E. W. SUTCLIFFE'S,

305 Brunswick Street.

June 25.

Provincial Medical Board.

THE following resolutions were passed at the recent meeting of the PROVINCIAL MEDICAL BOARD, and ordered to be published for the information of the profession:—

Whereas, The Medical Act of Nova Scotia requires a full and complete list of the regularly qualified Medical Practitioners in Nova Scotia to be made and published annually.

And Whereas, A number of the medical men in the Province have failed to make a return to the Registrar of their names, qualifications, &c., &c., as required by a recent order of this Board, therefore degrading the publication of the Medical Register as by law required.

Therefore Resolved, That all medical practitioners who have not complied with the order of this Board be requested to do so immediately, as the Register will be closed for this year on the first day of July, and immediately afterwards published.

Resolved, That the following epitome of sections of the Act from 22 to 28 be published for the information of the profession and the public:—

"On and after the first day of May, 1873, every Medical practitioner whose name appears on the Medical Register of the Province, is duly qualified and licensed to practice Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery in the Province of Nova Scotia, and none but legally qualified practitioners can hold public offices, sign certificates or collect fees in a Court of Law.

T. R. ALMON, Registrar.

June 25. 4ins.

BAZAAR & TEA MEETING.

The Ladies of the Onslow Baptist Sewing Circle, will hold their sale of Useful & Fancy Articles at the New Baptist Church in Onslow on Thursday the 3rd of July next, opening at two o'clock P. M. Tea will be served from 4 to 7 o'clock. Other refreshments throughout the afternoon. The Colchester Cornet Band will be in attendance and discourse choice music. The ladies in charge will endeavour to make the occasion a pleasant one, and they hope to meet all their friends there.

Admission free 10 cents. Tea 25 cents. Onslow, June 20th, 1873. June 25.

Fancy Sale

AND STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The Ladies of the Antigonish Baptist sewing circle will hold a Fancy Sale and Strawberry festival on Wednesday July 9th. Doors opened at 10 o'clock. Admission to rooms 10 cts. Refreshments provided during the day. Antigonish, June 21, 1873. June 25.

Boarding House,

The subscriber has taken his old stand, No. 30 DOCK STREET, AND IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE TRANSIENT BOARDERS.

G. M. BURNS.

St. John, N. B., May 13th, 1873. May 25. 2mths. pd.