

The discussion between North and South previous to the war and since, operated on their missionary work as well as on all their other institutions. There has been among the Baptists a drawing nearer to one another each year since. Our brethren of the South are full of life and energy. The following from the *National Baptist* is a summary report of their late session held in Texas:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Convention has just closed; a grand success! Many feared it would be a failure, a mere local gathering; that it was unwise to come so far away from the centre, and it "ought to go by default." Nothing of the kind. The delegation was larger than usual—every state represented, some of them largely—and Texas, an empire in itself, had a full representation alone in bona fide delegates, and scores of visiting ministers and laymen. The Seminoles, with their chief, John Jumper; the Creeks, with their toiling and faithful missionary, Buckner; the Choctaws, with their devoted missionary, Murrow, sat in council with us. Was the like ever seen before? The red men of the forest in council with the pale-faces as equals, brothers in Christ, devising ways and means to send the Gospel to the nations of the earth. The spirit of the Convention from the beginning was beautiful. The older members seemed to appreciate the opportunity to impress the minds and hearts of the hundreds who never met with the Convention before. A holy influence will go out from this meeting that will be felt for ages. One minister, who had nearly given over to the Anti-mission Baptists, and was taking his whole Association with him, declared he was all wrong, that he was going to preach on missions next Sabbath, and would train his churches to pray and give systematically to home and foreign missions. Over \$18,000 were pledged to save the Theological Seminary at Greenville; \$2,500 to the Foreign Board, and \$2,500 to the Home Board at Marion.

Some two hundred delegates and visitors left this morning on a *free ride* over the state. The hospitality of several towns was offered them. The people of Jefferson, irrespective of church relations, vied with each other in entertaining delegates and visitors, men, women and children. It was almost another Chicago affair.

What hath the Lord wrought? That Texas is strong enough to entertain the Southern Baptist Convention, and to do it well. The next meeting will be in Charleston, S. C. Another wonder.

Jefferson, May 12, 1874.

CREDITABLE.—A church member writes: Thanks to the Home Missionary Board, for the fifty dollars granted Middlefield, Greenfield and Chelsea Churches, to enable them to retain the services of their pastor, Rev. H. Achilles.

Of course their intentions were good, and perhaps quite needful elsewhere; but I am happy to inform the Board, that as far as Chelsea Church is concerned the proffered aid is not required.

Our latest English exchanges give us further accounts of the May Meetings. A delightful state of harmony and earnest determination to work for Christ appears to have existed in all our denominational gatherings. We shall be obliged to defer further notice of them this week, to allow the insertion of other matters of deep interest.

New Subscribers.

ONE DOLLAR.

We will send the *Messenger* to any address from the date of receiving the name, up to the end of the present year, 1874, for ONE DOLLAR.

TO CANVASSERS.

Ladies or Gentlemen.

We will send the *Messenger* as above to five New Subscribers on receiving the payment for four. Here is an opportunity for profitable employment, and doing good at the same time. To any person wishing to engage in this work we will, on application, send a copy of the paper, as a specimen, without charge.

TO THE BENEVOLENT.

A Christian newspaper is perhaps, one of the best educators that can, week after week, come into a family circle. By getting four subscribers you can, if you wish, by this means, supply the fifth to some family otherwise unable to get it, by whom it would be highly prized, and to whom it would constantly come freighted with pleasant and instructive thought.

Never before were so many able pens employed in contributing to the columns of the *Messenger*. Never before had we so many readers. Never was it so necessary that every body should be regularly provided with good reading; and as we wish to afford all possible facilities for enabling others

to participate in these communications we make a sacrifice of profits by the above offer, so that a large number may thus be added to our list of readers.

We find that several English papers have accounts of the sad incident at sea, given by Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, in his letter last week. Some were probably sent by other passengers, but agree in every particular with that in our columns.

Notices.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES 1874.

The N. S. WESTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its 24th Annual Session at Lockeport Shelburne County, commencing Saturday June 20th at 10 o'clock A. M.

The N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION will hold its 24th Annual Session at Canard, Cornwallis, Kings County, commencing on Saturday June 27th, at 10 A. M.

The N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its 25th Annual Session at Parrsborough, Cumberland County, commencing on Saturday July 11th at 10 o'clock A. M.

The N. B. WESTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its 27th Annual Session at Jacksonville, commencing on Tuesday June 23rd, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The N. B. EASTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its 27th Annual Session at Cambridge, Queens County, commencing on Tuesday, July 14th, at 2 P. M.

The PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ASSOCIATION will hold its seventh Annual Session at Charlottetown, commencing on Saturday July 18th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THE NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION will hold its second Annual Session at Parrsborough, in connection with the N. S. Eastern Association.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

To the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*. DEAR BROTHER,—Permit me to acknowledge through the columns of your valuable paper, the receipt of the following sums for our Foreign Mission.

NOVA SCOTIA.

From Miss L. Smith, St. Mary's Bay. \$ 4.00
Collection at Westbrook 3.13
" Collection Half Way River 2.90
" Henry McLaughlan 0.25
Rev. D. McKeen 2.00
" Daniel Fales, Wilmot, per Rev. Dr. Tupper 5.00
" Mrs. James Noonan, Margaret Bay 1.00
" S. Selden as below, a Friend per L. M. Weeks 2.43
" C. Huntingdon, Esq. 10.00
" C. H. Denton 4.00
" New Germany Church 20.00

NEW BRUNSWICK.

From Charlotte County, quarterly meeting. 3.20
" Queens Co. quarterly meeting. 17.20
" 2nd Kingclear Church 4.37

\$79.48

Yours very truly,
Z. G. GABEL,
Treas. F. M. B.

St. John, N. B., May 27th, 1874.

YARMOUTH, MAY, 26TH, 1874.

Dear Editor,—Please acknowledge in the *Messenger* the following sum received:

From Sophia Nelson, per S. Selden, Home Mission. \$1.00

" Miss Nellie DeWolfe, Dartmouth, do. do. 1.00

" Anonymous, do. French do. 4.00

" A Teacher, do. do. 5.00

" A Friend by Dr. Tupper. 1.00

\$12.00

From Windsor Baptist Church, per Rev. D. M. Welton, Home Mission. \$18.00

" Do. do. in aid mission to Maitland, do. do. 6.00

" Do. do. for French do. 4.00

\$28.00

Yours truly,
SAMUEL BROWN, Treas.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Clarence, Annapolis Co.—Mrs. S. N. Jackson. \$13.00

Mrs. McNeil and Daughters—Waterford, Digby Neck. 1.20

Nictaur—Mrs. G. Parker. 9.50

Liverpool—Miss F. Allison. 8.50

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

Halifax, N. S., June 3, 1874.

THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH IN SHELBURNE TOWN.

will (D. V.) be dedicated by the customary services, on Sabbath, June 21st. Dr. Day is expected to lead in the morning service.

On the Friday afternoon and evening previous, the ladies of the congregation intend holding a

TEA-MEETING AND BAZAAR
in the interest of our new House.

Will our friends passing on to the Association at Lockeport, take sharp notice.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Friends who expect to attend the Baptist Central Association at Canard, will please forward their names to me as soon as they can conveniently. There will be carriages to meet those coming by train, at Kentville, and at Port William Station. Please state at what station you intend to leave the train, and what day. Kentville is much the nearest station to Canard.

S. B. KEMPTON.

THE NEW BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE AT CALEDONIA, QUEENS COUNTY.

will be opened for divine service on Sunday June 14th. All ministers and friends who can make it convenient to attend will be cordially welcomed.

In behalf of the Church,

B. S. TELFER.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. A. Chipman, 2 subs.—\$1.50 for C. M. all correct. J. J. Parker, \$2.25. J. G. Nowlan. Rev. A. W. Barres. M. Kinman, 1 sub., \$1. Rev. J. F. McKenna, \$5. P. Innis. S. Wentzel, \$2.30. I. Harpell. W. McCombie. S. Brown. J. Sprague. E. M. Chesley. Rev. J. H. Saunders, 1 sub., \$2.50. W. A. Morse, \$2. M. H. Sutherland, 1 sub., \$1. W. C. Bill Esq., 1 sub., \$1. J. Higgins, \$2. Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$1.50. Dr. U. J. Margeson, \$8.50. S. E. Masters, 2 subs., \$2. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$5. Rev. S. B. Kempton. W. Carter, 1 sub. J. Dimock, \$2.50.

News of the Week.

EXCURSION TO WOLFVILLE.

The obliging Manager of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, P. Innis, Esq., has kindly consented to grant Excursion Tickets to persons desirous of attending the Acadia College Anniversary on Wednesday and Thursday, the 3rd and 4th Inst., one first class fare, there and back.

The Express train leaves Richmond at half past 8.

CIVIC.—At a meeting of the City Council last week a petition was presented from a number of rate payers against the appropriation of \$1,000 for the celebration of the 21st of June, stating that the City had not the power to do it under the Act of incorporation, and giving notice that they would take means to be relieved of their taxes, if the appropriation was made.

A letter from Mr. J. S. Maclean, on behalf of the Y. M. Christian Association, asking that they be relieved of taxes on their new building, was read and referred to the Committee on Rates and Taxes.

The School estimates from the School Commissioners for the year 1874-75, amounting to \$55,346.92, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

A resolution was presented recommending that the salary of the Foreman of the Board of Works be increased from \$1200 to \$1500, it was laid over till next meeting.

Loud complaints are made that the ash carts have not sooner been put on.

FOUND DROWNED.—On Wednesday last the body of a man was found floating in Cunard's North Dock. It had evidently been a long time in the water, and is supposed to be that of a fisherman named Whalen, belonging to the steamer *Merlin*, lost some months ago.

CANADIAN GOLD COINAGE.—The Colonist of last week remarks:—We think the time has come for an issue of Canada gold coin, as the present position of the gold coinage now in use is most unsatisfactory. The fractional value of the British sovereign is such as to put it out of circulation for the ordinary purposes of trade; and there are many reasons why the United States gold coinage should be replaced by one of our own.

As a matter of national pride we should not be compelled to adopt as our legal tender coin money bearing the impress of a foreign State.

The cost of such a coinage would be but a trifling comparison with its advantages. Newfoundland has a gold coinage of her own, which is a great boon to the inhabitants of the ancient colony, and we hope our own Government will take the subject up and furnish the Dominion of Canada with a legal tender gold coin of equal value, piece for piece, with the coinage of the United States.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A boat containing two lads and two girls was upset in the Narrows on Sunday afternoon. They clung to the boat till rescued.

VERY PROPER.—On Saturday a shopkeeper was fined \$8—the lowest penalty the law allows—for selling fire crackers to boys on the 25th ult.

A young man named Cogswell, brother of Dr. Cogswell, Dentist, while riding on horseback on the Cow Bay Road, on Monday afternoon, was thrown from his horse, and severely injured. He still lies in a precarious condition.

A SINGULAR INCIDENT.—One day last week a boy about 15 years of age, working on a farm at the Prince's Lodge, was swooped upon by a tremendous large eagle, which took away his hat, flew away some distance, dropped the hat, came back to the boy, and grasped his coat collar in its beak, endeavoring to carry him off. The boy made a great outcry, and other people coming to his assistance, the eagle flew off. Where such a large bird could have come from is a mystery; but people in that locality will have to look after their young ones, while such a dangerous animal is around.—*Recorder*.

AT LARGE.—James Hogan and James Miller, two convicts who ran away on Wednesday from Rockhead prison, made their way to Shubenacadie. Here their suspicious looks attracted the attention of the inhabitants on Thursday evening, who deemed it safe, for the better safety of the locality, to lock them up for the night in a freight car. In the morning they were liberated, and left the village in hurry.

A DOMINION OFFICE ESTABLISHED.—The office of Assistant Receiver-General is to be abolished. Mr. C. E. Ratchford, the present incumbent, has received notice that after the 1st of July the office will be abolished, and the duties performed in the Savings Bank.—*Recorder*.

LITTLE BEGINNINGS.—The steam which raised the lid off the kettle led a philosophic mind to utilize it for man's benefit. No one dreamed that we should now be dragged along by it at the rate of sixty miles an hour. When Perry Davis made a preparation for the medicinal use of his family, thirty years ago, neither he nor any man imagined that it would now be sold in every land, and prove to be the PAIN KILLER of the world.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WINDSOR & ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

COMMENCING
MONDAY, 1st June, 1874.

HALIFAX TO ST. JOHN.

STATIONS. EXP. and PASS. and FRGT. FRGT.

STATIONS.	EXP.	PASS.	FRGT.
0 Halifax—Leave.	\$8.30	9.30	3.00
8 Bedford "	8.53	10.02	3.30
13 Wind. Junction "	8.10	10.35	3.55
20 Mount Uniacke "	9.48	11.28	4.45
		P. M.	
31 Ellershouse "	10.17	12.03	5.22
39 Newport "	10.26	12.18	5.68
45 Windsor "	10.46	1.00	6.25
52 Hantsport "	11.06	1.33	6.54
63 Wolfville "	11.35	2.22	7.35
		P. M.	
70 Kentville "	12.10	3.12	