

of the Denomination. They are, or should be, "religious" meetings for the promotion directly of spirituality and brotherly fellowship. And the disappointment felt when they are devoted to other purposes, and the corresponding gratification when a large measure of the Spirit's influence is enjoyed, shew that this is the sentiment of the Denominational heart. Long may it continue to be.

But the business of the body—all the business that affects us denominationally must be done. How can any one see otherwise than that where the body assembles is the place, and when they meet the time to do most effectively all that needs to be done? Some object that it would require another day, but if it should occupy a week would it not be true economy of both time and labor and wise in every respect to attend to it thus at the only time when we are or can be in a position to do it. The only other thing would be Home Missionary Conventions thus multiplying our meetings and our work, and to what purpose? But what is to hinder the Convention from doing this? It will be a one-sided body till it does. This may be called sentiment and feeling, but it is correct. Education, Foreign Missions and Home Missions are a pyramid. They help and uphold each other, and they must be worked together. They may have separate agencies, separate boards, and separate funds—they probably need to have. But they must together stir the denominational heart and be stirred by it. And we will go cramped and halting until such union takes place.

But our Provinces are also three in one denominationally. We have no dividing lines within the bounds of the Convention unless by prejudice we make them. I wish I could write that sentence upon the heart of every Baptist in the Maritime Provinces. Can one good reason be given why any of us should be New Brunswickers or Nova Scotians in denominational work? But isolation both indicates and promotes want of fellowship. We have been trying this pulling apart policy for years, and what has it done for us? Given a feeble existence and little growth to those sections that have most heartily adopted it. Made some of them almost hate the College and be indifferent even to Foreign Missions, and set every man's hand against his brother. But that day, if it be not already gone by is fast passing. The waste places of those Provinces that are waking up to this matter are already being made to rejoice, and now have few destitute churches. Newfoundland is at last to be more than thought of and talked about. And when the needed union is completed we will not hesitate to really attack Rome in her strongholds among us any more than through fear we are now halting upon the outposts of the "hard places" of heathenism.

But the objection with many I believe to be, some sections will share in the benefit it will not be willing to share in the expense. That I hold to be a libel on any of our Provinces. Put the work fairly before each, give them their share of responsibility and benefit, be patient "in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves" even by indifference, and as surely as there is a God in Israel each of the tribes will in due time come "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

July 28th, 1875. MERLE.

For the Christian Messenger.

REV. JOHN DAVIS, A. M.

DEAR EDITOR,—

It was my privilege to day to visit our old and esteemed brother, Rev. J. Davis, who has been so long laid aside from pastoral labor in consequence of protracted and severe bodily affliction. Age and disease have sadly shattered the fine physique of which our brother was once in possession. He is, however, still able to move about indoors, though he suffers much from a dropsical affection of his system. His faculties are greatly impaired; yet, in the midst of physical prostration, there beams forth the clear light of that extraordinary intellect which chiefly distinguished our brother in his palmy days.

He is kindly remembered by his brethren. At the Association recently held at North River a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the deep and heart-felt sympathy of our brethren on the Island towards Bro. Davis and his esteemed companion in their present affliction; and special prayer was offered to our Heavenly Father in their behalf.

Our brother rests with loving confidence upon the promises of that Saviour whose gospel he so faithfully proclaimed in by-

gone days. And now his work on earth is nearly finished. The twilight steals on apace. The toil-worn servant, having completed the labors of the day, patiently awaits the welcome summons that shall call him to a heavenly rest.

"Only waiting till the shadows  
Have a little longer grown;  
Only waiting till the glimmer  
Of the day's last beam is flown;  
Till from out the gathering darkness  
Holy, deathless stars arise,  
By whose light his soul shall gladly  
Tread its pathway to the skies."

Yours very truly,  
W. H. WARREN.

North River, P. E. I., July 31, 1875.

For the Christian Messenger.

NOTES OF A TOUR ON P. E. ISLAND.

We are just concluding a most delightful visit to P. E. Island. Our party landed at Charlottetown in a pouring rain, and were soon on our way, thanks to the kindness of friends, to North River, for the purpose of attending the Association there convened. We were too late for the meetings of Saturday, but had a "feast of good things" on the Sabbath. Prof. Welton's discourse from the text, "This is a faithful saying, &c.," was peculiarly rich and edifying. Bro. W. H. Warren's sermon in the evening from the words, "Make this valley full of ditches," was both timely and stimulating. The meetings of the subsequent days, were seasons of great interest, and demonstrated the zeal of these Island brethren in the Master's cause. They gave fresh proof of what was already well known, that they are prepared to co-operate with their brethren of the sister Provinces in the various benevolent enterprises to which the denomination is committed. The sum of nearly \$800 dollars contributed towards the completion of the New Academy Building at Wolfville, attests their devotion to the cause of education.

From North River, we proceeded to Cavendish to receive the greetings of tried friends of former days. Bro. Burgess spends a portion of his time among this people, to whom he is greatly endeared.

We were pleased once again to meet with the friends at their annual Sabbath School Pic-nic. The good things upon the table were greatly relished, and so were the speeches that followed, and especially that of Bro. Burgess, who on the part of the teachers and scholars, presented to the Superintendent, Bro. Geo. McNeill, a beautiful watch, as a token of their esteem.

We were greatly pleased, as in other parts of the Island, with our drive from Cavendish to Bedeque, along fields of waving grain and of richly scented clover. By the way, the Island, we find, has not lost any of its beauty or fertility. The treasures of the deep, are from year to year brought from their place of deposit to enrich the Land. The country seems to be one great farm—occupied indeed by a good many owners, but worked with so much unity of design that one might imagine a master-mind directing all. The farmers here scarcely feel the hard times. And why need they, with such fruitful fields, and a ready market for their produce? I love my own countrymen so much that I am half inclined, loth as I am to lose them, to advise such as are fond of agriculture, and yet are farmless, to try their fortunes on this Isle of the sea.

In Bedeque the meeting with old friends, recalls to memory the earlier years of an imperfect ministry, begun in much trembling here. Through what vicissitudes have nations and individuals passed since then! The space of thirteen years brings many changes. How many, during this time have gone to their reward! How many have come upon the stage of life! How many have been turned from sin into the ways of righteousness! How many, alas! have been forever undone! And how many, thanks to divine grace, have been rescued from sin and ruin! What has been occurring here on a small scale, has also been transpiring over the broader area of the world.

We are glad to find Bro. A. Chipman here in the parsonage, now in course of repair. Our brother is diligently cultivating his extensive field, and lives in the affections of the people. On the Sabbath morning, on the same old platform, upon which I stood in other days, I am permitted to repeat the same "old, old story." In the evening I find myself in Summerside, and before a people, many of whose faces are familiar, and speaking to them on the great concerns of eternity. It was my privilege to see the tree planted here. How pleasing to find that it has grown to goodly proportions, and has become fruitful. The earnest labors of Bro. Murray here are well received. A parsonage is contemplated, and will, we trust, soon prove a reality. Baptist, or rather New Testament principles, will no doubt continue to triumph in this rapidly growing town. The influence of error is great, but truth is mightier. Having been regaled at another picnic, similar to the one already referred to, we retrace our steps, for Charlottetown, enjoying for the first time the pleasure of riding by railway in Prince Edward Island.

Many brethren throughout the Provinces will be ready to sympathize with Brother Davis, of Charlottetown, in his affliction. Though laid aside from the public preaching of the word, he is still fervid in his expressions of faith in Jesus. Truly suffering has its mission, and appears well sent at the close of the believer's life, bringing forth, as it does, the crowning testimony to the truth of the gospel and the preciousness of Christ. Our dear aged brother expects shortly to lay aside the armor and take the crown.

Charlottetown. ALIQUIS.

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Religious Intelligence.

DARTMOUTH.—Rev. A. S. Hunt administered the ordinance of christian baptism to two persons on Sunday morning last, and welcomed them into the Church at the close of the morning service.

HALIFAX NORTH CHURCH.—Rev. J. W. Manning baptized one believer in Christ on Lord's Day evening, in the presence of a large congregation.

REV. J. F. AVERY is expected to return and fill the Gerrish Hall pulpit next Lord's Day.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.—The Scottish Baptist Magazine for July reports the baptism of twenty-three persons during the month of June at Frederick Street in that city.

STEWIACKE.—Rev. E. N. Archibald writes on Aug. 2nd: Had the great privilege of spending a Sabbath in my native vale, Stewiacke. Assisted bro. Good in dispensing both ordinances, baptised three and welcomed six into the fellowship of the Church, one of whom was a brother and the last of a family of eleven children.

Rev. A. B. Earle, the evangelist, is in Boston.

Home and Foreign News.

The advanced prices in the grain market has caused some improvement in commercial circles.

The Premier Hon. Mr. Mackenzie leaves by the next Allan steamer for home.

The house occupied by Hon. Mr. Cartwright Minister of Finance, was struck by lightning in a storm on Friday night. The premises were completely gutted.

A telegram from Ottawa to the Reporter on Saturday, said that on the previous day three children were killed by a bear while out picking berries. The bodies were all devoured, and only the feet and hands left to tell the horrible tale.

The dry goods store of Mr. John Cuddy, St. Mary's Street, Montreal, was entered by burglars, and from eight hundred to one thousand dollars worth of goods stolen.

The Free Press of Thursday last publishes the following direct despatch from Manitoba:—A man named Rourke has arrived here from Fort Carleton. He reports that he was with Geologist Wells' party when they reached the elbow of the North branch of the Saskatchewan. The whole party were turned back by the Creees, Rourke says the trouble is wholly with the Indians, who are dissatisfied because no treaty was made with them. General apprehension prevails through the country west of Carleton. Traders are coming back, the Indians everywhere insisting upon the whites not coming into their country till a treaty is made.

Colonel Jackson sailed from Sarnia on Thursday with a detachment of men for service in Manitoba.

Rev. Mr. Gilmore, Baptist Minister, of Sunderland, reached Toronto on Tuesday night and identified the victim of the abortion case as Jane Vaughan, his daughter. The family arrived from the old country about three years ago.

On Sunday last a young man was shot, it is feared fatally, by a woman of questionable repute, in the outskirts of Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Dr. Steeves of St. John, has been appointed Superintendent of the New Brunswick Insane Asylum.

Israel McLaughlin was tried on Monday, for attempting an indecent assault on a young woman. The jury pronounced him guilty, and he was sentenced to seven years in the Penitentiary.

A St. John man had his pocket picked of a valuable watch at a bazaar in that city.

Patrick Ganey, who rescued a young lady who lately fell overboard from the railway ferry boat in St. John harbor, is receiving rewards in the shape of subscriptions, and has been presented by the railway company, owners of the boat, with a free ticket for a year.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Mackerel have been taken in large quantities on the north side of the Island.

An insane man is said to be living in a state of nudity in the woods at Lot 48.

A fire broke out in a large store of Messrs. Dodd & Rogers, Queen Street, Charlottetown, on Thursday last. A clerk was drawing kerosene oil from a cask, and a drop of the oil fell upon the glass of a lighted lantern. The oil ignited, and communicated with sawdust on the floor. Considerable damage was done to building and goods before the fire was extinguished.

UNITED STATES.—The O'Connell centenary was celebrated pretty generally in all the cities of the United States by processions and public meetings.

The damage by rain and floods in all the Western States is estimated at many millions of dollars.

A tornado here in the State of Illinois on Thursday night destroyed barns, unroofed houses, and blew down chimneys. The grain in the surrounding country is injured considerably.

Professor Janney's discoveries of gold in the Black Hills are said to be confirmed daily, and the discovery of an extensive ferruginous lead is reported.

European steamers arriving at New York on Friday last report heavy icebergs off the coast.

Three men were killed and seven wounded, two fatally, by the explosion of a boiler in Manny County, Tenn., on Thursday.

An engine ran off the track into Hocking River, at Stewart's station, on Wednesday night, killing two men and injuring nine others.

Two men were shot, one of them dangerously, by an insane man, at Providence, on Thursday last.

An extensive fire occurred at Mount Pleasant, Mich., causing a loss of over \$100,000.

SOUTH AMERICA.—The Argentine Government has made a pacific reply to Brazil, and fears of war are dispelled.

ENGLAND.—Sir Charles Adderly's Shipping Bill passed the British House of Commons on Friday evening after numerous amendments had been attempted.

Eighteen additional cotton mills involved in the Oldham strike have closed their doors and the number of operatives idle is increased to 200,000.

The Earl of Desmond, of Kilkenny, (Liberal), denounced the O'Connell celebration as scoterial.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday there was a sharp debate in the Committee on the Supplementary Estimates of two million dollars. Dodson and Gladstone attacked the estimates. The latter pointed out the laxity of the estimates, and declared such looseness tended to destroy the control of Parliament over expenditures.

Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, admitted an apparent deficit of £300,000, but was confident the increase in the revenue would more than cover the Supplementary Estimates. The Supply Bill finally passed the committee.

There was a banquet given on Thursday night by the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Four hundred people were present. A despatch was received from the Pope, giving his blessing to all participating in the O'Connell Centennial.

The city was illuminated. Houses were decorated with banners, garlands and mottoes.

Dr. Cooke, Archbishop of Cashel, preached at the religious ceremonial in the cathedral on O'Connell the Liberator. Four archbishops, forty bishops and five hundred priests participated in the ceremonies. The cathedral was densely crowded.

It is estimated there were from forty to ninety thousand in the O'Connell celebration in Dublin on Friday. The houses and sidewalks along the route were crowded with dense masses of spectators. When the Lord Mayor attempted to deliver the oration the Fenian element behaved in an unseemly manner, and he retired in disgust.

Dr. Butts was called for, and made a speech which was acceptable to the masses.

At the banquet in the evening the same riotous disposition was manifested towards the Lord Mayor, who presided, and he withdrew. The gas was turned off, and the festivities suddenly ended.

At the amnesty demonstration in Glacnevin cemetery, where O'Connell is buried, 40,000 persons were present, including many members of Parliament. Resolutions were adopted in favour of Home rule and amnesty for Fenians.

The Lord Mayor of London gave a banquet on Thursday evening to the Queen's ministry, at which Disraeli made a speech touching the foreign and colonial relations of Great Britain, the present session of parliament and the Shipping Bill. He declared the country was prosperous and the people contented. Alluding to foreign affairs, he

said peace prevailed and in his opinion would continue to prevail. The speech was received with enthusiastic cheers.

The House of Commons adjourned from Tuesday to Friday next, when Parliament will be prorogued.

The liabilities of Da Costa, Erautle & Co., whose failure was reported on July 1st, are now stated to be three million dollars.

FRANCE.—The Assembly passed the bill constituting the Senate, and the Channel Tunnel Bill. The session of the Assembly has adjourned till November 4th.

SPAIN.—A despatch from Madrid says the Alfonsists troops continue successful against the Carlists. Several important victories were gained last week. The Carlist forces are evidently approaching dissolution.

Lizarzagui, with 2,000 Carlists, is in the Citadel at Zeo de Urdel.

General Weyler routed the Carlists under Saballa and other leaders in Catalonia. The Madrid Government intend negotiating a seven million dollars loan to indemnify Porto Rico slave owners.

Spanish funds have risen owing to improved prospects. The proposed constitution declares the state religion to be Roman Catholic.

GERMANY.—The German rifle meeting opened at Munich on Monday last.

A waterspout burst over a German town last week and 14 persons were drowned.

AUSTRALIA.—Australian advices state that there has been damage done there by heavy floods. The Chinese difficulty in Queensland is assuming formidable proportions, as there is great opposition by miners to their presence in the colony.

NEW ZEALAND.—Many disasters have occurred on the coast of New Zealand recently by gales.

TURKEY.—Several engagements are reported between the Herzegovinian insurgents and the Turks, in which they lost several cannon.

Despatches from Dalmatia give the victory in the recent engagements with the rebels in Herzegovina to the turks.

The insurgents of Herzegovina have been reinforced by several bodies of the subjects of the Prince of Montenegro. The turks are collecting large forces to crush the insurrection at one blow.

The latest reports represent the Herzegovina insurrection as nearly over.

At Damascus, July 22nd, 400 cases of cholera were reported daily, but the real number was concealed. Sudden deaths occur in the streets. There are no physicians, medicines or supplies for sufferers.

CHINA.—There have been renewed assaults on foreigners in Peking. An attaché of the German Legation on a scientific expedition with companions, was severely beaten and robbed of valuable astronomical instruments.

INDIA.—Disastrous floods, involving considerable loss of life, have occurred in India.

JAPAN.—Negotiations between Corea and Japan have assumed a less friendly character, and rumors of an impending war are prevalent.

Local News.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Hants Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools for the Eastern District—M. McNeill and George W. Smith, Esq.

To be a Notary, &c., John B. Mills, Esq., of Annapolis.

Annapolis Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—Jacob Long and William Miller, of Clements, and Ezekiel Croscup of Bear River.

Chelchester Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools for District of Colchester—J. L. Peppard, M. D., Joseph C. Crowe, Cyrus Eaton, A. C. Page, M. D., and Jacob Harvey, Esquires; To be Commissioners of Schools for the District of Stirling—John Miller and John Clark, Esquires; To be Justices of the Peace—Benjamin McKay and C. W. Johnson.

Cumberland Co.—To be a Commissioner of Sewers for Advocate Harbor—Henry T. Beattie, Esq. To be Justices of the Peace—James G. H. Brown, Wallace Bay; James A. Elliot, Pogwash; Samuel E. Freeman, Maccan, and G. Kelly, Springhill. To be Commissioner of Sewers for the Marsh at Amherst Point—Arthur Pipes, Esq.

Halifax Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Douglas M. Scory. To be Commissioners of Schools for the City of Halifax—D. Cronan, Esq., A. W. West, Esq., John Silver, Esq., L. G. Power, Esq., James J. Bremner, Esq., Joseph S. Belcher, Esq.

In Scotland.—To be a Commissioner for taking affidavits, &c.—Charles Esson, Esq., of Glasgow.

Antigonish Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools—Rev. Hubert Gerrior, vice Rev. Peter Fisett, removed from the county; Donald McKenzie, Esq., vice Richard Forrestall, Esq.; resigned; and Wm J. Beck, Esq., vice Robert Trotter, Esq., deceased.

Inverness Co.—To be Commissioner of Schools for North District—Rev. Peter Fisett, vice Rev. Hubert Gerrior, removed from the county. To be Commissioner of Schools for the South District—John McIntosh, Esq., M. D.

Digby Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—John B. Lettany, Digby Gut Road; and George N. Budd, Digby Neck Road. To be a member of the Provincial Medical Board—C. O. Hamilton, M. D., of Cornwallis.