

circumstances from associating with Baptists, the free circulation of books and tracts would be to them a great source of light. Let me notice one illustration. In the town of S — the Presbyterian minister deemed it very important to obtain the services of the denominational Goliath to repeat his eight lectures against Immersion. As the minister referred to, in exchange occupied the great man's pulpit on the Sabbath, he embraced the occasion to thank the people for their kindness in loaning their minister, and gave as a reason for calling in outside help, "that the Baptists were distributing books and tracts among his people, the arguments in which, he could not answer unless he sent to the United States for the best authority on the subject, and even then, it would take him three months to prepare himself, and then, with true manly frankness he asked, "Where would my people be by that time?" People are asking and searching for truth. Should it not be our joy to place it in their hands? Then, too, we shall have that which is invaluable, the smile of God's approval.

Occasionally those who differ from us are compelled to do the Baptists justice. Thus Bishop Smith of Kentucky makes this assertion, "God in His wise providence has permitted the rise of the various sects of Baptists for the purpose of ultimately restoring the primitive mode of Baptism." If space would permit I could fill columns with facts that have come under my own observation showing the power of the printed pamphlet and tract in bringing men to the truth. Within the last two years enough has been accomplished by our Home Missionary Union to show what might be done through a thoroughly organized Baptist Book Room. Many of our Brethren have long felt the necessity. Other denominations are reaping large benefits from such an agency. Shall upwards of thirty thousands of Baptists say; we are not sufficient for this work. Will not some of our Brethren who are always ready for every good word and work give us through the columns of the *Christian Messenger* some thoughts on this subject.

Yours,
D. ARCHIBALD.
Summerside, P. E. I., June 29, 1876.

For the *Christian Messenger*.
To the Women's Mission Aid Societies of Nova Scotia.

Dear Sisters,—
At the last meeting of the Central Board, held July 6th, the following communication was received from Miss DeWolf, and Mrs. King, Assistant, Secretary presented the accompanying reply, which was adopted and the Secretary instructed to have both inserted in the pages of the *Christian Messenger* for the information of the Societies generally. While we regret exceedingly the necessity for this step on the part of our sister Miss DeWolf, thus leaving us without a representative either in the Home or Foreign field, yet it must not be forgotten that funds for carrying on the work are still needed for school purposes. The letters from India continually bring us applications for money to aid in this way, and the New Brunswick Central Board have before them the names of two young ladies who are anxious to go out, when they are more fully qualified, and a way is opened up for them. The receipts during the last two quarters have been much smaller than in corresponding quarters of past years. We trust that the interest of our sisters in this work is not decreasing. Some of the Societies are nobly keeping up to the mark, and report steady progress; we hear from these every quarter or half year, and have done so regularly since their formation.

The Central Board have prepared printed certificates for Life Members. They did not feel justified in using the money entrusted to them in getting up anything very elaborate, or even as handsome as they could have wished; but the design they have chosen will serve them as a pleasing memento of the act it is intended to commemorate. The likeness of our dear sister Mrs. Armstrong, the Founder of our Societies, which appears in the centre, will of itself make it valuable to all who love her for her "work's sake." When suitably framed, it makes a very pretty picture, and any one of our

members might feel proud to see it hanging on the walls of her room. A certificate has been sent to each of the Life Members on the Nova Scotia list, and the Secretary has several more on hand, which can be sent immediately on the receipt of \$25.00 and post office address.

By order of the Board,
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

TO THE CENTRAL BOARDS OF THE W. M. A. SOCIETIES OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND P. E. ISLAND.

Dear Sisters,—

As I have been at home now nearly three years and still find my health not sufficiently re-established to justify me in resuming my much loved work in a heathen land; and while I deeply regret the necessity that obliges me to relinquish that work, I feel it incumbent upon me to relieve the Societies of all further expense on my behalf, and therefore wish to resign my connection with the Board; at the same time expressing my hearty thanks for the kind and considerate treatment I have ever received at their hands. Though this step severs my connection with you as your missionary, I shall ever deem it a privilege to serve you in any way it is in my power, at any time it may be your pleasure to command me.

Ever praying God may bestow upon you that wisdom which is profitable to direct, and prosperity in what you undertake, I remain in Christian love your sister and fellow worker,
MINNIE B. DEWOLF.

Halifax, May 30th, 1876.

HALIFAX, July 7th, 1876.

My dear Miss DeWolf,—

In accepting your resignation we cannot but deplore the necessity which has compelled you to sever your connection with us.

We feel assured, however, that your interest in the work will be unabated, and though we can no longer anticipate for you a life of usefulness as our missionary in a foreign field, yet we may look to you for that counsel and assistance which your long experience from actual contact with the work has so well qualified you to impart. We cherish the hope that ere long you may have perfectly regained your health, and with faith and zeal strengthened, will long be spared to labor in whatever sphere our good Master may appoint.

By request of the Central Board of Women's Mission Aid Societies of Nova Scotia.
MINNIE S. KING, Asst. Sec'y.
Miss DeWolf.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Col. Lovelace, of Montreal, who served during the Crimean war as commander of Bashi-Bazouks, has been offered by the Turkish Government a similar position, but has declined.

Mr. S. E. Davison is appointed Protestant School Commissioner at Montreal in place of Dr. McVicar, who has for some years held that office. The Witness strongly denounces the appointment.

Cattle shipping is being carried on extensively, from Montreal to England, this season.

In South Ontario Mr. T. N. Gibbs was elected by a majority of 41 over Mr. Edgar.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The main building for a penitentiary in Westmorland will be erected first, and will accommodate 100 prisoners. Additional wings etc., will be constructed by the convicts themselves.—Post.

We regret to announce that E. H. Duval, Esq., Inspector of Schools for St. John County, continues in a very low state of health, without any immediate prospect of recovery.

UNITED STATES.—On the 25th June a severe battle between the United States troops and twenty-five hundred to three thousand Indians took place in Montana Territory. The attack was made by General Custer, the famous cavalry officer, with five companies of cavalry. The Indians poured in a murderous fire from all directions. Gen. Custer, his two brothers, nephew and brother-in-law, were all killed, and not one of his detachment escaped. 207 men were buried in one place.

The Indians got all the arms of the killed soldiers. Seventeen commissioned officers were killed.

The whole Custer family died at the head of their column. The exact loss is not known, as both adjutants and sergeant-major were killed. It is estimated that 325 were killed.

General Custer appears to have met his fate from recklessness. He charged with 5 companies of his regiment into a ravine four miles long, filled with Indian lodges. Custer's course from the point where he entered the camp to the spot where the final struggle took place could be traced only by lines of dead bodies. The Indians were well armed, and kept up a murderous fire from first to last.

There were magnificent demonstrations on the evening of the 3rd, and on the 4th Inst., in New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and other cities. Monstrous processions, brilliant illuminations, and decorations.

The northern portion of Iowa was

visited by a terrific tornado Monday week. One village was nearly all washed away, and forty-two persons drowned. Several lives were lost in other localities.

ENGLAND.—The London *Times*, commenting on the Eastern question, concludes that the British people do not think it incumbent on them to pull down the Turkish authority which they aided in maintaining twenty years ago. But they will not allow themselves to be drawn into another Crimean war by a belief which is probably a mere illusion, that a change in the disposition of the present dominions of the Sultan implies the advance of the Russians to Constantinople.

In the House of Lords, Earl Derby, in reply to Lord Camperdown, said there was no reason to suppose Russian officers had entered the Serbian army with the consent or by authority of the Russian Government.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Times*, in reviewing the military situation, says: If the reports of the Turkish victory at Satchar prove true, and the success is properly taken advantage of, it might place the Eastern half of Serbia in the hands of the Turks.

All attempts of the Turkish army to cross the frontier have been victoriously repulsed.

The Montenegrin army is marching in several columns unopposed toward Mostar.

Galician newspapers report that 57,000 Russian troops, including 30,000 Cossacks, are approaching Bukowina. The Serbians have fired upon a steamer in the Danube and got into trouble with Austria.

The Prince of Montenegro has issued a proclamation to the Herzegovinians, offering to liberate the Christians and protect the Mohammedans, if they surrender peacefully.

FRANCE.—A Paris telegram says the Khedive has furnished the Porte with 12,000 men.

GERMANY.—A Berlin telegram says the northern powers have forwarded to England most satisfactory assurances in regard to the war. They express a determination to remain neutral, and evince a strong desire to localize the struggle.

AUSTRIA.—A Vienna telegram mentions a report that seventeen Turkish gunboats are at Widdin ready to bombard Belgrade.

TURKEY.—The first attack made by the Turkish army on the 3rd Inst. seems to have been a disastrous one for the Serbians. It is reported that the Serbians lost 1300 killed, and that 1500 wounded fell into the hands of the Turks. The latter lost 450 killed and 800 wounded.

It is reported that there was sanguinary fighting near Nisch, and that the Turks have been defeated. Ten thousand of the Imperial Guard are leaving Constantinople for Serbia.

Thousands of Russian volunteers are expected in Serbia.

Advices from Constantinople represent the Porte confident that it will easily dispose of Serbia. The Porte is firmly intent on military occupation, hoping Prince Milan will soon sue for peace.

The Turkish ambassador at Berlin asserts that "the Porte has 200,000 of its best troops near the scene of war."

Reports from the seat of war are widely contradictory. But the balance of the advantage would seem on the side of the Turks.

The Constantinople correspondent of the *News* repeats and quotes evidence in the support of his previous assertion in regard to atrocities in Bulgaria. He gives an instance of one case in which the women of the village of Touousels were buried alive, and cites the Consular report placing the number of murders committed by the Turks at 12,000, while some estimates run as high as 25,000.

Advices from the seat of war continue favorable to the Turks.

Russia has addressed a circular note to her representatives abroad, announcing that she will not support Serbia, but remain a simple spectator.

The first railroad in China, from Shanghai to Woonstung, was opened on July 1st.

During the attack of General Olympia on Belina, the Turks massacred all the Christian inhabitants.

Official despatches announce that the Turks repulsed the Serbian attack upon the fortification of Yembazar. The battle lasted two hours. Five hundred Serbians were left dead on the field. The Turks then stormed the Serbian entrenchments, the Serbians losing 200 in the assault.

LOCAL NEWS.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—To be Queen's Printer, Chas. C. Blackadar, Esq. Halifax.—To be a Justice of the Peace, F. D. Corbett, Esq. To be Commissioners of Sewers for District 35, Andrew Cruickshanks, William Burris, Samuel Green, William Ogilvie and James Stephen, Esqs.

A man named Isaac Maddox, who was engaged in working at the site of the New Music Hall, met with a severe accident on Friday morning. One of the uprights to which the derrick was attached snapped in twain, and the derrick fell, striking the man on the shoulder, breaking it, and slightly lacerating his face. Two or three other men narrowly escaped injury. Maddox was removed to the Hospital.

BREVITIES.—The new yacht "Countess of Dufferin" has been much admired, during her short stay in our harbor the past few days.—The strike at Sydney still continues; business is at a standstill in consequence.—Hundreds of young men are idle in our city, and as a natural consequence get into mischief.—Many of our citizens went up to the Camp Meeting at Berwick on Saturday.—There was a very large gathering of Sunday School children at St. Paul's Church on Sunday afternoon; they were addressed by Rev. G. W. Hill.—Rev. J. Lathern and Rev. J. Read preached their farewell sermons to the congregations under their charge last Sunday.—The band of 60th Rifles gave some beautiful music in the Public Gardens on Saturday afternoon, and was listened to by a large number of our citizens, of all classes and grades, from the little barefooted urchin to the fashionably dressed lady, and the faultlessly attired gentleman. This is a real boon to the public.—Those who have a little money to spare in these "hard times" will be glad to know that the steamer "Mio-Mac" resumes her trips to McNab's Island this week. She will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the rest of the season.—The public schools were being examined last week and continued this. The results are spoken of as very encouraging.—The warm weather and refreshing showers have given a great impetus to vegetation and the prospects of the harvest are excellent.—The City papers are having their annual talk about Bathing houses. If the proper authorities would build the said houses, it would save the talk, and spare the City from the disgrace of being a sea port town, without the most necessary and usual conveniences for one of the most healthful pastimes of the hot season. While they are on the water question, perhaps they might start the water carts on the streets, and so earn the thanks of every woman who has at present to eat, breathe, and wear the dust of Halifax.

THE CITY SCHOOLS have been under examination during the past week. Perhaps there is not any that has had a higher representation than the Brunswick Street School. It is pleasing to observe that this school maintains its high character. Each department was regarded as excellent, whilst the advanced department under Misses Miller and Mackintosh gave the greatest satisfaction—especially in the circumstance that the answers given to the questions put, were not in the precise words of the books, but in the pupils' own language, shewing that the subjects were understood and well appreciated.

Three well written and original essays were read by young ladies in Miss Miller's Class, the subjects being "Printing," "Delays are dangerous" and "Perseverance."

We should have been pleased to attend several of the schools in response to the complimentary invitation, if the time at disposal would have admitted.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.—The daily papers give some notice of the closing exercise at this College in Halifax, in the presence of Archbishop Connolly. Rev. Father Murphy and Professors Currie and Ellis supervised the exercises which comprised recitations, music, reading of original essays and the performance of Shakspeare's Merchant of Venice in character. One of the evening papers remarks that the students were younger than is usual in Collegiate institutions.

B. A. BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY.—Mr. McBean, Secretary of the British American Book and Tract Society, will (D. V.) address meetings in behalf of the Society as follows:

- Truro—Tuesday evening July 11th.
- River John—Monday evening July 17.
- Tatamagouche—Wednesday evening, July 19.
- Pugwash—Friday evening, July 21.
- Wallace—Monday evening, July 24.
- Five Islands—Wednesday evening, July 26.
- Upper Economy—Friday evening, July 28.
- Londonderry (Iron Mines)—Monday evening, July 31.
- Great Village—Tuesday evening, August 1st.
- Fauleigh—Wednesday evening, August 2.
- Brookfield—Friday evening, August 4.
- Middle Stewiacke—Monday evening, August 7.
- Upper Stewiacke—Wednesday evening, August 6.
- Shubenacadie—Friday evening, August 11.
- Milford—Monday evening, August 14.
- Elmsdale—Tuesday evening, August 15.

The Rev. Dr. Burns and others will address the meeting at Truro. Friends of the Society will confer a great favor by making arrangements for meetings as above, and otherwise doing what they can to promote the objects of the institution.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY ACCIDENTS.—The Bridgetown *Monitor* reports that William McKenzie, of Port George, had one of his legs broken by a stick of timber falling on it on the 1st inst. On the same day a lamentable accident occurred at Port George, by which Mrs. Owen Riley lost her life. It appears Mrs. Riley was engaged scrubbing the floor of her residence, and while so doing, it is supposed that she took a fit, for when found she was quite dead, her head being immersed in the pail of water she was using.

VIOLENT ASSAULT.—A colored man named William Brown of Africville, was arrested on the 14th Inst., by Policemen Gilfoy and Brewitt, under a warrant, for having violently assaulted his daughter and inflicting an ugly wound on one of her arms with an axe, while under the influence of liquor. He was brought up in the Police Court yesterday morning and fined \$10 or 90 days, and bound over to keep the peace for twelve months.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—A serious accident occurred on the 5th inst at Fenerty's Sliding, above Beaver Bank, on the Windsor and Annapolis Railway—or rather on the portion of the Government line leased to the Windsor and Annapolis Company. When the morning train (9.15) from Halifax was passing the point named, the tender and ten cars ran off the main track and on to the siding. The locomotive kept the main track, and dragging the tender and cars, threw them off the rails and tore up the track badly for a distance of about 150 yards. The locomotive then ran off and lodged in a bank. Several of the cars were considerably damaged, but the principal injury was to the track. No person was hurt. The accident was caused by the points of the siding being left open, whether by accident or design is not certain. The road was obstructed all day and walking connections had to be made with trains on either side of of the break.

MARRIAGES.

At Advocate Harbor, May 23rd, by the Rev. T. B. Layton, Charles Jones, to Elizabeth Milberry, both of Eatonville.

By the same, at the same place, June 18th, John W. Green, of Spencer's Island, to Mahala Morris, of Cape D'Ore.

By the same, at the same place, June 19th, Capt. James E. Fowler, of Apple River, to Mary Saphronia Morris of Advocate Harbour.

At Berwick, July 6th, by Rev. W. E. Hall, uncle to the bride, assisted by Rev. S. J. Neely, brother-in-law to the groom, T. W. Messenger, of Tremont, to Jennie A., eldest daughter of David and Susannah Hamilton, of Welsford, Cornwallis.—"Presbyterian Witness" and "Berwick Star" please copy.

At Nictaux, Cleaveland, on the 28th ult., by Rev. W. J. Blakeney, Mr. Rufus E. DeWolf, of Middleton, to Miss Alice Parker, of Nictaux, Cleaveland.

At Parsborough, July 6th, by Rev. D. Freeman, Mr. Henry Rector, of Moose River, to Miss Rachel Duff, of Advocate Harbour.

At St. Margaret's Bay, on Monday, 3rd inst., by the Rev. J. O. Ruggles, Thomas E. Chase, Esq., M. D., to Ida Jane, daughter of Mr. James F. Grono.

At Petite Riviere, on Thursday, June 20th, by the Rev. J. S. Smith, Daniel Solomon Bowers, of said place, to Emma Aarmon, widow, of West Dublin.

April 12th, by the Rev. W. G. Parker, Mr. Hermon Merry, to Miss Amelia Rhoades, both of New Albany, Annapolis County.

By the same, July 6th, Mr. Charles Whitman, to Miss Cynthia Oaks, both of New Albany, Annapolis Co.

DEATHS.

At Melville, Cumberland Co., Susannah E., daughter of Deacon John R. and Deborah Purdy, aged 14 years and 4 months. She professed faith in Christ about one year previous to her death, and adorned that profession until called to her final rest. The very sudden and unexpected removal of this young sister has been the cause of much sorrow to the bereaved parents. She was highly esteemed by all who know her. Her death has cast a gloom over the community where she lived. She was of a cheerful disposition and exemplified by her life that a life more pleasant. She was followed to the grave by a large concourse of people who showed the esteem in which she was held by their words of sympathy and tears of sorrow. But amid the very melancholy and afflictive scene there was joy mingled, for we laid her in the grave with the full assurance of a glorious resurrection.

"If life be not in length of days,
In silvered locks and furrowed brow,
But living to the Saviour's praise
How few have lived so long as thou."
—COM. BY REV. J. A. MOORE.

Lydia, wife of William Hill, of Sumnerville, Hants County, on the 1st day of April, in the 77th year of her age. Her bereaved partner bowed beneath the weight of fourscore years and ten stands waiting at the river's brink, and longs to hear the angel boatman cry come and with the dear departed taste the joys which spring eternally beyond this land of death.—COM. BY REV. G. A. WETHERS.

At Torbrook, Annapolis Co., on the 26th ult., Charlie Wheelock, the youngest son of William Wheelock, aged 16 years. He sleeps in Jesus. He longed for his departure that he might be at rest with God.

At Greenwood, on the 3rd inst., Miss Suzetta, daughter of Mr. Henry Spinney, aged 22 years. For several years she had been a faithful member of the Lower Aylesford Church. She passed away peacefully trusting in Jesus. A sorrowing family mourn the loss of an affectionate daughter. At her request the Pastor preached a funeral sermon from Psa. lv. 6.

On Windsor Road, the 27th ult., Mrs. James Levy, leaving a husband and one child to mourn their irreparable loss.

On Thursday, July 6th, Mr. Patrick Hagarthy, in the 83rd year of his age.

At Dartmouth, July 5th, Mrs. Isabella Moyes, widow of the late Robert Moyes, aged 60 years.

At her residence in St. John, on Tuesday, July 4th, in the 84th year of her age, Elizabeth, widow of the late Honorable Ward Chipman, formerly Chief Justice of New Brunswick.

On Tuesday, in the 50th year of his age, James Kingston Rouselle, late Supervisor of City Schools.