

An ordination service was held on 25th ult., at Lutz mountain, Moncton, N. B., when Brother John Gammon was ordained over the second Moncton Baptist Church. The following was the order of the service:

Sermon—by Rev. J. H. Hughes. Ordaining Prayer—Rev. Geo. Beckwith. Hand of Fellowship—Rev. G. F. Miles. Charge to Candidate—Rev. W. T. Corey.

Charge to Church—Rev. Thos. Todd. The sermon by Bro. Hughes was founded on 1 Timothy, 3rd chapter and part of the 15th verse: "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God." The discourse which was truly practical, was addressed to three classes:—1st, Ministers; 2nd, Deacons; 3rd, Members.

PLEASE SEND ON THE AMOUNT.

Rev. H. Morrow formerly of this Province but more recently pastor of the church at East Marsfield, Mass., will shortly leave Boston for Tavoy in Burmah. This will be another tie between the Province and the Foreign Mission field. Whilst one is falling and putting off the harness passing to his reward another enters upon the work and is prepared to advance on the service of the Lord of the harvest.

We regret that we did not receive a notice of the Concert given at Wolfville by the Misses Hartt, Miss Smith and Messrs. J. S. Harding and Ackerly or St. John, N. B., until after we had gone to press last week. We are fully prepared to believe all that we have heard of the excellence of the music, having been ourselves favored to hear several of the performers. We regret that we were not previously notified of the visit of these friends from St. John in time to announce it in the Messenger; and we venture to offer the opinion that the audience would have been larger if a wider notice of the concert had been previously given.

Our St. John brethren are awaking to new concern on behalf of Home Missions. A public meeting is called for Nov. 7th, in the Leinster Street Baptist Church, to consider the state of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society and its finances. Members of the Society from all parts of the Province are invited to attend.

REV. DR. TUPPER.—Many of our readers will be glad to read the following note, and will be thankful to learn that our aged brother is so far restored as to be able to again appear before the church as an ambassador of Christ.

Dear Brother,—You will be glad to know that our venerable Brother, Rev. Dr. Tupper, is again able to preach the gospel. When taken sick last winter he required two Sabbaths more service to fulfil sixty years of ministerial work. God has spared him to fill up that time. Yesterday in one of the pulpits so long and ably filled by him, at Melvern Square he completed his 60 years' ministry. Text 1 Cor. 9: 24. His discourse of 45 minutes was admirable. His old congregation was delighted. But few men who have served the public so long, have done it so satisfactorily as Dr. Tupper. Thank God for such a life.

Melvorn Square, Oct. 16, 1876.

Table with 2 columns: Church Name and Amount. Includes St. Paul's Church (\$223.30), St. Luke's Church (\$138.11), St. Matthew's Church (\$205.20), Gerrish St. (Baptist) (\$4.72), North Church (Baptist) (\$6.00), St. Mark's Church (\$12.00), Church of the Redeemer (\$35.00), St. George's Church (\$41.32), Grafton St. Church (\$40.00), St. Mary's Church (\$259.03), St. Patrick's Church (\$99.59), St. Joseph's Church (\$36.40), Chalmers' Church (\$40.00), St. Andrew's Church (\$27.50), Trinity Church (\$19.94), Fort Massey Church (\$50.00), Brunswick St. Church (Methodist) (\$55.28), Charles St. Church (Methodist) (\$13.13), Kaye St. Church (Methodist) (\$9.09), Beech St. Church (Methodist) (\$2.50), St. John's Church (\$40.00), Christ Church, Dartmouth (\$25.50), N. W. Arm and Goodwood Ch. (\$5.00), Granville St. Church (Baptist) (\$14.00), Bishop's Chapel (\$21.75), Widow lady and Rev. Dr. Cochran (\$4.00), Donation from W. G. W. (\$5.00), Donation from Judge Marshall (\$4.00).

Our Western brethren are not exhausted by their generous aid towards our new College Endowment. We learn that Rev. David Freeman has received about \$250 for the new Vestry at New Glasgow.

"Happy are the ministers who can take vacations and visit the Centennial, to say nothing of Europe and Palestine. We hope for such things but have to wait patiently."

So exclaims our brother Armstrong of the Visitor. We may echo the last sentence, with emphasis on the words "wait patiently." We are glad to find that our brother is not without "hope." We have as yet to learn by experience what most of those good things mean. For the past 21 years and more we have labored on and see no nearer approach to, even "a vacation," than at the beginning.

A suggestion may be taken from a remarkable incident that occurred in the life of Elder Jacob Knapp;

"Some years ago, during a great revival in New London, he was very severe on Universalism, a system which his soul seems to have abhorred. The adherents of this creed were enraged, and determined to antagonize the Baptists by the erection of a large and elegant church. They immediately commenced the work, and carried it on with so much spirit that the friends of evangelical religion were alarmed, and rather blamed the Elder for having made any allusion to the Universalists. 'Never mind,' said the Elder, 'I will live to preach the gospel in that very house; and one day passing along the street, he said to the workmen, 'Go on building that church, and build it well; for I want it and expect to have it for the Baptists.' His expectation has been realized, for it is in that very house that he now preaches every Sunday as pastor of the Third Baptist Church at New London, the Universalists having been compelled to sell, and the Baptists having bought it."

"One of the Governors" of Dalhousie College replies to a "non-sectarian" copied in our last, by saying that "the number of Governors allowed by the Act has never been filled up. The door has always been kept open. There has always been one vacancy, and now there are two vacancies at the Board. Should your correspondent be ready to endow more than two chairs, additional in Dalhousie College, a third vacancy will at once be made by himself."

The new Viceroy of India will make a public entry into Delhi on the day after Christmas-day. All public offices will be closed for a week. About 15,000 European and native troops will be present. Around the Viceroy's throne will be grouped a series of daises, representing the various provinces, in a great semicircle. The troops will be drawn up behind the throne.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We take the following from the Christian World of Sept. 32:—

At Great Yarmouth, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., the Rev. H. J. Giffin, late student of New College London, was ordained an agent of the London Missionary Society at Vizagapatam. The Rev. H. de Vere Gookey, missionary from Vizagapatam, described the field of labour. The questions were asked by the Rev. W. Griffiths, M. A., the Rev. W. Tritton offered the ordination prayer, and the charge was delivered by the Rev. E. A. Redford, Professor of Theology at New College. Mr. Giffin expects to sail for India in a few weeks.

Vizagapatam was the first station occupied by the London Missionary Society in India. Rev. George Oran, and Rev. Augustus Des Granges settled there in 1805. The Rev. M. A. Sherring, in his History of the Protestant Missions in India, says: "Thirty years passed away before a single convert seemed to have been gained. This is hard to account for. No one can question the fidelity, earnestness, and piety of the Christian men and women who had thus for so many long years toiled in their Master's service without fruit. To the writer one thing appears very clear: Their labors were too miscellaneous, and were not sufficiently aimed at the conversion of the heathen. They had undertaken too much English preaching, were engaged too much in the work of translation, were possibly too much occupied with their schools, and consequently were too little employed in direct and prolonged intercourse with the persons whose hearts they wished to reach, and whose salvation they wished to secure, to enlist their affections, and to exert over them any great or weighty influence. The natives of India are an impressive people, much affected by kindness and personal attention, and ready to place confidence in those Europeans who associate freely and generously with them. It is not sufficient for a missionary to have his heart in the work; he must also have his heart in the people—must spend and be spent among them." (p. 456). This is well put, and will suit ministers as well as missionaries.

NOTICES.

Rev. Aaron Cogswell wishes all communications for him to be addressed to Tusket, Yarmouth Co.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Please correct an error in my last. Acknowledgement should be—Bequest of the late Miss E. Stewart per Miss A. Scott, to Miss Armstrong, instead of bequest of Mrs. A. Scott.

Sept. 30th, per Rev. James Bancroft, Weymouth Bap. Church \$12 00 Oct. 13th, per Rev. W. B. Boggs, Alfred Huntington, Grand Mira, C. B. 0 50 "Col. at Lower Steviacke, N. S. 2 12 Thos. P. DAVIES, Treas. F. M. Board. St. John, Oct. 13, 1876.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Halifax, North Church—Mrs. J. W. Manning \$11.50 Windsor—Miss S. Shand 9.25 Indian Harbour—Mrs. C. Allan 4.00 Mrs. Mary Minard, Brooklyn, New York 1.00 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. Oct. 17th, 1876.

BAZAAR AND TEA MEETING AT CHESTER.

The Ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle of Chester intend holding a Bazaar on Wednesday the first day of November next, in the Basement of the New Meeting House in that place, to aid in finishing said building. Doors open at 10 A. M. Admission 5 cents, Dinner at 12 noon, Tea at 4 P. M. Refreshments will also be provided throughout the day. Should the day be unfavourable it will be held the first fine day following.

By order and in behalf of the Committee. I. J. SKINNER.

Letters Received.

A. Kenedy, \$4. B. C. Robbins, \$1. B. C. Robbins, \$8. M. C. Marshall, \$4.07. J. G. Ross, \$2. Rev. J. B. McQuillan, \$2. P. C. Lord, 1 sub. \$2. A. P. Shand, 1 sub.

LOCAL NEWS.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—We are informed that Thursday, November 2nd, will be Thanksgiving Day in Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—At a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) Church, held on Wednesday evening, a unanimous call was given to Rev. Thomas Duncan, of Charlotte-town, who presided over the recent meeting of the Synod in this city. It is thought probable that Mr. Duncan will accept the call.

HALIFAX PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of the Halifax Philharmonic Society, held at Argyle Hall last week, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President—Mr. William Ackhurst. Vice President—Capt. Ward, A. D. C. Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. W. A. Black. Librarian—M. Milson. Assistant Librarian—Mr. W. Achurst, Jr.

Committee—Dr. Slaytor, Mr. S. Crawford, Mr. W. Hedley, Mr. G. D. Martin, Mr. J. Scott Mitchell. Conductor—Mr. S. Porter. Accompanist—Mr. J. Costin.

The Intercolonial Railway trains start from the new Depot at North Street from the first of the present week. The trains will be made up as usual at Richmond, but freight will be shunted to and from the sheds at North Street.

A heavy westerly storm prevailed on Sunday night and Monday. Snow fell in the eastern part of the Province and up the coast of New Brunswick. At Quebec the street cars were stopped by the snow.

AT THE PUBLIC GARDENS on Saturday last a careless servant maid, driving her perambulator too near the bank on the side of the pond, allowed the child to fall from it over into the water. The child was soon rescued, but the injury might have been much more serious.

AT FRENCH VILLAGE, MARGARET'S BAY, a bear which had given some trouble was caught and killed on Friday last, by a Mr. Hubley.

PICTOU CO.—The foundations of a Roman Catholic convent are being laid at Pictou. The building will be of brick and stone, and its length will be 80 feet, with frontage on two streets.

ANTIGONISH CO.—At the sitting of the Supreme Court at Antigonish on Tuesday, Judge Wilkins received the customary pair of white gloves, there being no criminal business.

The Casket gives an account of a sad drowning accident, a woman, aged 70 years, named Mary McDonald, residing at Beaver Meadow, went to a spring for a bucket of water, and, being subject to fits, must have fallen on her face into the water, as she was found drowned in that position. An inquest was held before Dr. McKinnon, and a verdict of accidental drowning rendered.

The Provincial Exhibition.

TRURO was visited by thousands of people during the past week. It is said that about two thousand persons were in the train from Halifax on Wednesday morning, and near three thousand returned to the city in the evening. Notwithstanding all the churches opened their vestries to supply food for visitors in addition to the more public places, yet we are informed that many found it difficult to get supplies.

The Exhibition was opened at 2 o'clock in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, Colonel Laurie, the President of the Central Board of Agriculture, delivered an appropriate and exceedingly interesting address. In alluding to the U. S. Centennial Exhibition he said:

"Our cousins across the border are now celebrating the hundredth anniversary of their existence as a nation. Their exhibition at Philadelphia shows the wonderful progress they have made in a century, and it is a curious coincidence that we, as a Dominion, are now starting virtually for ourselves with about the same population as our neighbors started with in 1776. They had the experience of the Mother Country to help them in their development, we have them as well as old England to guide us in the right path and to warn us from the wrong."

"Recognizing that agriculture is the foundation of all national prosperity, may we all so work and strive each in his own sphere of duty, that when our work is finished, each of us may feel that he has done his share towards enabling our descendants to show as splendid a record of the progress of our Dominion on its centennial as men of the same race and blood as ourselves are now showing to the world in Fairmount Park, and may the flag, of which we are so proud, still wave over the same hale mother and her family of young and vigorous nations."

General Haly then expressed the great pleasure he felt at the Exhibition of horses, stock, sheep and pigs and how he was charmed with his visit to the Fruit-show at Wolfville.

The Lieutenant-Governor then spoke in highly flattering terms of the progress made in Agriculture and Stock-raising, and how much had been effected by these Exhibitions, and concluded by declaring the Provincial Agricultural Exhibition of Nova Scotia open.

It is not possible for us to give any detailed view of what was on exhibition. In cattle, Colonel Laurie had a large number—a fine herd of 16 Devons; C. P. Blanchard, Truro, a herd of Ayrshires; Col. Starratt, Annapolis, a herd of Ayrshires—the bull one of the finest on the ground; Dr. Iveson, Secretary of the Board, a bull, two cows and a calf—Durhams, and splendid; C. F. Eaton, Cornwallis, a herd of 8 Durhams; E. Chase, Cornwallis; T. B. Jacques, Cornwallis, John Margeon, Cornwallis, and John Fraser, Shubenacadie, all had thoroughbred animals.

The farmers of Hants and Kings Counties took a large number of the prizes for cattle, although Colchester and Cumberland were well represented. Fruit of the finest growth was brought from Wolfville.

Every description of manufactured article, particularly in connection with agricultural operations was there. Furniture, stoves, cloth, boots and shoes, and ladies' work in great variety.

The visitors appear to have highly appreciated the exhibition and regard it as a most successful affair. The imported stock was sold on Thursday and brought good prices.

The Shorthorn Bulls brought \$220, \$185, \$270, and \$185.

The Cows of the same breed brought \$105, \$145, \$165, and \$335.

The Devons \$70 and \$95.

The Ayrshire Cows and heifers sold for \$200, \$230, \$165, \$125, and \$70.

The Bulls of the same breed brought \$125 and \$100.

The Sows brought from \$80 to \$20.

The Rams from \$32 to \$14.

We learn that the 1st prize for the largest and fattest pair of oxen at the Exhibition was awarded to Mr. J. Wallace, of Newport, the weight of the cattle being 4270 lbs., one ox weighing 2050, the other 2220 lbs. The 2nd prize was given to Mr. D. C. Smith, of Truro, whose oxen turned the scale at 4660 lbs., 2330 being the weight of each.

The attendance was large but not quite equal to the previous day.

The mass meeting of agriculturists on Thursday night was attended by about 200 persons. His Excellency the Lieut. Governor occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Colonel Laurie, Hon. Mr. Creelman, Prof. Lawson, Avar Longley, Esq., M. P. P., Mr. Leander Rand, W. H. Allison, Esq., M. P. P., Dr. Hamilton and others.

The closing address of the Hon. Prov. Secretary was in good taste, and anticipated still further and more rapid progress in the future than had been seen in the past.

Major Blair on behalf of the General Committee tendered thanks and pronounced the Exhibition closed.

It appears that twelve thousand visitors paid admission fees to the grounds.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.—A correspondent of the Chronicle on Saturday last states that destitution exists in this county, so much so that unless some aid from Government is given they must suffer greatly during the winter.

YARMOUTH COUNTY.—A Mr. Phillips, of Salem, lost his house and barn by fire on the 12th inst. The barn contained \$200,000 worth of hay, two large hogs, and some smaller ones, which were consumed. The loss was about \$3000,00 with no insurance. The fire was set by a little child three year old who kindled it with a match on the floor. The parents are doubtless thankful that their little boy did not perish. The loss will be largely made up to the poor man by his sympathizing friends. Little children should be taught to be careful with matches.

A young man, named James Crosby, was drowned this morning from the yacht Secret, returning from Annapolis to Dartmouth.

WEYMOUTH.—A working train of three cars on the Western Counties Railway, which left Weymouth for Yarmouth on Saturday afternoon, when near Church Point, was thrown off the track by an iron bar on the rail. One man named James Fair was instantly killed and others were injured. The train was going slow at the time or the accident would have been much more serious. The bar on the track is supposed to have been left there purely through accident.

Information of a sad case of drowning has just reached Torbay from Port Felix. It appears that at noon on Friday last a boat containing three men was swamped while passing over a shoal near the mouth of the harbor, and all three were drowned. Two other boats, which were in company, were prevented by the heavy sea from rendering any assistance.

Two of the men, John David and Michael Avery, were married men, with large families, and the other, Fougere, was unmarried.

DRURY CO.—Early this month, one day, Mr. Saulnier of Saulnierville, missed two little children, aged 5 and 7 years, who were supposed to have wandered away. A very diligent search was made for them, without avail. Mr. Saulnier observed that a cart body, which had been filled up against a barn, had fallen down, and upon raising it up, to the horror of all, the children were found under it, one dead, and the other so crushed that it only lived a few hours. It is supposed that they climbed upon it to play and their weight upset it upon them. The catastrophe sheds a gloom upon the neighborhood, everyone sympathizing deeply with the afflicted family.—Cor. of Telegraph.

VICTORIA CO. C. B.—We have been credibly informed that gold has been discovered near Big Harbor in the County of Victoria. It is not found as gold generally exists in Nova Scotia proper, but is found embedded in slate in very thin layers, and in visible specks mingling with the slate, as found in gold fields recently discovered in Nevada. The information was given by a friend of ours by a Mr. Kandick, merchant of Halifax.—C. B. Advocate.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Inverness Co.—To be Commissioners of Schools—Rev. Donald McIsaac, River Inhabitants, for southern District, and Rev. Alex. Grant for northern District, also Murdoch McKinnon, Esq., of Whycoomah. To be Commissioners for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c. Jas. T. Lawrence and Alfred Taylor, Esqs., of Margaree, and John McKay, Esq., of Port Hood. To be Justices of the Peace; Henry A. Forbes, Port Hastings; Finlay McDonald, S. West, Mabou; Jas. T. Lawrence and Joseph Cornie (John's son), Margaree; Donald McMasters, Long Point; John L. McLean, Loch Ben; John G. McQuarrie, Cape Mabou; and John Campbell (teacher), Lake Ainslie.

Cape Breton Co.—To be Commissioners of School—Rev. Michael McKenzie, vice Rev. D. McIsaac—removed from the County—and Rev. Alexander Chisholm, D. D.

Hants Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Richard Sterling.

SAD ACCIDENT.—At North Wellington, Nictaux, on the 19th ult., a young man by the name of Ansley Barteaux was accidentally shot. His brother was bringing a gun into the room, and by some means it went off taking part of the forefinger of the lad who was carrying it and sending the charge into the young man's face and neck. He lived for over ten days, suffering extremely. He became quite conscious of his state before his death. He spoke of his death and of his hope in Christ. May God support the afflicted parents and relatives.

KENTVILLE has been under some excitement from the libel case of Woodworth vs the proprietors of the Acadian Recorder. It commenced on Wednesday last and all last week was occupied in proving papers and opening speeches. It is likely to continue to the close of the term.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.—The Monitor reports as follows: "A slight crop of apples" is a frequent utterance just now. Weeks ago it was apparent that the orchard yield in this part of the Province would be far below the average; and late heavy winds shook a considerable portion of the apples from the trees in an unripe and bruised condition. Nevertheless in some of the orchards there was a prolific yield. In Williamson, as well as in some parts of Clarence, the crop is abundant; and thousands of barrels of fruit will be sent from this county to market during the Autumn.