

Mr. Patterson, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Burbidge, Mr. J. C. Archibald, Rev. Mr. McGillivray and Dr. Bowles also made remarks on the subject.

Dr. Curren, Supervisor of Schools for the city of Halifax, said he felt much pleasure in being present and hearing the matters brought before the Association so ably discussed.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. J. B. Calkin, M. A., seconded by Mr. J. T. Mellish, M. A., and unanimously passed:—

Resolved, That this Association desires to record its respect for the memory of the late Superintendent of Education, Rev. A. S. Hunt, and further resolved that the Association tenders its warmest sympathy to Mrs. Hunt and the bereaved family in their deep affliction.

The following resolution, introduced by Mr. E. McDonald, of Pictou, was unanimously adopted:—

That it is of great importance that Teachers' Institutes be organized throughout the Province, in accordance with the spirit and letter of our School Law.

Mr. A. McN. Patterson, M. A., then read a paper entitled "Reading and Text Books."

He denounced the practise of using baby-talk in books as most productive of mispronunciation. The discussion which followed was full of instruction.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Patterson for his lecture was unanimously adopted.

In the afternoon session, Mr. Burbidge, of Morris Street School, read a paper on Home Lessons.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President—Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education.

Vice-Presidents—Mr. J. B. Calkin, M. A., Mr. Daniel McDonald, Inspector for Pictou.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. A. McKay.

Council—A. H. MacKay, B. A., B. Russel, M. A., A. McN. Patterson, M. A., A. N. Archibald, P. O'Hearn, H. Condon, J. T. Mellish, M. A., D. H. Burbidge, M. A., H. Bayne, Ph. D., J. S. Hutton, M. A., J. A. Smith, Rev. I. McGillivray, W. H. Waddell.

A committee on text books was appointed consisting of:—W. H. Waddell, A. H. MacKay, J. T. Mellish, J. F. Tufts, and P. O'Hearn.

In the evening session, H. Bayne, Ph. D., delivered a highly interesting lecture on Education in Germany. German teachers spend a long time in preparing for the profession, which stands very high. The Kindergarten, the Primary and the Burgher comprise the Elementary Schools. A highly interesting sketch of the German University was also given.

Mrs. A. N. Archibald, formerly Miss Mellish, Preceptress of Sackville Ladies' Academy, was called upon and came forward and read in the most pleasing manner a poem prepared for the occasion.

Mr. J. S. Hutton, M. A., moved, and Hon. Senator Power seconded, that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Archibald for her most exquisite poem, coupled with a request that it be given up for publication.

We much regret that we were unable to attend all the sessions of the Association. We heartily congratulate the Teachers on the good impression produced by this annual gathering of educationists in Halifax.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HALIFAX was in session on Wednesday and Thursday last. In the Senate on Thursday, Hon. L. G. Power moved, and Dr. A. P. Reid seconded, the following resolution, which was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the Senate have heard with deep regret of the recent destruction by fire of Acadia College, recognizing, as they do, the loss to the institution as being in an equal degree loss to the higher education of the Province;

Resolved, That the Senate sincerely hope that the effects now being made to provide for rebuilding the college in an improved manner may meet with complete and speedy success; and

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions, together with an expression of the Senate's sympathy with the Governors of Acadia College in the calamity which has befallen them, be forwarded by the Registrar to the Secretary of the Board.

The resolution was warmly supported by President Allison, Rev. J. Ambrose, Prof. Lawson and Rev. T. J. Daly; the Chancellor, also, in putting the question, spoke highly of Acadia College, referring especially to Prof. Higgins, who has proved himself one of the most earnest workers in the Senate.

Prof. Higgins thanked the Senate for

the expression of their sympathy, which was all the more felt because Acadia had not yet come regularly into line with the University.

These kind expressions of sympathy in relation to our recent loss, are highly gratifying and should stimulate us in our endeavours to maintain the position already attained, and make new advances in the great work of Higher Education.

The Halifax list of contributions for rebuilding Acadia College:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like X. Z. Chipman \$25.00, C. W. Reeves \$4.00, Chas. Vose \$20.00, Clayton & Sons \$4.00, Dr. W. Wickwire \$100.00, Senator Power \$25.00, J. W. \$50.00, Dr. Allison, Supt. of Education \$20.00, C. C. Vaux \$5.00, Dr. A. P. Reid \$5.00. Total \$2273.00.

THE WEATHER of the past week was something remarkable for the time of year. We have had what may well be called a green Christmas.

The whole of the snow that has fallen up to the end of last week would not be more than a couple of inches in depth. Whilst in some parts of the country, especially on the Gulf shore, heavy snow storms have been experienced, Halifax has had bright sunshiny days and clear moonlight nights more like spring than the last weeks of the year. What the New Year has in store for us we shall soon know. We trust that weather may be fine for the Week of Prayer so that people may be able to get out to the services, without inconvenience. If storms should however come, as they are very likely to, it may test more fully the courage of some who are able to get out to them.

Education has had a very prominent place in our city during the past week. The University of Halifax in both Senate and Convocation has held several sessions. The Nova Scotia Educational Association has held its Annual Convention, and was several days in session. Each of these has brought to the city a number of persons engaged in the teaching profession. All who are connected with our schools of any grade have of course been more or less occupied with these gatherings, and the subjects they have severally had before them.

THE GRANVILLE STREET BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL gave an Entertainment on Thursday last in their large lecture room, Spring Garden Road.

The following is the programme:— Music—Piano-forte duet, "Overture, to Poet and Peasant." Miss Daisy Twining and Adele Twining. Address—Asst. Supt. John Burgoyne. Recitation—"Little Jim."—Wallie Saunders. Music—Song, "Out in the Cold."—W. H. Hitchens. Dialogue—"The Coming Woman."—Messrs. Milley Twining, Maria Saunders and Minnie Chipman. Recitation—"The Dead Doll."—Miss Mary Johnson. Music—"The Battle of Waterloo" (pianoforte)—Maria Saunders.

INTERMISSION. Music—Pianoforte Duet—"Marche des Conserits."—Loft—Miss Addie and Rose Andrews. Reading—"Song of the Sea."—Miss Blanche Sutcliffe. Recitation—"Battle of Bothwell Bridge" Amos Blakney. Reading—"Papa's Letter."—Miss Florence Payzant.

Hon. Dr. Parker's prizes for bringing in new scholars during the year:—Master Benjamin Williams, Master Allan McDonald, Miss Bessie Blackadar, Miss Priscilla E. Nickerson, Miss Ella McDonald.

For regular attendance:—Master Ben. Wallace, Charles Pentz, William Hiltz, Harry Flowers, Eddie Saunders, Cramp Saunders, Spurden Lutz, Albert Cook, Lewis Payzant; Miss Bessie Downey, Nellie Murray, Alice Pentz, Maggie Quigley.

For Perfect Recitations:—Miss Ida Dimock, Master Spurden Lutz, Master William Hiltz, Miss Bessie Downey, Miss Nellie Murray.

It was filled altogether by members of the Sabbath School. The room looked very well with the large map of Bible Lands—about 8 feet by 12 feet—drawn by Mr. R. M. King over the platform. This is really a handsome donation made to the School and is always useful for reference.

The several parts of the programme were well rendered by the young people, and with the music made it quite an enjoyable evening. Unfortunately three or four of those who were to have taken part were sick and unable to be present or it would have been still better.

The object was to raise funds for the Sabbath School library. One of the friends instead of paying the 15 cents for admission gave a \$5 gold piece. The audience was good, well filling the room. Several of the pieces merited and received hearty applause.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WEEK.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Includes entries like Dec. 25. Death of Sir Hatthew Hale. 1576. " 26. Death of Dr. Forthergill. 1780. " 27. Death of Rev. W. Jay. 1857. " Death of Josiah Conder. 1855. " 28. Death of Queen Mary. 1694. " Death of Lord Macauley. 1859. " 29. Murder of Becket. 1170. " Execution of Lord Stafford. 1680. " 30. Death of Hon. Rob. Boyle. 1691. " Death of J. Saurin. 1730. " 31. Death of John de Wyclif. 1384. " Death of Flamsteed, Astronomer. 1719.

POLITICAL.—The political papers have some days since announced that changes have been made in the Government by new appointments to the Executive Council, Legislative Council, &c. We have not thought it worth while to notice these until they appeared in the regular official form. The last Gazette makes the announcement of the following appointments made on the 15th of December:—

To be members of the Executive Council of this Province:—ROBERT BOAK, Esq., one of the members of the Legislative Council; EDWARD FARRELL, M. D., and ALBERT GAYTON, Esquires, members of the House of Assembly.

To be the Treasurer of the Province:—Hon. ROBERT BOAK, vice Hon. Staley Brown, deceased.

To be Commissioner of Public Works and Mines:—Hon. ALBERT GAYTON, vice Hon. Robt. Robertson, signed.

To be a member of the Legislative Council:—JAMES BUTLER, Esq., vice Hon. James Cockran, deceased.

On the 22nd ult. To be one of Her Majesty's Counselors in the Law:—THOMAS C. SHREVE, Esq., of Digby.

ANOTHER CONCESSION.—We do not know of a single point in the baptismal controversy that has not been frankly conceded to us by eminent Peto-Baptist divines. The latest concession is in the commentary just issued by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (Episcopal). The Bishop of Salisbury, the renowned Dr. Moberly, is editor of the Book of Romans, and has paraphrased Rom. vi. 3. in this frank and fearless way:—

Surely ye know that when we were baptized into Christ we were baptized into his death. When we were plunged into the water of baptism we were buried along with Christ, being with him dead to sin in order that as Christ by the glorious power of the Father rose from the dead, so we also rising out of the baptismal water wherein we shared his death and burial should walk, that is live, in a new, that is a holy and regenerate life.

Such an utterance leaves nothing to be discussed; and yet in defiance of all scholarship, we will still have controversialists gravely denying that the passage has any reference to immersion.—Canadian Baptist.

The circular of the Evangelical Alliance in reference to the WEEK OF PRAYER will be found on another page. To some persons, the acceptance of this invitation may appear as a sort of matter of course, monotonous thing, after existing, as it has, for a number of years. To those who believe in the permanency of Christ's injunctions, and the real relation between Him and his people it will be rather as a call from Heaven to bring the various objects before God in prayer, and an agreement to come into his presence and wait for gracious answers from the Master of Assemblies.

The following from the Reporter in reference to one of our city schools will be read with interest by a number of the Teacher's friends in other parts.

"The examination of the boys of 'The Senior Department of the Tower Road School' to-day was highly satisfactory. The best of order was preserved, and the boys showed an interest in their work, which is rarely excelled. Of the entertainment which followed, we can speak in terms of the highest commendation. The dialogues were well acted, and many of the pieces sung were of a novel as well as instructive character. An unpublished piece entitled 'The History of Nova Scotia,' sung by the senior boys, is worthy of special mention. Tower Road School prior to June 1st, 1877,

had but two departments, with about 80 pupils in attendance. Four departments are now in good working order, with an attendance of about 160. We believe that the principal, Mr. I. C. Archibald, is the right man in the right place and are glad to see that already his efforts to build up the Tower Road School, are being crowned with success. In fact with such a pains-taking teacher as the Principal evidently is, no other result could follow. Not the least pleasing feature in to-day's examination, was the large attendance of parents, and others interested in the education of the youth.

There were three fires in Halifax on Sunday last, but the promptness of the firemen in reaching them—one in seven minutes and another in three minutes—extinguished them with but little damage. The Union Protection men rendered excellent service by covering over with their rubber cloths the things likely to be damaged by water.

Notices.

Acadia College.

The second session of Acadia College and of Horton Collegiate Academy, for the year 1877-8 will open on Thursday the 10th of January. Temporary Buildings for class-work, for both College and Academy, will be ready at that time. Young ladies connected with the Academy will continue to occupy the same Building as heretofore. Students who had rooms in the College Building, will have to seek rooms in the village. Several families have expressed willingness to furnish lodging, and early application will probably secure the needed accommodations.

A. W. SAWYER, President. Wolfville, Dec. 29, 1877.

Annapolis County Ministerial Conference.

The next Ministerial Conference for Annapolis County will be held at Nicotax, Jan. 16th. The first meeting at 11 A. M., at which arrangements will be made for the other meetings of the Session. Papers will be read by Revs. E. O. Reid and J. Brown.

Sketches of sermons will be presented, and the condition, wants and prospects of the County, in a religious point of view, discussed generally.

The ministers of the County, and others interested in the progress of truth, are cordially and earnestly invited to be present. T. A. HIGGINS, Sec'y.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock has been appointed to visit localities in the eastern part of the Province to solicit contributions to the fund for rebuilding the Acadia College. He will make his own appointments for the various localities and send the necessary notices. But he requests us to state that he will be at Cape Canso the second Lord's Day in January. In behalf of the Executive Committee, D. F. HIGGINS, Sec'y. Dec. 22, 1877.

Table with 2 columns: From and Amount. Includes entries like From Falmouth Baptist Church, per A. Shaw \$16.22, Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth, 4 00, From Central Association per Mr. Whitman Morton 78 00.

J. C. ANDERSON, Treasurer H. M. Board. Yarmouth, Dec. 17, 1877.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like North Brookfield, Queens, Miss S. Leadbetter \$4 00, Sydney, Mrs. M. M. Harrington 3 20, Halifax, North Church, Mrs. Clements 12 50, Halifax, Granville Street Church, Miss Selden 7 52, Milton, Queens, Miss A. G. Hendry 11 00.

M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. Halifax, Dec. 13st, 1877.

THE HANTS COUNTY PASTORS MEETING will be held at Hantsport on the first Monday in January, 1878, at 11 A. M.

J. A. McLEAN, Secretary.

The New Baptist Meeting House at New Tasset, Digby Co., will be opened, (D.V.) on the second Sabbath of January next, 13th. Morning service, 10.30 o'clock. Ministering brethren and others invited to attend.

By order of the Building Committee, and in behalf of the Church, JOHN G. NOWLAN, Clerk. New Tasset, Dec. 15th, 1877.

Letters Received.

Rev. J. T. De Wolf, 1 sub. J. F. Page, 2. Rev. D. Freeman, 1 sub. \$10. J. M. Parker, Esq., \$6. S. S. Strong, 1 sub. \$2. R. G. Tupper, \$2.

Crosby, \$2. A. DeLong, \$2. J. Tingley, \$1. M. Kinsman, \$4. J. Crosby, \$2. J. Bigelow, Esq., \$6. W. A. Tupper, Esq., \$6. G. A. Etter, \$12. L. Tremain, Esq., M. D., \$4. E. Marshall, \$2.50. A. J. Hart, \$5. M. E. Smith, \$8. S. Sprowl, \$4. Jas. S. Witter, \$2. Mrs. R. Monteith, \$2.50.

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