

men who call themselves Christians, and to the church members who quaff from the bowl that bewilders, and blights the fairest hopes of manhood.

And now let me address a few words to the churches represented in this Association, for a word to the wise will be sufficient: The word preached did not profit the people in the earlier days of the world's history, "Not being mixed with faith in them that heard it."

If Christians receive the word reluctantly, may we not expect those who have no love to Christ to reject it altogether? May we have wisdom to speak and wisdom to hear, that all may be done to the glory of God the Father.

For the Christian Messenger.

Cash Received towards Fund for Re-building Acadia College.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Professor Tufts, Wolfville \$125.00; Z. Chipman, Esq., St. Stephen 50.00; James Glaven, Westport 2.00; William Denton, " 10.00; Mrs. Wm. Denton, " 10.00; O. H. Glaven, " 2.50; Ethel Davis, Senr, " 10.00; Hubbard Davis, " 2.00; Mrs. Rockwell, " 10.00; Capt. Maurice Haycock, " 10.00; David P. Saunders, " 1.70; James J. Lovitt, Yarmouth, " 200.00; John Lovitt, Esq., M.P.P., " 100.00; Mrs. Gridley, " 5.00; J. C. Anderson, " 10.00; Vincent Crosby, " 5.00; F. C. Kenney, " 5.00; Hon. L. E. Baker, " 10.00; I. H. Hurlbut, " 1.00; Thos. E. Corning, Yarmouth, " 50.00; E. F. Parker, " 10.00; Collection at Chegoggin, " 2.30; At meeting at Beaver River, small subscriptions, " 10.78; James Crosby, Hebron, " 5.00; I. Crosby, Ohio, " 4.00; Professor Henry Adams, Harvard College, U. S., " 100.00; Prof. H. W. Torrey, do, " 50.00; A Friend, Boston, " 50.00; Mr. Ellis Peterson, " 10.00; Total \$861.28

On account of Endowment Fund, George Crosby, Ohio, \$25.00; On account new Academy Building, George Crosby, Ohio, 25.00; A. D. W. BARRS, Treasurer. Wolfville, August 31, 1878.

For the Christian Messenger.

Central Association Sabbath Schools.

Dear Editor,

Allow me to address a few words to the schools composing the Sabbath School Convention of the Central Association. The time is drawing near when you are expected to report the labors of the past year. It is desirable that the report be pleasing to yourselves and encouraging to your fellow laborers.

In order to make the Convention more successful, we wish to meet delegates from all our schools. There are in remote sections of our churches small schools, with a few faithful workers, toiling on year after year, who regard themselves as too insignificant to be represented. Will not the pastor, or the superintendent of some more flourishing school visit such and encourage, and what is better, assist them to report through their teachers. Such workers would be greatly cheered and edified by meeting in the Convention, and in turn our Session would receive a new impetus from their presence.

out of the forty-five that did not respond to our invitation. We hope to have good news from each school this year. We will send a blank form to each, so that there may be no excuse. If you cannot send a delegate, please return the letter and statistics, with money for printing minutes.

How much might be done in the way of reporting schools if some of the superintendents and prominent teachers would occasionally get a supply and go visiting some of the less favored schools. I think even the pastor would excuse such Sabbath visiting. Do not leave your hard worked pastor to do this. He will, doubtless, if he can; but let each strive to have a share in this blessing.

We will not press upon you the greatness of the work. Our educational department is a necessity; we must have it. Missions are a legacy from our ascending Lord, but in some measure the Sabbath Schools exceed them all. From them come largely the supply, and it must be very evident that those who do most to build up and sustain efficient Sabbath Schools will most effectually supply the church and the world with able Christian workers.

In closing let me remind the pastors and friends of Sabbath Schools that, as the Association has left the charge of this work largely to the Convention, it is necessary that they endeavor to be present on the 19th inst.

J. MURRAY, Sec'y.

MARGAREE.—We are glad to hear that the appointment by the Missionary Board of Rev. James A. Stubbert, to Margaree for a short visit is well received, and that religious matters there are looking better. We shall be glad to hear of their having a settled pastor at an early day.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—By the recent decision of the boundary between Ontario and Quebec, the former province has obtained an enormous addition of territory, including the whole district of Keewatin.

Parliament has been further prorogued till September 7th. Dominion revenue for July, \$1,202,000. Expenditures, \$2,205,000. At Lesterville on Thursday last Percy C. Hilver was struck dead by lightning in a cemetery, while attending the burial of his child.

It is rumored that the Marquis of Lorne will be appointed viceroy of the Dominion, not Governor-General. A terrible storm visited Toronto on Sunday last. Hail stones, like broken ice, fell demolishing windows in churches and dwellings; cellars were flooded and the streets caved in in all directions. Several leading gentlemen of Quebec have been summoned to give evidence that Madame Gagnon keeps a brothel.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—A young lady in Fredericton, had a narrow escape from drowning on Tuesday last. She fell over a wharf and had sunk a third time and lay on the bottom of the river, when a Mr. Orr put down a pole and fortunately touched her. She describes the sensation as not unpleasant, could distinctly see the people on the wharf and wondered why they did not assist her; saw the pole coming down and imagined it of immense size and length; the moment it touched her she clasped it, and says she could have climbed to the moon on it. Mr. Orr says she came up the pole like a squirrel.

In St. John, on Saturday afternoon, while some boys were bathing in Lower Cove Slip, one of them, Thomas McCarthy, in diving, struck his head on a stone, inflicting an ugly wound, knocking him senseless, and causing his death by suffocation. He was fourteen years of age.

A young man named George Rollins was drowned in the Kennebecasis River, near St. John, on Wednesday, while bathing.

The boat race at St. John came off on Wednesday and proved a great humbug. When Hanlan went a head about the middle of the race Ross fell overboard, and of course Hanlan went over the course and took the stakes. It is about time such things were abolished. Such contests seem got up by tricksters and liquor sellers, and demoralize and embroil the community in the worst possible forms.

On Saturday evening last L. H. Davis a performer in the California Minstrel Troupe committed suicide whilst the performance was going on at Dockrill's Hall.

Moncton has a strange phenomenon in a child having hair and skin resembling a bear.

UNITED STATES.—The town of Alta at Salt Lake was burned on Tuesday night. It contained 200 wooden buildings, and the people all fled to the mountains. A train was sent from Salt Lake to bring in the destitute. The loss amounts to \$200,000.

A party of masked men, variously estimated at 400 to 500, rode into Monroe La. at 1 o'clock on Thursday morning, and forcibly took from the parish jail four colored men charged with murder, took them to the Court House Square and hung them to a limb of an oak tree.

The sanitary report received at Washington for the week ending Saturday last under National Quarantine Act says:—New Orleans since last week, had 158 cases of yellow fever and 36 deaths; making in all 195 cases and 53 deaths. There are now four principal points of infection and these are spreading, but the Board of Health hopes to control it. One passenger landed on Monday at Vicksburg has since died of yellow fever; on Tuesday one case taken from an hotel to the hospital at Cincinnati with the same disease, both from New Orleans en route for north.

At Buffalo on Saturday "Rarus," the celebrated Californian horse, trotted a mile in 2.13, the fastest time on record. After a week's suspension there was a general resumption of mining in Schuylkill region on Monday morning.

MEXICO.—A Brownsville, Texas, special says on the 27th Jose Maria Amador, Miguel Palacios, Pedro Martinez, and Estimalio Martinez, revolutionary leaders with 3,000 men, attacked the town of Real de Cartowez, Mexico, and was defeated. Amador, Palacios and Martinez were wounded.

General Escobedo arrived at Monterey on the 23rd, and is confined in the Governor's palace. He is furnished with comfortable quarters and receives courteous treatment.

ENGLAND.—The Edinburgh Scotsman says it is reported that Lord Dufferin will probably be requested to go to Asia Minor as British Commissioner.

The Daily News is informed that the Marquis of Lorne will not leave for Canada till after the elections are held in the Dominion. He will probably arrive in November. In the possible event of an interregnum, the commander-in-chief of the forces will, in accordance with precedent, act as Governor-General of the Dominion.

Salisbury went to Osborne on Friday to receive from the Queen the insignia of the garter.

Lord Hartington's resolution was rejected in the House on Friday by a vote of 338 to 195. Mr. Plunkett's amendment was adopted without division.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday, Mr. Pimmsol (Liberal) moved the rejection on the third reading of a bill to grant an annuity to the Duke of Connaught. After two hours debate Pimmsol's motion was rejected 151 to 13.

The delegates of America, in the Young Men's Christian Association, to the Geneva Congress, arrived in London last week, and were entertained at breakfast on Wednesday at the rooms of the London Association. A general meeting of welcome was to be held on Friday. On Monday they were to proceed to Paris.

The army supplementary estimate, for additional expenditure, in consequence of the war between Russia and Turkey amounts to £545,500.

Lord Beaconsfield, in replying to the letter read by Mr. Gladstone in the Commons, said the compilation of the list of offensive epithets used by that gentleman would extend over a period of two and a half years. Lord Beaconsfield cited the expressions of Mr. Gladstone that he (Beaconsfield) had degraded and debased the great name of England; that he had sold the Greeks, and that he had been guilty of an unparpassed act of duplicity.

The banquet in honor of Lords Beaconsfield and Salisbury, at the Mansion House, on Saturday night, was a grand affair. Most of the Ministers and a brilliant company were present. Lord Beaconsfield reviewed the recent events and believed that peace would be durable because all the powers were satisfied. There was a party in Russia, by no means the most influential, which had been checked. The relations with all the powers were most friendly, especially with Russia and France. He could not conceive of a greater misfortune than estrangement from France.

The Fenian Kelly was liberated from Mount Joly prison on Saturday on account of ill health.

The small boat 'Nautilus' arrived on Thursday in Mounts Bay Inlet on the coast of Cornwall. William and Walter Andrews, of Boston, landed in the village of Cornwall, appearing greatly fatigued. For a few days after leaving the American coast they experienced fair weather, but it soon changed, and fogs, wind and rain prevailed for a considerable period. Their bed clothes got quite wet and for four weeks they had to sleep in wet clothes; many days they could take no sleep and were worked so hard by reason of the bad weather that they could scarcely eat or drink anything. On the fourth of July they had the luxury of a bottle of lager beer, which they kept specially for that day. For eighteen days they never saw the sun and could take no observations.

They sailed through several schools of whales, and spoke several steamers and sailing vessels. From the 15th of July to the 26th they had terrible weather and broke their chronometer. When they made Scilly Light they were very much exhausted. The whole passage occupied forty-five days. The two brothers leave for Havre as the weather permits after having a little necessary rest.

An important conference was held on Wednesday last in the palace of Winchester, in Farnham. Twelve American bishops were present. The Bishop of Winchester presided, and Father Hyacinthe and Bishop Hertzog, of Switzerland, gave accounts of the reform movement in the French and Swiss Churches. A resolution was passed pledging the English and American Churches to aid Bishop Hertzog in the work of educating candidates for the ministry.

Capt. Webb's swimming feat was interrupted by high winds, after having swam nine hours and completed 22 miles.

The London Standard announces in official form that there will be no dissolution of Parliament this year.

FRANCE.—The French Government, at the request of the United States, has formally invited the Foreign powers to the International Monetary Congress, to begin in Paris on Aug. 10th.

Nubar Pasha has been summoned from Paris by the Khedive to assist in the establishment of reforms in Egypt. He has accepted the post of Minister without a portfolio.

The Government is about to allow the return of a number of political refugees. A large cotton mill at Tourcoing was burned on Tuesday. Loss \$200,000.

It is announced that the Bank of France is about to change its issue of notes on account of forgeries.

There are indications of good feeling between France and Germany.

The strikes north are collapsing.

The damage by fire in a lumber yard which is situated in the district of La Vellotta, amounted to \$250,000. A large candle factory in St. Dennis was also burned. Loss \$200,000.

A Paris special says the election of Socialists in Germany at the recent elections is looked upon with alarm by the Government, as tending to greatly encourage the Commune, and the workingmen's congress announced for September 3 has been prohibited.

SERBIA.—A Belgrade despatch says a Cabinet Council under the presidency of Prince Milan has resolved to proclaim the independence of Serbia on the 22nd of August, with a cessation of the state of siege and martial law.

TURKEY.—It is reported that the Turks object to evacuating Varna unless the Russians remove 48 hours march from Constantinople.

The Turks offered a nominal resistance to the Austrian forces, refusing to strike their flag or evacuate the guard house until the Austrians threatened to fire. It is reported that a Turkish agitator raised an insurrection against the Ottoman authorities at Sarajevo the capital of Bosnia.

The Sarajevo insurrection is considerably diminished, and there is hope of a peaceful occupation.

The 13th army corps is on the Danube bank of the River Save and will advance straight to Sarajevo. There it will meet the 15th from Dalmatia, and then the occupation will be completed.

It is stated in well-informed circles that proposals will be made in September to make Serbia a kingdom. It is rumored that General Todleben refuses to withdraw a man from the vicinity of Constantinople before the withdrawal of the British fleet.

GERMANY.—Elections for members of the German Parliament were held on Tuesday of last week.

Complete returns from the elections show the following results as regards great parties:—93 Conservatives, 110 of various Liberal parties and 96 Ultramontanes. Sixty second ballots will be necessary.

Specials agree that the great feature of the elections is the interest displayed by the people, from 80 to 90 per cent. of the full vote having been polled in Berlin and larger towns against the usual average of 46 per cent. Another feature is the notable front by Socialists, who, though they lost several seats, polled more votes than ever and were defeated by the extraordinary efforts of their opponents.

Crown Prince Frederick William has ratified the treaty of Berlin. Ratifications were to be exchanged on Saturday.

A meeting of the German and Austrian Emperors has been postponed, but will take place at Salzburg.

It is reported that Nobel attempted suicide on Saturday with scissors but was prevented.

AUSTRIA.—The approaching betrothal of Count Andrassy's only daughter with Prince Alfred of Montenuova a distant cousin of the Emperor of Austria is announced.

A Vienna despatch reports the Montenegrins dissatisfied with decisions of the Berlin Congress and 3000 have joined the Herzegovinian insurgents.

A Vienna special says Kossuth published a sensational letter, bitterly attacking the occupation of Bosnia and accusing the Austrian Government of sacrificing the interests of Hungary.

The Austrian force moving parallel with General Phielkovich has reached Novi unrestricted. Official reports from the Bosnian frontier states that the followers of the Turkish agitator who raised an insurrection against the Ottoman authorities at Sarajevo deposed the civil government and plundered the town after a sanguinary conflict with gen d'armes. General Philipotovich telegraphs that he received cordial addresses at Brod and Derbend.

ITALY.—It is stated in clerical circles that Monsignor Massela, Papal Nuncio at Munich, has arrived at an understanding with Bismarck, at Kissingen, relative to the modus vivendi between Germany and the Vatican.

A Frankfurt despatch confirms the report that the Papal Nuncio had several interviews with Bismarck.

Cardinal Alessandro Franchi, Pontifical Secretary of State and Archbishop of Thessalonica died on Thursday morning.

It is reported that the Pope has appointed Cardinal Antonio DeLuca, Prefect of Congregation as Pontifical Secretary of State, to fill the vacancy.

RUSSIA.—Reliable letters from St. Petersburg report that no Russian loan will be issued within the next few months.

Constantinople despatches, dated July 31 say the Russians are endeavoring to charter steam transports for the conveyance of one hundred thousand men to Odessa in about a month hence, but this operation will depend upon the evacuation of Varna. The Russian Imperial Guards are ordered to be sent home as soon as possible. The Russian Ambassador at Constantinople urges the Porte to accelerate the evacuation of Varna, but the date of the event is still uncertain.

It is reported that the Russians are discontinuing their armaments in Turkestan.

The Russians are evacuating Dobruzscha and Roumania, the troops returning to Bucharest.

The Russian troops are returning to Russia to the number of 5,000 daily.

The Roumanian army is expected to make a triumphal entry into Bucharest, accompanied by Bulgarian trophies.

It is reported that Todleben commanded Courier de Lorient to be suspended for announcing that the wife of the Turkish Minister of Marine was present at a ball given by the Russians.

General Philipovich crossed the frontier into Bosnia at six o'clock on Monday. He was met by the Turkish major, who presented documents supposed to be a protest and pressed it upon him but General Philipovich refused to receive it, and the major ultimately took the paper away.

The Japanese have flourishing agricultural college, which has been in successful operation for over a year.

Marriages.

At Seaview Cottage, Port Caledonia, C. B., July 19th, by the Rev. A. McLean, J. J. McCabe, Esq., of Parrsboro, N. S., to Matilda Harold, adopted daughter of H. B. Forman, M. D., of Sydney, C. B.

July 23rd, by the Rev. Geo. W. Hill, Mr. James Davidson, of Halifax, to Miss Jane Lay, of Musquodoboit.

On Tuesday, July 30th, by the Rev. Dr. Burns, Eddie Tupper, youngest son of the late Eddie Tupper, Esq., to Madeline, only daughter of Wm. Johnstone, Esq., late of Magdalen Islands.

Deaths.

At Tobique Road, Grand Falls, N. B., on the 26th ult., after a lingering illness, Loantha, beloved wife of Mr. John J. Keating, aged 39 years. She experienced religion last Spring, since which she has calmly relinquished herself and her dear children to the care of Him whose love never fails. She was happy in death, and her husband and children may cherish the confident hope through faith in Jesus that they will meet her in the better land. May divine grace sustain them and more than supply their loss by His presence.—Con.

At Silver City, Nevada, June 15th, Wm. C. Graham, aged 27 years, formerly of Halifax, and son of Mr. James D. Graham, New Glasgow.

At Little River, Musquodoboit, on the 30th ult., Mrs. Margaret Blackburn, wife of Edward Blackburn, of Shubenacadie, aged 32 years.

Also, at the same place and date, Saml. Matthias, Jr., in the 21st year of his age.

At Bedford, on the 25th July, Neil Cunn, aged 49 years.

At Mount Hanley, May 29th, Willet, in the 35th year of his age, and on July 20th William Wallace, in the 29th year of his age, both of consumption, only sons of Edward and Irene Brown. The former was not a member of the church, but gave good evidence of a change of heart. After a long and weary illness of nine years with Christian resignation, he died trusting in Jesus. The latter had been connected with the church at Mount Hanley for upwards of four years. Unlike his brother, he had a short but severe illness of about seventeen days. Although at times his sufferings seemed almost unendurable, he bore them with remarkable patience, at all times being able to say that it was all right and that Jesus was very precious.

"Brothers rest from sin and sorrow, Death is o'er and life is won; On thy slumbers dawns no morrow; Rest; thine earthly race is run. Fare thee well; though wee is blending With the tones of earthly love, Triumph high and joy unending, Wait thee in the realms above."—Con.

At Berwick, July 16th, 1878, aged 44 years, Mary Agnes, wife of Mr. R. H. Gates, (formerly Mrs. Lawrence). But few women could be more missed in the community, her family, or the Church of God than Sister Gates. She was a worthy woman, a devoted wife, a godly mother and an earnest Christian. Her death—just what one would expect as the end of such a life—was calm, yet triumphant. Her departure has been a loss to society, but more especially to her husband and two little daughters. May grace sustain and sanctify.—Con.