

Central Board for Nova Scotia.

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NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL BOARD. Treasurer's General Account with the Women's Missionary Aid Societies for the year 1878:-

Table with columns for 'By cash received from Societies', 'By donations', 'By Sabbath Schools and Mission Bands', 'By int. from Savings Bank', 'Less paid for Stationery', 'Postage, &c.', 'Discount on Notes', and 'Balance of Interest remitted to Board'.

Table with columns for 'To amounts remitted to Missionary Board', 'For Quarter ending March 30th', 'June 30th', 'Sept. 30th', 'Decr. 31st', and 'Balance of Interest remitted to Board'.

Examined and found correct. L. M. SMITH, Auditor.

List of Societies, and amounts contributed during the year 1878.

Table listing 52 societies and their contributions, including Amherst, Annapolis, Bridgetown, Bridgewater, Black Point, Margaret's Bay, Bear River, Berwick, Canard, Cleveland, Cow Bay, C. B., Clementsvale, Clarence, Canning, Canso, Deerfield, Digby, Debert River, Falmouth, Guysboro, Granville, Great Village, Halifax, North Church, Hammond's Plains, Hillsburg, Hantsport, Indian Harbour, Margarets Bay, Milton, Newport, North Brookfield, Onslow, Osborne, Pine Grove, Liverpool, Lower Aylesford & Upr. Wilmot, Pearsboro, Pugwash, Sydney, Summerville, Truro, Torbrook, Upper Wilmot and Lower Aylesford, Upper Stewiacke, Upper Wilmot, Wolfville, Windsor, Weston, Cornwallis, Weymouth, and Yarmouth.

Donations to W. M. A. Societies during the year 1878:-

Table listing donations from individuals and groups, including Mrs. F. L. Morse, Mr. S. Harlow, Mrs. Harlow, Mrs. Jos. Sabeau, Mrs. John Porter, Mrs. Thos. Shipley, Mrs. Bool, A Friend, S. S., Master J. W. Young, Miss Young, Mrs. Uhlman, Mrs. Benj. Phinney, Sarah A. Webber, S. Rawding, Dea. Enoch Crosby, Mrs. Naylor, A Friend, Gideon Fleck, Mrs. F. Morrill, Mrs. G. W. Freeman, Mrs. E. E. Card, Mrs. Ilsey, and Mrs. Dr. DeWitt.

Donated by Sabbath Schools.

Table listing donations from Sabbath Schools, including Mission Band, Canning, and a school in support of a little girl in Mrs. Sanford's School.

For the Christian Messenger. From Rev. A. E. Ingram.

Dear Editor,-

Will you allow me a brief space in your columns, in order that I may call the attention of my brethren in the ministry, especially any of them who may be unattached, or are contemplating the dissolution of their present pastoral relationship, to the important field of Christian labour comprised within the bounds of the churches at Portau-pique and Five Islands.

I have quite recently had the pleasure of preaching for each of the churches, the scene of some of the most joyful hours of my ministry, and where upwards of one hundred persons, varying in age from seventeen to seventy-five years, have been added to the church within two years, all of whom, but few exceptions, are doing well, and a credit to the church, and are exerting a beneficial influence in the community. On my late visit, the attendance at Five Islands was remarkably good, especially when we remember that until very recently our principles had not obtained a hold upon the minds of the people in that locality; but now there is an evident desire on the part of many persons to hear all the truths of the gospel. Hearty greetings met me on every hand, and kind acts were not lacking.

The churches are united; their social, prayer and conference meetings are well sustained; there are no internal difficulties existing; corrective discipline has been judiciously exercised whenever it has been necessary to do so; and the churches contain some able men who believe in and practice praying for, sympathizing with and paying their pastor. A good support can be given to the right man, and they deserve and need a good man. The field is a very desirable one for a strong, able man, one who can endure hardness and is not afraid of hard work. The field is white unto the harvest, and ought to be occupied at once, or other influences may be brought to bear upon some who are now enquiring for the way of truth. If this should meet the eye of a brother in the ministry who is willing to go, I assume the responsibility of recommending him to correspond with D. P. Soley, Esq., of Lower Economy, or T. D. Davison, Esq., Portau-pique Mountain, or better still, visit the field. Who will go? That the Lord may send the right man is the prayer of the writer.

Some of your readers may be glad to hear that since I have ceased from laborious work my health has continued to improve, and although not free from disease or pain I am still able to do a moderate amount of work especially while I refrain from riding long distances. I am serving the church here to the best of my ability and intend D. V., to remain for a few months. I am not without hope that you will hear from me again shortly telling of success here. Brethren remember us at the mercy seat. I am yours in the best of bonds. A. E. INGRAM. Isaac's Harbor, Jan. 14, 1878.

For the Christian Messenger. Ministerial and Missionary Conference.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Annapolis County Baptist Ministerial and Missionary Conference was held at Paradise on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The sessions, though not attended by large numbers, were nevertheless both pleasant and profitable.

Rev. T. A. Higgins was chosen President of the Conference for the current year, and the undersigned Secretary. The following resolution relating to the death of our late, lamented President, Rev. W. G. Parker, was passed unanimously:

Resolved,—"That this Conference do hereby record their deep grief at the sudden and unexpected decease of Rev. Willard G. Parker, who up to the time of his departure from us, Dec. 5, 1878, had filled the office of President of this Society. For many years he labored successfully in this and in other counties of Nova Scotia, and he always manifested a kind and friendly disposition towards his brethren in the ministry, and a deep interest in the cause of Christ. Whilst mourning our own loss, we would tender to the bereaved widow and all the members of the family our heartfelt sympathy with them in their sorrow, and it is our fervent prayer that the Father of the fatherless and the

widow's God may sustain and bless them all."

Rev. P. F. Murray read a suggestive paper, interpreting John iii. 5, showing the nature of spiritual regeneration, and opposing the view that the words "born of water" in the passage have any allusion to baptism in water.

An interesting paper was read by Rev. J. Brown on the question—"Why make so much ado about Baptism?" Numerous and cogent reasons were presented by the writer for defending this important New Testament ordinance against corruptions and innovations of modern errorists.

The Secretary read a paper on "The Prophet and the Stars," giving a sketch of the life of the prophet Amos, and an exegesis of Amos v. 8—"Seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night," etc.

An hour was spent in conversation upon miscellaneous topics, in which views were freely interchanged in reference to difficult passages of Scripture, denominational doctrines, methods of preaching and other matters of general importance.

An excellent discourse was preached in the evening by Rev. T. A. Higgins from John vi. 16-21, showing to each voyager across life's ocean the imperative need of having Christ as a pilot.

The Conference adjourned to meet at Lawrencetown on the second Tuesday in April. Rev. J. Brown was requested to prepare a paper on "The Second coming of Christ," and the Secretary was commanded to preach a sermon at the next meeting.

It is earnestly desired that the ministers of Annapolis County will do all in their power to sustain this conference. The attendance at both our last meetings was inexcusably small. If the Society was worth organizing, it is surely worth sustaining.

W. H. WARREN, Secretary.

Bridgetown, Jan. 17, 1878.

For the Christian Messenger. Tabernacle Notes.

"SET THINE HOUSE IN ORDER."

The study of Theology is the highest and noblest in which we can be engaged,—comprehending the divine Being, His laws and revelations, and our duty towards him and our neighbours; but a mere theoretical knowledge, like the sunbeam on the mountain glacier, may only dazzle—to blind; for, unless the heart is warmed with love to God and love to man, the coldness and barrenness of eternal death will reign in the soul; hence the all of religion relates to life; and the life is, to do good for the sake of good.

Therefore, I call attention to these words of the prophet; they are solemn as Isaiah's warning to Hezekiah, the king, but specially so to us, as being the utterances of our brother, James Hubley, the Friday evening before he died. Who that heard him in conference will forget his quotation, "Set thine house in order for thou shalt die." (Isa. xxxviii. 1.) "Thus saith the Lord." Many would wish, as Balaam to lead a carnal life, and yet, in dying, the good man's end. But verily, such a wish is foolishness, and the end bitter disappointment.

All through the year 1878 the Master has said concerning this church, Let it alone this year, also; spare the tree. 1878 is gone! gone forever! Like a rushing wave another year has burst upon the shore of earthly being; and thus early in the days of 1879 are we reminded of the swellings of Jordan. They have caught one of our strong men and carried him 'over there, where the surges cease to roll, where, in all the bright forever, sorrow ne'er shall press the soul.

Our brother landed there without a tear at separation; it was sudden glory. What a glad surprise! He said at meeting, "When these feet shall walk the golden streets, what joy!"—how soon realized. Could our brother speak, he would say, "Tell them death is approaching, and neither goodness nor greatness exempts."

There are good reasons why you should heed the admonition. 1st. It is written, "Thus saith the Lord," "Thou shalt die;" "For dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou re-

turn." Gen. iii. 10. "It is appointed unto men once to die." Why? "The soul that sinneth it shall die." "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit, neither hath he power over the day of death, and there is no discharge in this war, neither shall wickedness deliver those who are given to it." Ecc. viii. 8.

2nd reason. Preparation is needful—"Set thy house in order" implies disorder. Sin has sadly disordered God's order in "our earthly house of this tabernacle," from the sole of the foot to the crown of the head there is nothing but wounds and physical disorders of various kinds.

"Your pulse is the clock of your life,—It shows how your minutes are flying—It marks the departure of time, And tells how fast you are dying."

"Set thy house in order." Religion is something to do, not wait for. All excuses vain. "Win and wear it" is the motto on the crown for which we strive. Jesus stands knocking at the door of your hearts. Let him in! He comes to relieve, to save, and knows the true state of disorder: he alone can cleanse and heal. As well might a crow wash itself to whiten, as a sinner seek cleansing apart from the blood of Christ. Remember, there is no wound or stain so deep that the blood cannot cure.

3rd reason. You must leave, prepared or unprepared! God's call you must obey.

"As the tree falls so must it lie, As the man lives, so must he die."

No work or device in the grave. Concerning the blessed dead, it is written, their works do follow them. Change is written on every face. Examine your photo of a few years since; the wrinkles and grey hairs tell the same tale. "You must die" prepare to meet your God.

Your end may come suddenly and unexpectedly as did our brother's. It might be said, "He reached heaven at a bound." When and where are you going? Can you say, "I am ready?" Our good brother, James Hubley, was baptized 36 years ago in Margaret's Bay, and was deacon in the church there till he came to the city. All the journey of his pilgrimage, his walk and conversation was in harmony with the gospel of Christ. Our brother was a diamond in the rough, verily one of the Master's chosen jewels, constant in his care and prayer for Zion. We miss him, his family circle most keenly so, but we are confident our loss is his gain. He had laboured for his family and Master's sake many years, when, in his 66th year, all at once he grew tired and faint, and the Master called him to enter into rest.

J. F. AVERY.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—His Excellency the Governor General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, accompanied by Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. E. G. P. Littleton; Major DeWinton, Mrs. Moreton and Capt. Chater, A. D. C., were out for a snow-shoe tramp on Tuesday.

Princess Louise will attend the opening of Parliament.

The throne in the Senate Chamber is being altered. The base is being extended and the canopy contracted, while the old chair, which has been used by successive governors since 1841, is to be laid aside and two new chairs, one for the Marquis and the other for the Princess, provided.

The Rideau Hall children's festival last week was most charming. Her Royal Highness and Lady Macnamara waited on the children at table and a delightful time was spent.

Wednesday last the coldest of the season throughout Ontario and Quebec, the thermometer registering at Ottawa, 25 below; Montreal, 15 below; Quebec, 18 below.

Before Mr. DeCosmos left Victoria British Columbia for Ottawa a petition was in circulation there asking the Dominion Government to take measures to prohibit Chinese immigration.

Hon. Peter Mitchell is mentioned by the Herald as the coming chairman of the Montreal harbor commission.

The ice scenery around Niagara Falls is magnificent and visitors are coming from all parts of the world to see it.

Mr. T. J. Coriveau, of Montreal, has been to Ottawa exhibited specimens of Canadian manufactured silk goods, the product of his own house and the first of its kind made in the Dominion. The goods were contrasted with Lyons silk and successfully passed the examination.

ness, but would immediately build a factory with one hundred looms, manufacturing, on an average, 800 yards of silk a day, and giving employment to 250 or 300 hands, two thirds of whom would be girls.

Judge Ritchie is gazetted Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Judge Gwynne a puisne judge.

It is said that the Pacific Railway Section, for which tenders were asked, will be let at the earliest possible moment.

The Dominion Board of Trade were to meet yesterday. The Executive's report it is understood, would contain a good deal of important correspondence regarding the position of Canadian ships in France.

Six hundred head of cattle, three hundred sheep, and five hundred pigs, were shipped from Toronto for the English market on Saturday. Owing to the large number of sheep destroyed by the recent heavy storms in Scotland, prices have advanced a half penny per pound.

The Manitoba Legislature meets on the 1st February. The Jesuit church on Explanade Hill Quebec was injured by fire to the extent of \$8,000 on Saturday morning.

The Marquis of Lorne has issued cards for a state dinner on the 13th February.

A large picture of the landing of His Excellency and H. R. H. at Halifax is being printed at Montreal. It will contain 300 figures.

Their Excellencies and suit left Ottawa on Monday for a trip to Niagara Falls, which are exceedingly beautiful at present. They desire to go quickly and to avoid any demonstration along the route.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The captain and three of the crew of the schr. Welcome Home, owned by C. E. Robins, of St. John, arrived on Wednesday last. The captain gives a thrilling account of the wreck and the privations and sufferings of the crew. The vessel was five days storm tossed, from the 26th December, in lat. 31 34 N. and long. 68 53 W. The crew were four days and five nights without food. A vessel was sighted on the fourth day, but she was also disabled and could not reply to their signals of distress. Captain Nickerson thinks she shortly afterwards sank. The German barque Vonderheydt rescued the crew on the fifth day, and in a couple of hours afterwards the Welcome sank before their eyes.

Abell, the deaf mute, and some of his deaf mute companions, attacked his wife when driving to the railway station St. John, on Monday, carried her back to his house, stripped her of clothes and burned them. The police have found clothes for and rescued her.

There was a long continued examination of the case on the following day in which his ill-treatment of his wife was fully shown.

A serious accident occurred at Moncton on Thursday last. William Ryan, a section man, was knocked down in the station yard by a shunting engine, knocking his body clear off the rails but running over the left arm, crushing it badly to the shoulder, and also taking off one finger from the right hand. The crushed arm has been amputated. Mr. Ryan also sustained some injury about the head, and complains of serious injuries in the back. The injured man, who is probably between 50 and 60 years of age, has a family.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Charlottetown Examiner gives an account of a railway accident that occurred on the 13th to the up-train from Georgetown at noon. The train, drawn by two engines, driven by A. McFarlane and John McArthur, respectively, "fought the snow," successfully, and without accident, from Georgetown to Suffolk. Passing this station they rapidly breasted a high bank, in the centre of which engines slipped from the track a short distance. With the exception of Fireman McDonald, who had his head badly cut, no casualties were reported to the train hands or passengers.

UNITED STATES.—At Mauch Chunk Pennsylvania on the 14th Inst., what was thought would be one of the quietest executions which ever took place there proved the most exciting. A reprieve from Governor Hartranft arrived one half minute after the drop fell, just thirty seconds too late to save the lives of the men hung. They were Molly Maguire murderers.

A fire and loss of life occurred at Monhegan Island, 17 miles off the coast, on the night of the 3rd. A house owned by Robert Davis, aged 84, was burned, and Davis burned to death. His wife, eighty three, was removed from the house insensible from asphyxia.

A fire occurred on Friday evening on Worth Street, causing losses to the following dry good firms:—Van Walkenburgh & Leavitt, \$1,000,000; Walkenshaw & Voigt, \$500,000; Schabel Bros. \$150,000; John Slade & Co., \$150,000; Henry W. T. Malloy, & Co., \$100,000; William Simpson, Sons & Co., \$50,000; Nonotuck Silk Company, \$50,000; B. G. Smith, \$150,000; Foreman & Co., \$259,000. Loss estimated at between three and four millions of dollars.

At Cincinnati an Friday last eight prisoners attempted to escape from jail. One of them knocked down the jailer's brother, Robert Moore, who had charge of the jail, and fled, but Moore regaining his feet drew a revolver and fired, killing Umsawders, a burglar, as he was jumping out of the window.