

should longer remain in this condition. By the application of the strictest economy in the public expenditure, and by the readjustment of the tariff with the view of increasing the revenue and encouraging the various industries of Canada, you will, I trust, be enabled to restore the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, and to aid in removing the commercial and financial depression which unhappily continues to exist.

I have decided that the public accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before you.

Honorable Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Parliament has recognized the importance of providing for the safe deposit of the surplus earnings of the people by arranging for their being placed with the Government at a fair rate of interest. It may be well for you to consider how far it is practicable to give like security and encouragement to persons who may desire, by an insurance upon their lives, to make provision for those dependent upon them. Your best attention will, I doubt not, be given to the important subjects I have alluded to, and the general interests of the country.

On Monday in the House of Commons the Reply to the Governor's Speech was moved by Mr. Brecken, of Queen's, P. E. I., in English, and seconded by Mr. Tasse, of Ottawa, in French. The House was crowded with eager listeners.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie spoke of the absence of material in the speech for discussion, and said that he did not intend to move any amendment.

Sir John A. McDonald defended the action of the Government respecting the Washington Treaty, railway management, and the commercial arrangements made with France and Spain.

The reports of the Ministers of Customs, Public Works, Militia, Fisheries and Finance, were laid out on the table. From the Finance report it appears that the deficit for the year ending 30th June, 1878, is \$1,378,946.78 cts. From the trade returns it appears that the aggregate trade of Canada for the year was \$170,523,244. The exports \$79,323,667. The imports for consumption was \$97,199,577. The duty collected was \$12,795,693.17c.

BAPTIST STATISTICS.

Certain young priests in King's County have recently endeavored to enlighten their congregations respecting the Baptists. The Episcopalians are assured that the Baptists are a small and insignificant sect, unworthy of notice. This is no strange thing. As early as the first century, they were a "sect everywhere spoken against," and they have not yet lost that distinction.

The "Baptist Hand-Book for 1879" lies on our table. It is a handsome volume in 8vo., containing 399 pages of closely printed statistics. We will select a few items, for the information of our own people, as well as of the Episcopalians.

There are 2587 Baptist churches in Great Britain and Ireland, containing 276,848 members, who meet for worship in 3,451 chapels, and have under their care 399,317 Sunday scholars, who are instructed by 49,216 teachers.

The largest Baptist Church in England meets in the "Metropolitan Tabernacle," London, under the pastoral care of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon and his brother, the Rev. J. A. Spurgeon. The number of members is 5384; Sunday scholars, 2524.

There are flourishing Baptist churches in France, in Italy, in Germany, in Sweden (near 14,000 members), in Norway, in Switzerland, and in Russia.

America is the Paradise of Baptists. In the United States there are twenty-three thousand churches, containing more than two millions of members, fifteen thousand ordained ministers, and 866,000 Sunday scholars. In the Dominion of Canada there are 305 churches in Ontario and Quebec; 181 in Nova Scotia; 148 in New Brunswick, and 18 in Prince Edward Island.

Missionary efforts have been carried on since 1793—in India—in Burmah—in the West Indies—in Africa—and in other parts of the world. The results are seen in tens of thousands of converts, turned "from the power of Satan unto God," and in valuable versions of the scriptures in the languages of the East and of Africa. Fuller details may be hereafter expected. Should the young priests see these lines they may perhaps reluctantly acknowledge that Baptists are not so small and insignificant a sect as they have supposed.

We are very much gratified to learn that Canon Lightfoot, the learned author of valuable commentaries on the Epistles,

has been appointed Bishop of Durham. This appointment will be hailed with great satisfaction by all parties and denominations.

The British American Book and Tract Society, held its eleventh annual meeting in Masonic Hall on Monday evening last.

After singing and reading of the scriptures, prayer was offered by Rev. Thos. Duncan.

The President, Thos. A. Brown, Esq., made a brief appropriate address. An abstract of the annual report was then read by the Secretary.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Burns, and seconded by Rev. W. J. Ancient,

That the Eleventh Annual Report be adopted and printed under the direction of the Executive Committee, and that the thanks of this Society be tendered to all who have contributed to its funds, especially to the friends who have been so signally liberal in their support of colportage; also to those who have aided in collecting funds and in circulating its periodicals; and finally that the Society devoutly acknowledge the hand of God in the prosperity which has crowned its operations during the past year.

It was then moved by Rev. Dr. Hill and seconded by Rev. J. W. Manning,

"That this Society is worthy of the cordial approval and liberal support of all true-hearted Christians, on account of its catholic spirit and noble aims and objects, its earnest endeavours to supply all classes with a pure evangelical literature, by furnishing Christian labourers with publications fitted to help them in their work, by supplying the best issues of the periodical press at the lowest prices, and by means of a well devised system of colportage bring the choicest religious books within reach of the poorest and most destitute."

From the Report it appears that there have been 18 colporteurs employed for longer or shorter periods during the past year in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, Newfoundland and Labrador making an aggregate of 11 1/2 years of labor performed, who have sold books to the value of \$10,793.36 at an expense of \$5,282.77.

Judge Marshall is still on hand to pronounce upon the views put forth which he regards as erroneous and unscriptural. He has written another pamphlet, this time entitled, "Exposure and Refutation of Unscriptural Opinion on the Lord's Second Coming and the time of the Second Advent." He controverts the statements put forth by second advent writers, more particularly in a pamphlet by "C. H. M." published in New York. The Judge quotes many passages of Scriptures which refer to the Mediatorial Kingdom, the First Resurrection, and the Restoration of the Jews to the Promised Land, and offers comments upon them in opposition to Christ's coming personally until the judgment.

Rev. E. C. Spianey, pastor of the Pleasant Street Baptist Church, Concord, N. H., has sent us a sermon preached by him on the 5th of January, the 25th anniversary of the organization of the church of which he is pastor. The review is full of interest, and would be particularly so to the community there. We always like to hear good tidings of Nova Scotia's sons when filling important posts of usefulness.

It was said that in one of the St. John papers that the travelling agent of Barnum's Mammoth Show was in St. John with a view to bringing the colossal establishment to these provinces next summer.

We hope they will not come here again. Their last visit to Halifax was a life-long sorrow to many.

A Chicago paper says the only Free-will Baptist Church in Chicago has disbanded, and its late pastor, Rev. N. F. Ravlis, will attempt an independent, unsectarian congregation!

Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Annapolis Miss H. M. Snow.....\$8 00 M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y. Halifax, Jan. 29th, 1879.

The next meeting of the Cumberland and Colchester Ministerial Conference will be held at North River, Colchester Co., on Monday, 3rd of March.

Rev. James Meadows will preach in Anon Chapel at 7 o'clock, P. M. C. H. MARTELL, Sec. pro. tem.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR RE-BUILDING ACADIA COLLEGE.

Rev. J. F. Kempton, Parrsboro...\$ 20.00 Hon. Dr. Parker, Halifax..... 250 00 Per H. H. Bligh, Esq., viz— Lieut. Gov. Archibald..... 50 00 Hon. P. C. Hill..... 50 00 Wallace Graham, Esq..... 50 00 \$420 00

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Edward Clarke, Esq., Bear River...\$7 35 A. D. W. BARRS, Treasurer. Wolfville, Feb. 15, 1879. (Christian Visitor please copy.)

Acknowledgments.

DEAR EDITOR,—I wish through the Christian Messenger to acknowledge a donation of \$55.00 made me on the 8th of January by the Baptist Church and congregation of Oxford. The church here is small but composed of those who value the Gospel and esteem it a privilege to be permitted to contribute of their means to its support. May the Giver of every good and perfect gift abundantly bless them.

J. J. ARMSTRONG. Oxford, Feb. 10 1879.

Permit me through the medium of your paper to acknowledge a donation visit made me by St. Mary's Bay Church and friends on New Year's evening in the vestry of the meeting-house. The evening was very pleasant, and a goodly number attended, and were interested by good speeches, vocal and instrumental music. The latter was performed by our organist Mrs. C. H. Spurr. We separated feeling that such visits were calculated to encourage us in our labor, and unite pastor and people. May the Lord reward the donors.

W. L. PARKER. Barton, Feb. 12th. 1879.

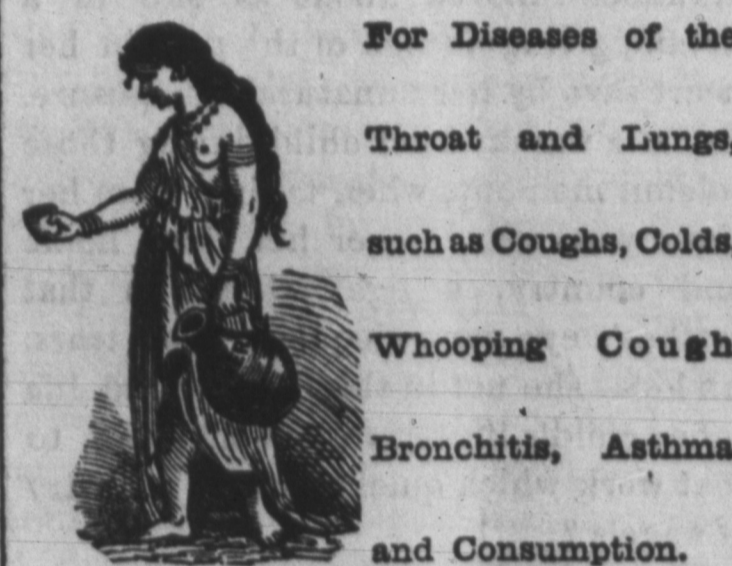
The friends at Westport met, at the parsonage on the 4th inst, and cheered the hearts of their pastor, and his family, with their pleasant faces and by their substantial gifts, amounting in all to about fifty dollars. The donation was presented by brother M. Glaven with a very appropriate speech. He was followed by brother Jesse Harris, who among other good things said: that, the donation was not considered as a payment for services, but an expression of the good will and esteem in which their pastor was held. May the Lord bless the cheerful giver.

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JOYFUL NEWS

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Yours respectfully, JOHN BOHAKER.

Personally appeared before me, the subscriber, and testified to the above. ANDREAS BOHAKER, J. P. Dec. 4.