

"OBSERVER," a worthy deacon in the West, writes out some of his experience in the form of "Reasons why ministers' salaries are not all paid at the end of the term, and why there is often an arrearage to make up at the end of the year. Some of our members and friends subscribe very small according to their means, others subscribe largely, sometimes more than they can pay, apparently that they may make a good show on paper, not considering whether they can pay the amount. Others sign at the first of the year, and either fail or leave the place before they pay their amounts. Then there is a large number that make no effort to pay early in the year, but leave the minister's salary until all other wants are supplied, and then have nothing to spare. So there is a loss by many of those that were supposed would help make up the salary. Others there are who subscribe on a better principle, and make it a point to pay their subscriptions quarterly, feeling the responsibility of supporting the minister, and then at the end of the year have to foot up most of the losses accruing from the above and other causes. Finally they get tired and disheartened. Now, this state of matters, it is very evident, should not be continued.

The Guardian is a new weekly paper, published at Truro. The enterprising proprietor, Mr. Robert McConnel, believes there is room for such paper in Colchester Co. Perhaps, he thinks the Sun does not shine for all, and therefore comes as The Guardian of those who do not bask in its rays.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, held with the Digby Joggins Church, Sept. 28th, 29, 20th, and Oct. 1st and 2nd, 1878. This body is under the direction of Bishop Smithers. It appears to have jurisdiction over ten churches, the number of members in the aggregate being 312.

Minutes of the 25th Session of the African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, held with the Beech Hill Church, on September 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, 1878. This body is largely under the pastorate of Rev. James Thomas, who is the President. The Church in Halifax is by far the largest, having 171 members. Outside of Halifax there are ten churches, that have statistics given, amounting to an aggregate of 205 members, making a total of 376.

Both of these documents indicate a condition of cheerful encouragement. Their annual gatherings are seasons of interest. Delegates travel to the central place of meeting, and their fellowship is always a time of social and religious enjoyment.

Mrs. JAMES E. WELLS, wife of Professor Wells of the Canadian Baptist Institute at Woodstock, Ontario, and daughter of Rev. John Chase, of Wolfville, died on Wednesday last. She had been suffering for some time from Muscular Atrophy. It had become difficult for her to swallow any food and she was in continual danger of suffocation. But she was calmly awaiting with peace and comfort in the expectation of shortly entering into the joy of her Lord. Before her marriage she had rendered good service and shown her talent for, and devotion to, the cause of female education. Since her residence at the Woodstock Institution she has exerted a highly beneficial influence in the same direction, and her removal will be deeply deplored. We tender to Professor Wells—to whom we have been so long indebted for our "Ontario Correspondence"—and to the family generally, our deepest sympathy and condolence in this their sad bereavement.

PORT LORNE.—J. P. Foster, Esq., writes:—"There being two places in Nova Scotia named Port Williams, viz: Port Williams, Kings County, and Port Williams, Annapolis County, has hitherto caused a good deal of confusion and irregularity in the conveyance of mail matter for those places. It has therefore been deemed expedient to change the name of Port Williams, Annapolis Co., which has been done. A public meeting of the inhabitants of Port Williams was held on the 3rd inst., when the name "Port Williams" was changed to that of "Port Lorne," by which name this place will be designated hereafter."

We congratulate our friends in both localities referred to on this change, especially those in Annapolis County on the adoption of a name so appropriate. Success to Port Lorne!

The Telegrams announce that there has been terrible slaughter in the South African war. On the 21st of January a British column consisting of a portion of the 24th Battery of Artillery, and 600 native auxiliaries was utterly annihilated by 20,000 Zulus, who captured a valuable convoy of 102 wagons, 100 oxen, 2 cannons, 400 shot and shell, 1000 rifles, 250,000 rounds of ammunition, 60,000 pounds weight of provisions, and the colors of the Twenty-fourth Regiment. It is estimated that 5000 Zulus were killed and wounded in the battle.

Among the killed on the British side are two Majors, four Captains, twelve Lieutenants, and the Quartermaster of 24th Regiment; two Captains of Royal Artillery; Colonel, Captain, four Lieutenants and Surgeon-Major of Engineers, besides 21 other British officers commanding Native troops.

Seven attacks subsequently made by the Zulus had all been repulsed, and the colony is somewhat recovering from the utter consternation which first prevailed. Natal, however, is in great danger, and disturbances are feared in Zululand.

Lord Chelmsford, the commander of the Expedition has been forced to retire in consequence of the defeat. It is estimated that 500 soldiers have been killed besides officers enumerated above.

Governor Bartle Frere has sent an appeal to England, and Mauritius for reinforcements.

Earl Dufferin is appointed British Ambassador to Russia—a position of the greatest importance and responsibility at the present time.

REV. DR. CRAMP'S ESSAY, on "The Second Coming of our Lord," will appear in our columns next week.

Notices.

RECEIVED FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Table of donations for home missions, including Baptist Church, 1st Digby Neck, and various churches and individuals.

J. C. ANDERSON, Treas. H. M. Board. Yarmouth, Jan. 31, 1879.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR RE-BUILDING ACADIA COLLEGE.

Table of cash received towards the fund for rebuilding Acadia College, listing donors and amounts.

Cash received towards Endowment Fund.

Table of cash received towards the endowment fund, listing donors and amounts.

Not previously acknowledged: E. D. Estabrooks, Prince William, York Co., N. B. \$100. Rev. James Tupper, Macknauquack, 50. A. D. W. BARRS, Treasurer. Wolfville, Feb. 8, 1879. (Christian Visitor please copy.)

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.

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