

commending a combination of geography and literature with the topics suggested by the periods. He illustrated his subject by references to Grecian History.

At the close a discussion arose on a resolution recommending that Teachers' Institutes be held regularly in different parts of the province, and that this Institute be hereafter held under laws and regulations prescribed by the Council of Public Instruction.

In the afternoon the officers of the Association were elected as follows:—

- President—D. Allison, LL. D.
Vice-Presidents—J. B. Calkin, M. A., H. Condon.
Secretary—A. McKay, Dartmouth.
Council—A. McN. Patterson, M. A., Horton; A. H. McKay, M. A., Pictou; John T. Mellish, M. A., Halifax; D. McDonald, Inspector, New Glasgow; P. O'Hearn, Halifax; J. F. Tufts, Professor, Acadia College; A. N. Archibald, Principal Richmond School; I. C. Archibald, Principal Tower Road School; Rev. James Christie, Normal School; James A. Smith, Halifax; Mr. Mooney, Halifax; S. A. Chesley, M. A., Dartmouth; D. H. Burbidge, M. A., Halifax.

Mr. Russel then read a paper on teaching Classics in Common Schools; and Mr. Christie on Teaching Music.

In the evening Dr. McKnight addressed the Association on the proper course of study for Common Schools. He feared that the tendency was to crowd the minds of the children with too many subjects. The number of studies should be small and the work thoroughly done.

He called in question the constitution of the Council of Public Instruction. Instead of its consisting of men who had been successful in political life—the Local Government—it should be in the hands of the Senate of the University of Halifax, or some other body appointed for the purpose.

Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Rev. Mr. Dunn, and others spoke briefly, after which the President offered a few closing remarks and the session closed.

The right of proprietorship to the Grand Parade is still undecided, and it seems that we shall lose the \$4,000 offered by the executors of the late Miss Cogswell for its improvement. The time limited is to the 1st Jan., 1879. That date having arrived before anything is done, the offer expires. This is really too bad. Surely there is fault somewhere. Who is to blame?

The Alliance Journal is to have a change of form and size, and management for the ensuing year. W. M. Brown, Esq., retires and Mr. M. Theakston assumes the chair editorial for 1879. Mr. B. says, "Sons of Temperance have not generally seconded the efforts of the Committee to the extent they ought."

The Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor is now resuming its benevolent work. It is admirably adapted to meet the wants of the poor. Without giving indiscriminately it supplies labor as well as aid to the needy. Donations are invited. It is an Association well deserving of liberal support.

The Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States have a programme for the Week of Prayer differing in several respects from that issued by the London Council. The following are the subjects in brief:

- Monday.—Thanksgiving.
Tuesday.—Prayer for the Church of Christ.
Wednesday.—Christian Education.
Thursday.—For Nations.

Friday.—The Press. For a blessing on publishers, editors and authors; and the cause of Temperance and other social reforms.

Saturday.—Home and Foreign Missions and the conversion of the world.

In addition to this a proposal has been made by the ministers of various denominations in conference with Mr. D. L. Moody, at Baltimore, to continue the daily prayer-meetings for the whole month. They urge that "the signs of the times point to the need of a great quickening of religious life. The forces of evil concentrate in our great cities, the financial and political corruption, the alarming encroachments on the Sabbath, the thickening snares for the young, the growing scepticism, as well as the intensely secular spirit of the age, are enough to awaken apprehension for our institutions and for the social fabric itself."

Further, we have received a copy of a little book of 38 pages, entitled,

"Topics for the Prayer Meetings for 1879," prepared by direction of the General Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations. It contains three hundred and thirteen excellent Topics with suitable passages of scripture, one for each week day in the year. The book will be found helpful to ministers, Christian Association workers and all persons conducting religious meetings. It may be obtained at 5c. each or 50c. per doz. by sending to Richard C. Morse, Genl. Secretary, 23rd St. and 4th Avenue, New York.

It will therefore be seen that much preparatory thought is being expended on this momentous matter of United Prayer at the commencing of the year. We doubt not our readers in many places will be in active harmony with the arrangements made in their several localities, and we trust they may be greatly blessed in waiting in the courts of the Lord, and commending the gospel of Christ to men and women everywhere.

The Wesleyan does not encourage the system of inviting Methodist ministers. The editor prefers the connexional mode of appointment in its entirety to the congregational, or any mixture of modes of appointing ministers to circuits. He says:

To be consistent, therefore, as we see it, one of three things ought to be done:—

- 1. Abolish the system of electing representatives to the Stationing Committee; or
2. Let inviting circuits and ministers refrain from taking part in such elections. (In that case we would see a piece of machinery with every other wheel idle); or
3. Dispense with invitations altogether.

We are glad to find so frank an admission of what is just and right as the following in one of our New York denominational papers the N. Y. Examiner and Chronicle:

THE GENEVA AWARD FUND. Several million dollars of the sum awarded at Geneva to the losers through the depredations of Confederate cruisers have not yet been distributed. Congress is now considering the proper disposition of this fund, and it may not be amiss to recall the circumstance under which the award was made.

When the arbitrators met at Geneva, the American "case" included several distinct claims. Besides the losses of owners of vessels which were actually destroyed, there were claims by insurance companies for the refunding of insurances paid on such vessels, and a demand on the part of the United States for "indirect damages," on the ground of the general injury done by Confederate cruisers to the commercial prosperity of this country—an injury which could, of course, only be guessed at. The arbitrators ruled out all claims but those of the owners of the vessels; and these claims were limited to vessels destroyed by the Alabama, the Florida, the Shenandoah after her departure from Melbourne, and their tenders. On this basis \$15,500,000 was ordered to be paid by England to the United States authorities, in trust for these owners, to be distributed to them by a Court of Claims organized for the purpose. All claimants who have made out their cases before this Court have been satisfied, and still about \$6,000,000 remains undistributed.

The proper disposition of this fund ought not to be a question for debate in the Legislative body of any civilized country. Nevertheless, there is great doubt in the average Congressman's mind as to what ought to be done with it. A very large number favor the division of the fund among those claimants whose cases were passed upon and ruled out by the Geneva arbitrators. Another class urges that it be paid into the United States Treasury, as an off set to the unjust award. A few are found that insist that the \$6,000,000 should be returned to England.

This latter proposition is the only one that ought to be entertained. It is a national disgrace that any other should be made, and the disgrace will be ineffaceable should any other be adopted. The United States is simply a trustee of this fund, and morally bound to apply it in strict accordance with the award under which it was paid. This the Government pledged itself to do when it accepted the sum. To appropriate the money to its own use would be stealing, and to pay any other claimants than those recognized by the Arbitrators would be a breach of trust. If there are no more valid claims, in the class allowed by the award, the money cannot too soon be returned to England. Notwithstanding the moral aberrations of the present Congress, it is to be hoped that it has sufficient moral sense to see this, and to act accordingly. National dishonesty is not less but more heinous than individual dishonesty.

The discussion of this matter in Congress will, we presume, have a

wholesome effect, and make some parties ashamed who made so much fuss about paying the five and a half millions of the Fisheries Award when they had already six millions of dollars in the U. S. Treasury belonging to Great Britain. We hope our neighbours will do the honorable thing and return the money forthwith, and so begin the new year by securing for the U. States a higher and more honorable standing among the nations of the earth. If the two millions of Baptists take the same view of this matter as the Examiner, we may hope they will make their voice heard, and help to rescue their country from the disgrace of any less honorable course.

The police have found eighteen bottles of dynamite in chambers near Madrid. Three arrests have been made in connection with this discovery. The trial of Moncasi, the would-be assassin of King Alfonso, has begun. It is considered proved that he had no accomplices. It is believed that the King will commute the sentence of death, which will doubtless be passed, to servitude for life.

Notices.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The next meeting of the Annapolis County Ministerial Missionary Conference will be held at Paradise, on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 1879, at 10 o'clock, A. M. All the ministers of the County are cordially invited to be present.

T. A. HIGGINS, Secy.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

- Amherst.—Miss A. Black.....\$15 00
Pine Grove.—Mrs. J. P. Dodge.... 1 00
North Brookfield.—Miss Susie A. Leadbetter..... 3 00
From the Mission Band at Canning, for the support of a little girl in Mrs. Sanford's School, India, Miss E. Freeman..... 25 00
Mrs. Jas. Illsley, to aid Mr. and Mrs. Sanford..... 10 00
Lower Aylesford & Upper Wilmot.—Mrs. Reuben Baker, per Rev. Dr. Tupper..... 4 00
Truro.—Miss Layton..... 3 00
Halifax, Grawville St. Church.—Miss Seiden..... 5 95
Parrsboro'—Mrs. J. F. Kempton 4 50
Windsor.—Miss S. Shand..... 15 25
M. R. SELDEN, Secy.
Halifax, Dec. 31st, 1878.

CASH RECEIVED TOWARDS FUND FOR BUILDING OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

- W. C. Delaney, Halifax.....\$25 00
Rev. G. A. Hill, D.C. L..... 25 00
Mrs. R. I. Hart..... 50 00
S. S. Forreast..... 25 00
\$125 00

Correction.—Wallace Phinney, Esq., Victoria, Wilmot, (in last issue) should be \$15, not \$10.

A. D. W. BARRS, Treasurer.
Wolfville, Dec. 28th, 1878.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. E. M. Saunders. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30.

DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. John Clark. Sabbath School 9.30 A. M. Bible Class at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

Letters Received.

- Mrs. H. Strong, \$2. J. E. Chipman, \$2. Thos. Potter, \$2. A. E. McDonald, 21c. C. L. Illsley, \$2. J. S. Witter, \$11. W. H. Sabean, \$2. Rev. S. B. Kempton, \$2. R. Orr, \$2. Rev. J. E. Filmore, \$1.50. G. S. Vance, 1 sub. J. Lantz, \$2. A. E. Durland, Esq., \$6.50. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$1. T. E. Smith, \$2. I. Blair, \$2. H. Sutherland, \$1.1 sub. L. Hall, \$2. J. S. Bruce, \$2. Rev. J. Chase, \$2. 1 sub. J. L. Fulton, \$2. Rev. D. McKeen, \$5.

Marriages.

At Hillside Town, Dec. 23rd, by Rev. S. B. Kempton, assisted by Rev. S. March, Prof. J. F. Tufts, A. M., of Acadia College, Wolfville, to Marie, youngest daughter of Levi Woodworth, Esq., of Canning.

At Saulnierville, Dec. 18th, by Rev. M. Normondy, Mr. George M. Warner, of Plymton, Digby, to Miss Hattie F. Normondy, daughter of the officiating minister.

At DeBert River, Dec. 19th, by Rev. C. H. Martell, Mr. Warren Lightbody, of Ishgonish River, to Miss Lavinia McCully, of DeBert River.

At Pine Grove, on the 21st inst., by Rev. George F. Maynard, Freeman T. Jeph, of Clarence, to Augusta, daughter of Mr. Jas. Bolland, of Lawrencetown.

At Hammond's Plains, Dec. 23th, by Rev. W. Spencer, Mr. Amos Thomas, to Miss Ophelia Haverstock, all of Hammond's Plains.

At St. Paul's, Halifax, on the 26th Dec. Rev. G. W. Hill, D. C. L., Rector, Joseph Starr, and Harriet Lockwood, both of Cornwallis, N. S.

At the Baptist Parsonage, Liverpool, on the evening of the 21st inst., Rev. Geo. O. Gates, A. M., Mr. John H. Nickerson, and Miss Alice M., daughter of Mr. James Nickerson, all of Milton, Queens County.

At the Parsonage, Beaver River, on the 24th Dec., by Rev. G. B. Titus, Mr. Thos. J. Wetmore, of Maitland, to Miss Sarah A. Goudy, daughter of Dea. W. H. Goudy, of Maitland.

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Deaths.

At New York, Dec. 21st, Maggie J. Freeman, step-daughter of Rev. H. Angell, aged 23 years, formerly of Nova Scotia.

On the 23rd of December, Ada Baily aged 7 years. At Canard, Cornwallis, Dec. 13th, of diphtheria and croup, Charles Owen, aged 3 years and four days, son of Sarah and John Brown.

At Sheffield's Mills, Dec. 14th, of inflammation of the lungs, Sarah, wife of John Phillips. Also on the 21st, Florence, youngest child of the same.

At Mahone Bay, on the 25th ult., of diphtheria, C. H. Spurgeon Williams, aged 1 year and six months, infant son of Rev. John and Deborah A. Williams. This fatal disease has been the means of removing from earth to heaven, three little ones belonging to this family in but a short time. But the grace of God, which "is sufficient" at all times to support those who receive it, has enabled the sorrowing parents to submit to the will of Heaven; so that when they speak of their absent ones, it is only to say "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

At Hantsford, Cumberland Co., N. S., Nov. 22, Maggie Emma, aged 3 years and 11 months, youngest child of Wm. and Mary Jane Sutherland.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 29, William Burke, aged 33 years.

On Saturday, Dec. 28, Georgina Catherine, the beloved wife of Charles Calnen, in the 33rd year of her age.

On Friday, Dec. 27, Robert B. C. Briggs, in the 28th year of his age.

On Tuesday, 24th inst., Catherine, aged 23 years, daughter of Patrick and Mary Fahie.

At Londonderry, Dec. 19th, after a short illness, Wm. Denison, M. D., of Newport, Hants Co., in the 63rd year of his age.

At Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 26th, in his 42nd year, of paralysis, Charles H. Caldwell (formerly of Halifax), son of the late Thos. Caldwell, of Windsor.

On Wednesday, 25th inst., William Wesley Lambert, in the 42nd year of his age.

On the 25th inst., Louis Wilson, in the 53th year of his age.

Mrs. Mary Dryden, aged 65 years.

At 12 o'clock on Sunday night, at Chester, Henrietta Maria, the beloved wife of George E. DeWitt, Esq., M. D., and daughter of the late Deacon Wm. Chipman, of Bridgetown, N. S., aged 31 years. With firm trust in Jesus she sweetly passed away.

On Monday, 30th inst., Mary Ann Fredericks, widow of the late John Fredericks, in the 96th year of her age.

Sunday morning, Dec. 29, of consumption, William Burke, aged 33 years. On Monday, Daniel, eldest son of Robt. and Ellen Saunders, in the 17th year of his age.

On 28th Dec., Georgina Catherine, beloved wife of Charles Calnen, in the 33rd year of her age.

On the 26th inst., of diphtheria, William Alexander, eldest son of William A. and Mary Ann Taylor, aged 13 years.

On Friday, Dec. 27th, Theophilus A. Smith, in the 78th year of his age.

On Thursday, John Power, aged 32 years.

At Newport, N. S., on the 30th Dec., after an illness of three hours, John Lockhart, Esq., aged 84 years.

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