

Agriculture is becoming more and more an occupation of thoughtful men. The fostering care bestowed on the products of the soil in the way of agricultural Exhibitions, and the attention given by Agricultural Societies and Granges have a tendency to raise the science from its former drudgery, and render it worthy the attention of intellectual men and cultivated minds. The interest taken in this subject by the foremost men of the kingdom have taken it out of the range of those who are governed by chance and necessity, and made it what we believe it was intended to be, a noble pursuit on which rests the well being of the people and the nation. Our columns have of late had valuable papers on these subjects, and we trust that others equally able will give us the benefit of what light they can throw on these important matters.

Rev. E. W. Kelly is invited to the pastorate of the Leinster Street Baptist Church, St. John, and is expected there in a week or two.

Sir Robert Lush, one of the English Judges, has been recently made a member of the Privy Council. Sir Robert is a Baptist, and an active member of Dr. Landels' Church in Regents' Park, London.

We have a number of very interesting and valuable papers for our readers, which we shall be happy to place before them as early as possible.

A volume of MISSIONARY SKETCHES is to be shortly issued from the Missionary Rooms, Boston, written by Rev. S. F. Smith, D. D. It will give a succinct description of the rise and progress of each of the missions under the Union. It is intended that it shall render valuable service to ministers and other persons who may wish to make themselves intimately acquainted with the work of carrying the gospel to the heathen, so that at missionary concerts, and prayer-meetings, they may have no difficulty in preparing an address or giving further information on these subjects.

Of making Sabbath School Hymn Books, truly there is no end. Before the old ones are worn out, forward comes a new one and pushes its predecessor out. We now have one under the title of "JOY BELLS," by W. A. Ogden, and published by W. W. Whitney, of Toledo, Ohio. The hymns are well adapted to Sabbath School use, it has a number of lively and pleasant airs. It may be had for \$3.60 per dozen, or 35 cents the single copy.

Letters Received.

Rev. F. Miles, \$1.50. 1 sub. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$5.00. O. Dodge, \$2.00.

Notices.

Baptist Anniversaries, 1879.

N. S. WESTERN ASSOCIATION will meet at Hebron, Yarmouth County, on Saturday the 14th day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION is appointed to meet at Berwick, on Saturday the 21st day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION will meet at Goose River, Cumberland County, on Saturday the 12th of July at 10 o'clock, A. M.

N. B. WESTERN ASSOCIATION will meet at Rockland, Carleton Co., on Tuesday the 24th day of June, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

N. B. EASTERN ASSOCIATION will meet at Surrey, Albert County, on Tuesday the 8th of July.

P. E. ISLAND ASSOCIATION will meet with the Church at Long Creek, on Saturday the 5th day of July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Brethren and friends who intend coming to the Annual meeting of the Home Mission Union and Western Association, will please send in their names as soon as they conveniently can to the pastor A. Cohoon, Hebron, Yarmouth County.

By order of the Committee, A. COHOON. Hebron, May 13, 1879.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the new College Building, on Wednesday, June 4th, 1879, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Secretary. Wolfville, May 16, 1879.

S. B. P. Should send us your proper name in confidence. A portion is very good but altogether too long.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The public meetings connected with the next Anniversary of Acadia College will occur on June 4th and 5th.

The new College Building will be opened on Wednesday afternoon, June 4th. A public meeting will convene in the Assembly Hall at 3 o'clock, where addresses will be delivered by several gentlemen who have been distinguished by their labors for the College.

Public exercises connected with the close of the year of the Collegiate Academy will take place in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday evening.

On Thursday, June 5, at 11 a. m., will be the Annual Meeting of the College for the formalities connected with the graduation of students. The Alumni Dinner will be served at 2.30 p. m., Thursday.

A. W. SAWYER.

Wolfville May 20, 1879.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the New College Building at Wolfville on Wednesday June 4th at 4 past 4 o'clock, p. m., and the annual dinner will be served at the usual place at 2 past 2 p. m., on Thursday June 5th.

All parties attending the Anniversary of the College having paid the ordinary fare going, may procure tickets to return over the W. & A. Company's line at one third rate; and over the Western Counties Railway (that is to say between Halifax and Windsor) RETURN FREE on presentation of certificate of attendance signed by the President of the Associated Alumni.

Parties coming by the Intercolonial Railway will also be supplied with a FREE RETURN TICKET, on presenting said Certificate.

B. H. EATON.

Sec. Treas. A. A. A. C.

Halifax, May 20th, 1879

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THOS. P. DAVIES, F. M. B.
St. John, N. B., May 26, 1878.

MAITLAND HANTS CO., May 19th 1879.

Dear Editor,—Please record the following in the Messenger:

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N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Delegates and friends who purpose attending the Central Association at Berwick, will please send their names at an early date, to our Pastor S. McC. Black, or to the Clerk.

In behalf of the Church,
T. H. PARKER, Clerk.

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A. D. W. BARRS, Treas.

Wolfville, May 26, 1879.

(Christian Visitor please copy.)

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

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M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.
Halifax, May 27th, 1879.

CUMBERLAND AND COLCHESTER MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The next meeting of the Cumberland and Colchester Ministerial Conference will be held with the Baptist Church, at Advocate Harbor, on the 2nd Tuesday of June. The usual sermon preached by the Secretary on Tuesday evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

C. H. MARTELL, Sec'y.

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H. R. STEVENS.

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On consultation between several of the leading physicians, they concluded my complaint was asthma and general debility. I had great difficulty in breathing and an inhaler was required to afford me breath. Through the treatment of one physician I took from 75 to 100 boxes of calomel pills, and faithfully tried all the medicine that each physician prescribed. From my long sickness, and the vast amount of medicine used to overcome the great pain, my kidneys became badly affected, and I suffered excruciating pain in the small of my back, with great difficulty in passing my urine.

One physician said I was diseased all through my system, and he regretted that he could give me no hope for health. My suffering from indigestion was so great that it was impossible to keep any solid food on my stomach, and the whole nature of my food was broth from oatmeal.

I also took a prescription from a celebrated English physician, who said my trouble was Bronchitis and Dyspepsia. I took 18 bottles of medicine especially prepared for Dyspepsia, and I have used a great deal of medicine from apothecaries' prescription. I have taken Sarsaparilla until you could count the bottles by the dozen, and indeed I have given nearly all the popular advertised medicine a fair trial. I had a dreadful cough, and did not average over two hours' sleep a night for 8 years.

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367 Athens St., Police Station 4.

SUFFOLK, S. S., BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 22, 1875.

Then personally appeared the above named Eugene E. Sullivan, and made oath that the foregoing statement is true before me.

HOSEA B. BOWEN.

Justice of the Peace.

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Further Proof.

FACTS WILL TELL.

GOFFSTOWN, N. H., Aug. 1, 1875.

H. R. STEVENS, Esq. —

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to say a word in favor of VEGETINE. During the past year I have suffered from a complication of diseases. I lay in bed from the 3rd of November until the middle of the following June, and on an average did not sit up two hours a week; I had eight of the best physicians in the state, but got no help, and constantly grew worse. They agreed that I had heart disease, phthisis, pyaemia, and kidney complaint, and could never be any better. I was reduced in weight 50 pounds, which is much, for I am naturally thin.

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