

For the Christian Messenger. Yarmouth County Ministers' Conference.

The "Yarmouth County Ministers' Conference" met according to appointment, at Arcadia, Dec. 16th, 1879, at 2 o'clock. There were present Revs. A. Cohoon, John Clarke, A. Cogswell, G. B. Titus, M. Norpandy, S. Boothby, A. H. Lavers, H. N. Parry, and E. P. Caldwell, (Lic.)

After the different pastors were called upon to report the state of the cause on their field, Rev. John Clarke read a most excellent paper on 1 John iii. 9.

The rest of the afternoon was consumed in the discussion of this passage. Religious exercises were held in the evening. Rev. A. Cohoon preached, and stirring speeches were given by the ministers present.

The Conference met again on the morning of the 17th at 9 o'clock. After prayer by Rev. John Clarke, Rev. H. N. Parry presented an outline of a sermon on the text, John viii. 12. Brother E. P. Caldwell then presented an outline of a sermon on Col. i. 28, and Rev. A. H. Lavers read a paper on "Repentance." Thus ended a most interesting and profitable meeting.

SECRETARY.

For the Christian Messenger. Ordination Service at North Brookfield, Co. Queen's.

Pursuant to a call from the Brookfield Baptist Church, Pastors and other delegates from the Chester, Bridgewater, New Germany, Liverpool, Milton, Caledonia, Kempt, and Brookfield Churches, met in Council at North Brookfield, on the 14th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., to consider the propriety of setting apart to the work of the Gospel ministry Bro. George A. Cleaveland, Lic.

The Council chose as its Moderator, Rev. I. J. Skinner, and Rev. George O. Gates, Clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. Stephen March.

By request Bro. Cleaveland, gave an account of his Christian experience, his reasons for desiring the work of the ministry, and also his views of the principal doctrines of the Scriptures as held by the Baptists; upon which he was carefully and critically examined. Upon his retiring, after mature deliberation, it was resolved, to proceed with the Ordination, at a public meeting to be held in the afternoon. The following programme of exercises was arranged for:

Ordination Sermon—Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Questions to Candidate—Rev. S. March. Ordaining Prayer—Rev. James T. DeWolf.

Right Hand of Fellowship—Rev. M. W. Brown.

Charge to Minister—Rev. P. F. Murray.

Charge to Church—Rev. G. O. Gates. Also that Brother J. Fletcher, Lic., read the Scriptures at the opening of the afternoon service.

In the afternoon a large audience assembled when the above programme was duly carried out. The sermon founded in 2 Cor. 4th and 7th, was listened to with marked attention, and the whole service was one of the deepest interest. Brother C. enters upon his work with the best wishes of his brethren, and has already gained a warm place in the affections of his people. His untiring and zealous efforts for the Master, while appreciated by the Churches of which he is Pastor, will we trust be graciously owned in the salvation of many.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Westport Notes.

DONATIONS, REVIVALS &c.

Dear Editor,—Since I last wrote God has graciously visited us in great mercy. Our meetings are being continued with good results. We are receiving tokens of the people's kindness on every hand, and although we had been on the field but five weeks, a large number of the church members and friends met in the Temperance Hall on Friday last and presented us with a handsome donation which, with subsequent gifts amounts to the sum of \$56. This is our heart encouraged to labour with his dear people, who, we trust, may be abundantly blessed in their giving.

Revival. On Saturday last Bro. I. Wallace came to us at the special invi-

tation of the Church and pastor, and on Sabbath last baptized for us a Bro. and his wife who came to us from another denomination. This is the first baptism in this church for six years, during which time precious seed has been sown the harvest of which will be seen after many days.

Bro. Wallace is still with us, and is labouring with his accustomed zeal and earnestness. The results are surprising. The church is generally revived, backsliders are coming home, and sinners are being converted. We hope (D.V.) to baptize a large number next sabbath. The work is deep, solemn, quiet and general. We are hoping for yet larger blessings. Our prayer for months past, has been that this Island of the sea may be given to Christ, and nothing is too hard for the Lord.

Brethren rejoice with us, and pray for us.

Yours in the glorious work, A. E. INGRAM.

PEREAUX, CORNWALLIS.—Dear Bro. Selden,—As you are aware the churches at Pereaux and Canning have lost their able preacher and faithful Pastor, the Rev. S. March, who went in and out before the people of these churches for two years, so highly appreciated and beloved, but who returned to his old field of labour (Bridgewater) in the autumn, thus leaving two mourning churches because of his departure. He will ever be remembered by those churches in the highest appreciation, and may God bless him in his new yet old field of toil is the petition of his many friends.

I spent my vacation with the Church at Pereaux and enjoyed a pleasant season both in the sanctuary and at the homes of the people, and I trust during the extra services which proved very interesting that several have found peace in believing in a precious Saviour's love. I still try to serve them on the Sabbath and hope many may be caused to "hear His voice and enter while there's room."

I was invited to meet the church and congregation at the home of Bro. H. J. Davison on the evening of the 19th inst., and after spending a very pleasant time socially, the meeting took the form of business. Bro. Samuel McKean was chosen President and Bro. H. J. Davison Secretary, who at the conclusion of a very appropriate speech placed in my hands, on behalf of the company, fifty dollars which has been increased to about sixty dollars. May the great Donor richly bless them is my request.

Yours truly, H. B. SHAFFNER.

Wolfville, Jan. 23, 1880.

CHEGGOGIN, Jan 19, 1880.—Rev. H. N. Parry writes:—"We have been holding special meetings for two weeks now. The Church has been much revived, backsliders reclaimed, and some have professed conversion. We hope to report additions by baptism soon."

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The ice bridge railway at Montreal, will cost six thousand dollars. The cars will be drawn by an eighteen ton locomotive.

The "railway bridge" over Red River at Winnipeg is an ice bridge, the track being laid on the frozen surface of the stream. The first crossing was made on the 26th of December. The engine was preceded by a flat car, heavily-laden with rails, and as the train passed onward toward the western bank of the river the depression caused the ice to rise and fall like wavelets, notwithstanding its thickness of two feet three inches.

Tenders were received by Lieut. Colonel Dennis, Deputy Minister of the Interior, for mounted police clothing. Last year no less than 5,000 samples were sent in. Tenders for supplies will shortly be called for.

The annual meeting of the Montreal, Portland and Boston Railway was held on the 22nd. Arrangements have been made to lease the road to the South Eastern Co. at a rental of \$15,000 per annum.

Mr. Parnell is shortly to visit Montreal. The Council will not extend to him a public reception. He has fallen greatly in public estimation since his insult to the Queen.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Poultry Exhibition at St. John last week was a success. There were over 150 exhibits, including some from Nova Scotia.

W. H. Gibson, of Halifax, took several of the prizes.

Mr. Baker, Secretary and Treasurer of Victoria County, recently absconded,

taking with him \$1,200 of the county moneys.

A public meeting in Fredericton, on Saturday night, by an almost unanimous vote condemned the action of the City Council in repudiating the payment of the \$5000 granted to St. John on the occasion of the great fire.

UNITED STATES.—A bill was introduced in the House on Tuesday for the relief of the starving people of Ireland, which proposes to appropriate \$500,000 for the purpose.

The \$15,000,000 mortgage authorized by the directors and stockholders of the Texas Pacific Railway was executed by the President of that company on Wednesday.

The Cabinet concluded to recognise the King of Samoan Islands. The damage to the mills by the powder explosion on Monday at Cincinnati amounted to \$15,000. It will be a month before they can be repaired. In thirty-five years, the loss of life at the mills aggregates thirty-four.

An explosion occurred in the boiler room of the Veach coal mines, killed R. R. Roberts, owner of the mines, and fatally injuring two others. Roberts was blown into fragments. There are eight hundred and seventy-two vessels at New York awaiting cargoes. Thirteen incendiary fires have occurred at Wheeling, W. Va., on Tuesday the 20th in 24 hours. Great excitement, and special police patrolling the city.

There is great excitement at New-hampton over the supposed murder, by an Adventist preacher named Elder Buck, of his son some time ago, whom it is believed he sacrificed. The father says the boy ran away. The father has fled. At Charleston, S. C., twelve passenger cars and twenty-seven freight and baggage cars, with the car shop of the South Carolina Railroad were burned. Loss \$30,000.

An engine on the elevated road jumped the track in 8th Avenue on Friday last, at 143 street and went through into a street below. Seven employees were on board, two of whom were seriously and the others badly injured. Eugene Williams, who went down with the engine is dying. The bank at Detroit was robbed by four masked burglars on Wednesday evening. They gagged and bound a workman in an adjoining cabinet maker's shop, blew open the safe, stole \$4,300 and escaped.

Advices from Frankfort, Ky., report that Governor Blackburn pardoned 87 convicts from the state penitentiary, owing to the condition of the prison and its inmates. It was originally intended for only 600 prisoners, but nearly 900 were crowded within its pestilential walls.

WEST INDIES.—The reported outbreak at San Domingo of a revolution in favor of Baez as against Luperon is not confirmed. The Provisional Government, with Luperon at its head, continues at Puerto Plata. The steamer Admiral, with Gen. Grant and party, arrived at Havana on the 21st inst. Shocks of earthquake were experienced at Havana, on the 22nd inst.

SOUTH AMERICA.—A despatch from Aspinwall says: The British Consul here states that English intervention in the war between Chili and Peru will begin in eight days. Nothing is known of such intervention at the State department in Washington. ENGLAND.—An explosion occurred at the Lyceet Colliery, Near Newcastle, whereby from 70 to 90 persons were killed. The fire has been raging with great violence in the pit, but is being subdued and large quantities of debris have been removed, enabling the explorers to proceed more rapidly. The corpses of 50 victims of the explosion in Lyceet Colliery have been recovered. Of 12 taken out of the pit 9 have died; others are dying.

The Republic, discussing the prospect of the English general elections, expresses an opinion that many people will vote for the Government to avoid the risk of Home Rulers turning the scale at their pleasure.

Vere Foster, of Belfast, has addressed a letter to Mr. Parnell, which is published in the Belfast Northern Whig. Foster offers to donate £15,000 to assist emigration from Donegal, Clare, Kerry, Cork and Connaught to Canada and the Western States of America.

The distress in Ireland is intensifying, under the influence of a hard frost and a biting cold. A land meeting was held on Sunday last in Connemara Mountains, at which several thousand persons attended. There was also a land meeting at Bohela at which there were 4,000 present.

FRANCE.—In the Chamber of Deputies Louis Blanc insisted that the rights of meeting and forming associations should be absolutely unrestricted as in England and the United States.

GERMANY.—The new army bill is to be submitted to the Reichstag at the next session: It fixes the strength of the army for seven years. Inundations have occurred in Holland and Poland.

TURKEY.—Minister Layard has telegraphed to Lord Salisbury that help is

urgently needed in Mosul, where the people are obliged to sell their children to procure food.

Hafiz Pasha has been appointed aide de camp to the Sultan. He retains the post of Minister of Police. These honors to Hafiz are very offensive to Layard.

RUSSIA.—At Odessa, in consequence of the discovery of excavations and fissures in a number of houses, it is believed the city is undermined and threatened with serious danger. A commission has been formed to conduct an investigation underneath the town. Fourteen gold mines have been discovered in Eastern Siberia.

ITALY.—A despatch from Rome to the Pall Mall Gazette says the Pope is surprised and indignant at Cardinal McCloskey's reception of Parnell in New York.

INDIA.—A despatch from Cabul says, "matters here are very unsettled. An outbreak is possible at any time. It is almost certain, soon as the snow melts. Mahomed Jan is very popular among Afghans, who will willingly follow him again when called upon.

Gen. Roberts has been revising the fortifications and greatly extending his position. Two high hills on the west of the city are being crowned by strong block houses, which will partly command the neighbouring defile.

CHINA.—Chung How who occupied the chief position of influence in China, is about inaugurating the old principles of Chinese exclusiveness throughout the empire. Making all foreigners as amenable to Chinese laws as the natives.

JAPAN.—There was a great fire at Tokio on Dec. 26th. It laid waste miles of ground, destroying 15,000 houses and rendering over 50,000 destitute, 100 were killed during the fire. A considerable part of the foreign district was destroyed, including several missionary establishments, one church, one foreign newspaper-office, the office of the Tokio Times.

There is much surprise at the announced intention of Japan to fix higher customs duties upon American than English imports. The United States Minister's remonstrance will, doubtless prove effectual. The Japanese have extended their excellent school system throughout the newly readjusted Rinkin Islands.

Relius.

We wish to draw the attention of our lady friends to the advertisement of the "Acme" brand of flour in another column. We have used the "Acme" ourselves for some months with the best results and can cheerfully say that it is without exception the finest flour for bread and pastry that we ever had.

The Y. M. C. Association held its annual meeting on Saturday evening last. The President J. S. McLean Esq., in the chair. The Report showed that on the 1st of January 1879 there were 477 names on the membership roll, 40 were added during the past year and 74 erased leaving 443 present membership. 31,000 tracts and illustrated religious papers have been distributed, and with few exceptions, have been thankfully received. Every vessel at the wharves, from the Dockyard to the extreme south, has been visited every Sunday morning and appropriate reading matter for the day left with every man. Cottage meetings had been held with good results in Carleton and Birmingham Streets. The gross receipts were \$2,971.84, the gross expenses in 1879 were \$162.79 less than in 1878, thus giving the Association during the past year a net gain of nearly \$100. The following were the office bearers elected:

President—John S. Maclean. Vice-Presidents—M. M. Lindsay, Edw. Lloyd, Geo. Cunningham, Jas. B. Morrow John T. Mellish and S. Selden. Treasurer—S. H. Black. Corresponding Secretary—W. H. Wiswell. Trustees—Hon. S. L. Shannan and Joseph Bell.

Auraline is a great healer.

The meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture last week adjourned to meet again on Friday the 30th Inst at 10 o'clock A. M., when the returns of nominations to form a new Board, the offers for Provincial Exhibition of 1880, and the annual report of societies, will be presented.

On Saturday last Mr. S. A. White was driving a handsome and valuable horse, of Lockman Street, when he suddenly came against a truck sled being driven down one of the hills. The shaft of the latter penetrated the breast of Mr. White's horse and broke off. The animal ran a few steps and then fell to the ground dead.

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At Yarmouth on Sunday night the two-storey building, owned by A. Lawson and occupied as the Herald offices and the Western Union Telegraph offices, was on fire. The flames spread rapidly along both the front and rear stairs. The fire was effectually extinguished by 12.30. The damage to the building and printing material is estimated at nearly eight hundred dollars, which is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is a mystery. It broke out apparently in or near the gas meter closet.

Dr. Joseph Clark of Pugwash, accidentally poisoned himself on Sunday last by taking carbolic acid and died in about an hour.

THE WOLFVILLE KNITTING FACTORY is becoming a most efficient institution. We were not aware till during the past week of either the quality or the quantity of these goods that were being produced here. A pair of cotton hose we have examined appears fully equal and perhaps better than imported goods.

Mr. W. C. Archibald, the proprietor, informs us that he expects to turn off in time for the spring trade 5000 dozens in cotton and merino. An extra Prize was given at the late Halifax Exhibition for Wool Hoisery. Success to Enterprise.

On January 15, two hotel keepers of Windsor were fined \$80 each for selling liquor without license.

Use Auraline for earache.

Mr. C. F. Fraser's lecture on the Pyramids on Thursday evening last, was a most successful affair. It was a truly marvellous subject, and the lecturer almost as marvellous. He is blind and employs the mode of writing by impressions made on paper for the notes of his lecture. It was highly appreciated by his audience.

No. 115 GRAFTON ST., HALIFAX, N.S. August 4th, 1879.

MESSES. T. GRAHAM & SON,—DEAR SIRS,—It gives me great pleasure to inform you of my perfect cure of CATARRH, from which I have suffered in its most severe form for 12 years without being able to find a remedy for it, and I had long thought that nothing could cure me, but thanks to Providence and the use of your valuable preparation, CATARRHINE, I have been completely cured of that distressing and, I might say, disgusting complaint, and I only used one box. I can confidently recommend it to any suffering from that complaint. Price 25 cents a box.

Yours truly, C. F. F. SCHOPPE.

ANOTHER COMMUNICATION from Mr. Geo. Sewell, dated Moncton, N. B., June 22, 1878.

J. H. Robinson, Esq.—Dear Sir—I wrote you in May last informing you of the wonderful cure your "Phosphorized Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lactophosphate of Lime" had made in my case, and, at the same time promising to write from time to time to let you know how I was getting along. I am much better in every way; am stronger; can walk a good long distance without getting tired. Sleep well and eat a hearty meal. In fact I am a new man in every respect, and those who saw me three months ago and see me now, can hardly believe that I am the same person.

The above are facts, and believing that ingratitude is one of the unpardonable sins, I feel it a duty to tell you of what, under a kind Providence, your preparation has done for me. Wishing you every success, &c., &c. Price \$1.00 per bottle; six bottles for \$5.00.

Brown & Webb; and Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., Halifax, Wholesale Agents. Nov. 6. 2 ins.

PAUSE, PONDER AND PERUSE!!—The invention of that Superior and Complete Sewing Machine (The Family Sewing Machine), marks one of the most important eras in the history of machinery, and when we consider its great usefulness and extremely low price (\$25), it is very difficult to conceive of any invention for domestic use of more or even equal importance to families. It has great capacity for work; beautiful, smooth, and quiet movement; rapid execution, certainty and delightful ease of operation, that at once commands it above all others. The working parts are all steel, strong and durable and will last a life time; the bobbins hold 100 yards of thread; the stitch is the finest of all the stitches made, neat and regular, and can be regulated in a moment to sew stitches from an inch in length on coarse material down to the finest, so infinitesimal as to be hardly discernible with the naked eye, and with a rapidity rendering it impossible to count them as fast as made; it has more attachments than any other, and it does to perfection all kinds of heavy, coarse, plain, fine, or fancy needle-work with ease, and far less labor than required on other machines. It needs no commendation, the rapid sales, increasing demand, and voluntary encomiums from the press, and the thousands of families who use them, amply testify to their undoubted worth as a standard and reliable household necessity, extending its popularity each day. Machines sent anywhere to be examined before any money is paid. AGENTS WANTED by the Company. Address them for information. FAMILY SEWING MACHINE CO., 755 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

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