

For the Christian Messenger Colchester County Baptist S. S. Convention.

Dear Sir,— We expect to hold the annual session of the "Colchester and Cumberland Counties Baptist Sabbath School Convention," at Great Village, on Thursday the 16th of next month, the first session to commence at half past 10, A. M.

It has been decided to get as correct a history of Sabbath Schools in these two Counties as possible, to be read before the Convention. Superintendents and Teachers are requested to forward to the person appointed to write, viz., Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, for Colchester, and Rev. H. Bool, for Cumberland, any information that would aid them in their work. We expect to have a grand time, and hope every Baptist Sabbath School in these two Counties will be represented by letter and delegates.

A. J. WALKER, Secretary. Truro, August 20th, 1880.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

WOLFVILLE, August 23rd.—Rev. Mr. Debois was granted a two month's vacation this summer, most of which time he is spending in Carleton, N. B. We are glad to hear that he is getting stronger. His pulpit has been supplied by Rev. S. McC. Black and Rev. Thomas Crawley. Last Sabbath Dr. Crawley preached in the morning, and Rev. A. Freeman, in the evening.

THE FIRST CONVERT IN JAPAN.—The following incident related by Rev. G. F. Verbeck, is certainly true:— After some English or American ships (it is not known which) had left the Bay of Yeddo, a Japanese gentleman of rank, the counsellor of his Prince, and highly esteemed for his sagacity, saw something floating on the water; he sent for it and found that it was a book which he could not read. Taking it to some Dutch traders in the foreign settlement, he learned that it was an English New Testament, which was believed to be the Word of the only true God. He learned also that it had been translated into Chinese (which, of course, he could read). He sent to Shanghai, China, obtained a copy, and, with five or six companions at the court of his Prince, began to study it. There was much that he could not understand; and learning that a man who could speak Dutch had come to Nagasaki to explain this book, he sent his interpreter to Rev. G. F. Verbeck with questions. Explanations and exhortations were returned to him. This Bible class in the interior of the country, taught by the missionary at Nagasaki, continued a year or two, when the chief scholar, accompanied by a large retinue indicative of his rank, came to the missionary. He said in substance, "Sir I cannot tell to you my feelings when, for the first time in my life, I read the account of the life, the character, and work of Jesus Christ. I had never seen, or heard of, or dreamed of, such a person. I was filled with admiration, overwhelmed with emotion, and taken captive by the nature and life of Jesus Christ." He sought baptism for himself and two friends with him. After a thorough examination, Mr. Verbeck received them. These were the first Protestant Christians.—National Baptist.

Dr. Chamberlain, of the Arocl Mission, in India, says that fourteen years ago, in a walled city of 18,000 inhabitants, the people had risen in a mob to drive him out. They told him that if he uttered another word he should be killed. They had torn up the paving-stones from the streets, and filled their arms with them. After a little parley they persuaded them to let him speak once more, and then he might do as they pleased. While they stood around ready to kill him, he began to tell the story of all stories, from the birth in Bethlehem to the death on the Cross on Calvary, in such words as God gave him that day. By-and-by their tears began to fall, and they threw the stones away. Then they came forward and bought Scriptures and Gospels, and paid the money for them, for they wanted to know more of that wonderful Saviour of whom he had told them.

A RAILROAD IN THE HOLY LAND.—Our neighbors are going to build a railroad to Jerusalem. Will it not sound strange to hear the conductor call out "Bethany, ten minutes for refreshments!" or "Ramleh, change cars for Jerusalem!"? The charter has been secured in Massachusetts, though the money is to be furnished by two large English banking houses.

Under the charter the proposed road will extend from Cairo, in Egypt, to Mosul, on the river Tigris, with branches to Jerusalem, Jaffa, Nablus, Beyrout, Iskenderoom, and Erzeroum, if it should be judged best to build them. In detail the route is described as follows: Beginning at Cairo, the road runs north-

ward on the Pacific branch of the Nile to Port Said, the northern end of the Suez Canal. At this point connection will be possible with the line of steamers running between the East and Europe. Turning eastward from Port Said, the road will pass over the level plain near the seashore, across the desolate tract between Egypt and Palestine. Soon after entering Palestine it goes through Gaza, Esdud (the ancient Ashdod), and then to Ramleh. At this place the branches for Jaffa and Jerusalem will leave the main line, the Jerusalem branch ascending the valley of the Nahur Rubin and Wadi Surar. It reaches the city from the north and west of the Gihon Valley, and the station will be at or near the Damascus gate. It is the intention of the officers of the road to push its construction rapidly, as soon as the necessary authority can be obtained from the Turkish Government. This authority is expected soon, through the exertions of the projectors and the English and American Ministers at Constantinople.

The First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, is proud to number among its Sunday-school teachers a venerable lady 73 of age. She has been in the Sunday-school ever since it was organized, which was sixty-five years ago. She was then in the infant class.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—A number of American tourists are in Ottawa. Sir S. L. Tilley, acting as First Minister during Sir John Macdonald's absence.

The Royal Commission will probably proceed to Winnipeg next week to take evidence.

Dense smoke pervaded the city last evening, making it very uncomfortable. Extensive bush fires are apparently raging to the North and South of the city.

Since Monday last, the duck shooting districts of Eastern Ontario have been alive with sportsmen. Ducks are said to be abundant.

Lieut. Colonel McLean, of the 18th Battalion, will be dismissed from the militia on account of having been found guilty of using cancelled postage stamps. It is also said that several volunteer officers, against whom charges of misappropriation have been substantiated, will be removed from the list of officers of the militia.

A large stone house on the Rideau was struck by lightning during the storm of 18th and badly shattered. The rain quenched the bush fires which lately threatened to sweep the adjacent country.

A deplorable drowning accident occurred at Sturgeon Point, Ontario, Aug. 16th while Robert Wilkes, ex-M. P. of Toronto Centre, his son Bertie and his daughter Florence were bathing. The boy got out of his depth and Mr. Wilkes jumped from the boat and tried to save him, and the girl assisting in the rescue also got beyond her depth, and the three were drowned. The girl was only in the water ten minutes, but all efforts to resuscitate her failed. Medical assistance could not be obtained for an hour. The bodies of the father and son were not obtained for an hour. The three bodies arrived in Toronto by train the same night. The ages of the deceased are: "Mr. Wilkes 45; Florence 15, and Bertie 11. The sad accident calls forth much sorrow and sympathy."—St. John, Telegraph.

UNITED STATES.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade and Transportation at New York, Aug. 18, it was decided to hold a convention on October 6th in the rooms of the Board of Trade, Boston, to consider means of furthering the shipping interests of the country, and procure a national legislation thereon.

The grand parade of the Knights Templars at Chicago Aug. 17th, embraced about twenty thousand Knights. The procession was three hours passing a given point.

We heard under date of Aug. 17th, that Eureka, Nevada, is being destroyed by fire. Already half of the town is said to be in ashes.

A wealthy farmer of New Philadelphia, Ohio, died Aug. 19th, from the effects of a severe bite on the hand inflicted by his insane son.

ENGLAND.—Ole Bull, the great violinist is dead.

Sir Charles Dilke, under Foreign Secretary, replying to a question, said negotiations between Great Britain and the United States regarding the Fortune Bay fisheries were proceeding. The Government would not produce correspondence now, but it proposed to do so soon.

The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says the measure of dissatisfaction felt in high quarters at the proposed marriage of Lady Burdett Coutts and Mr. Bartlett is indicated in the refusal of the use of the Chapel Royal at Savary for the ceremony.

As a result of the meeting of the iron masters of Scotland, on the 11th, many furnaces in Lanarkshire are now blown out. The strike is spreading to Ayrshire.

Col. McNeill, Esquerry to the Queen, who accompanied Prince Leopold on his visit to Canada and the United States, was knighted by Her Majesty upon the return of the Prince.

The Press Association has a despatch from Cork saying that there is no truth

in the report of a plot to blow up the barracks.

Hon. Wm. E. Foster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, received a telegram from Ireland, and after consultation with his colleagues sailed for Dublin. The information contained in the despatch was so serious that Mr. Forster decided to go to Ireland himself in order to report personally on the state of affairs to the Cabinet.

The Times' Dublin despatch says: "In consequence of the statement of Mr. Foster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, that a thousand marines will be quartered in Mayo, attention will be eagerly directed thither for some time, and some sort of confirmation will be given to rumors that the Government expected an insurrection among the peasantry."

At Belfast rioting was renewed. The mounted police charged the mob, and twenty persons were arrested. Several houses were wrecked by the rioters.

The correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says:—"So far from the dispute between Russia and China being near adjustment, I am positively assured that the relations of the two Powers are as strained as ever, and that Russia is taking an attitude which will render peace impossible."

The Times ridicules as paltry the theatrical exploits of Fenians in Ireland, but regards the anti-rent agitation as serious, and says it should meet with patient but determined statesmanship.

In the House of Lords, Lord Oranmore called attention to dangers to the peace of Ireland from agitations of the Land League and Fenians, whose organs in America are largely circulated in Ireland.

Earl Spencer says the Irish land agitation is most pernicious and exceedingly dangerous to the peace. It is not intended to imitate the late Government's abortive prosecutions, however. The condition of several parts of Ireland is very grave, and deserves most serious attention, but no special legislation.

ALLAN LINE.—The cargo steamships of this line which have arrived at the ports of Liverpool and Glasgow up to this date, this season, took out 8,073 oxen, 18 horses, 6,625 sheep, which were landed alive and in good order, with the exception of 16 oxen and 116 sheep.

AFGHANISTAN.—The wire was cut just after the details of the repulse of the Afghans were received. Although the defeat of the tribesmen appears complete, reinforcements have been sent in case further attacks are made. Messengers from General Phayre to Candahar returned, as they were unable to enter the city. The siege has commenced in earnest, with heavy continuous firing on both sides. Ayoub Khan is attacking on two faces of the city. A number of men are pushing forward trenches towards the walls. Messengers deny that the Rates deserted Ayood.

A despatch from Quetta announces that a messenger from General Primrose, dated 11th inst., which says the enemy had opened fire with Armstrong guns at a distance of 2,500 yards from the city. The damage so far is slight. In the morning a heavy musketry fire was opened at the walls from villages situated on three sides of the town; but few of the troops were injured. There was water for the garrison for forty-five days. The exact strength of the garrison is 1,243 effective Europeans, 3,386 natives and 382 sick. Gen. Primrose estimates Ayoub Khan's force at 10,000.

The Viceroy of India telegraphs to the foreign Office that Mr. Lepel H. Griffin sent the following from Gundamak Aug. 18th. "Trustworthy correspondents report the situation in Cabul as generally satisfactory, although slight disturbances have occurred in the city. The general feeling is said to be friendly to the English except among the lower class of the population of the city."

It is rumored that Ayoub Khan attacked the South side of Candahar at Shukarpur gate. The cannonade kept up from morning to evening on three sides of the city. The British loss was trifling.

News.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—His Honor the Lieut. Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

To be a Commissioner in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the Province of Nova Scotia, under Sec. 54, Cap. 96 Revised Statutes, Fourth Series.—Frederick Parish, Esq., of London, G. B.

To be a Commissioner for the Province of Nova Scotia, in the State of Massachusetts, United States of America, under Sec. 54, Cap. 96, Revised Statutes, Fourth Series.—Alfred D. Foster, Esq., of Boston.

In the County of Halifax: To be a Commissioner of Schools for the District of East Halifax.—Rev. Richmond Logan, of Sheet Harbor, vice Rev. A. B. Dickey, removed from the County.

In the County of Yarmouth: To be a Commissioner for taking affidavits to hold to bail, and recognizances of bail in the Supreme Court, and for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors.—Joseph William Edward Darby, Esq., of Yarmouth.

Mr. Silas Clarke, Onslow, while operating a mowing machine, was thrown from his seat and severely injured.

H. M. S. Blanche is at Charlottetown:

On Tuesday 17th inst., Mr. John Foster and Captain Gilmore, while fishing in Minas Basin caught a large shark in their shad net. The huge fish was with some difficulty hauled into the boat, and the nets suffered considerable damage. The shark is 8 feet long, with very formidable teeth and jaws, and it is thought that it would weigh about 500 lbs.

Private cable advices have been received in Charlottetown, P. E. I., to the effect that a quantity of lobster cans received in London, bearing well-known Island brands, have proved to be trash.

A registered letter passing from Athol to Spring Hill, two places only a few miles apart, was robbed of \$40. The envelope showed signs of having been tampered with. The officials are investigating.

At St. John, N. B., Aug. 17th, an unmarried woman named Kane was found drowned in a pool of water eight inches deep, at Sand Cove Crossing, a short distance from her home. It is supposed she fell in late the previous night. An inquest was held and a verdict of "accidental death" returned.

Mr. Vennor prophesies a cool term from the 15th to 20th August, and heat again to September 1st. Mr. Vennor already foresees early and severe cold, with snowfall in October.

The army worm has made its appearance at Arichat.

A lot of men are busily engaged in making an excavation at Windsor for the new freight shed which is to be built there.

A cow was killed on Wednesday 18th inst., near Port Williams by the down train running over it and cutting it in halves.

A large train, laden with cattle for the English market, was at Kentville station on Thursday 19th inst., en route for Halifax.

DISCOVERY OF SILVER IN LITTLE MUSQUODOBOIT.—Mr. Robert Logan of Little Musquodoboit, came to town Wednesday, 18th inst., and took out prospecting and mining licenses for five square miles of ground, in a certain section of that district. In conversation with a Herald reporter, Mr. Logan mentioned the following facts in connection therewith: In the month of June, 1878, he discovered in Little Musquodoboit boulders which he believed contained silver, in paying quantities. He took specimens of the ore to an assayer in town, who, on examination pronounced them valueless. Thus discouraged, Mr. Logan did nothing further in the matter, keeping however, his own counsel. A few weeks since he received a letter from his son Mr. Charles Logan, at present engaged in the silver mines at Leadville, Colorado, asking him to send specimens of the supposed silver ore that they might be assayed there. This was accordingly done and an answer was received a few days since giving the following as the result of an assay by Professor Luce, of Leadville.

Trace of Gold. Silver, per ton 105 ounces. Lead 6 per cent. When it is taken into consideration that the presence of silver in ore to the extent of 30 oz. to the ton, is generally found sufficient to pay for its extraction, the richness of this ore can be imagined. In addition, the specimens sent were from mere surface rock, which of course is not nearly so rich as the lead itself, which has yet to be discovered. It is understood that Mr. Logan has associated with him in this matter, a prominent city merchant, and that the work of prospecting, etc., will be immediately proceeded with.

THE NARRAGANSETT.—A private letter to a gentleman in this city brings the information that among the lost in the steamer Narragansett was Mr. Brewster, a geologist, who was well known to many Halifax people.

The Mahone Bay fishing vessels have returned from Labrador with full fares.

News received at St. John's from the Labrador Fishery says that the northern fleet is doing fairly.

Annapolis offers \$500 reward for the discovery of the party who started the conflagration on the 3rd inst.

P. E. Island papers report that the wheat crop in that Province has been much injured by weevil.

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

MESSRS. T. GRAHAM & SON,—

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Yours truly, C. F. F. SCHOPPE.

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NOTE—ELECTRIC—Selected and Electrized. June and July. eow.

Marriages.

At Los Angeles, Lower California, by Rev. J. W. Ellis, at P. J. Weiden's (brother-in-law of the bride) August 5th, Seth Green, of this place, to Miss Amelia Cullen, of Amherst, Nova Scotia.

At the residence of the bride's father, Beaver River, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. G. B. Titus, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Smith, Alice May, daughter of Will. C. Raymond, Esq., to Frederick C. Raymond, of Brooklyn, New York, U. S.

At Garrison Church, 18th August, Sergt.-Major C. Evans, R. A., to Maggie, daughter of Donald McGaulay, of Baddeck.

At Centreville, Cornwallis, on Tuesday, Aug. 17, by Rev. S. B. Kempton, J. Holmes McMillan, of Anlington, Mass., formerly of Picton, to Antia, third daughter of Deacon Neil McLean.

At the residence of the father of the bride, on Thursday, August 19, by Rev. S. B. Kempton, Florence J., third daughter of Leander Eaton, Esq., to Charles E., only son of Deacon Joshua Ellis, all of Canard Street, Cornwallis.

On the 18th inst., at the Milton Methodist District Parsonage, Yarmouth Co., by Rev. J. Lathern, Captain Randolph Cann, only son of Captain Lyman E. Cann, to Elizabeth P., daughter of the late Mr. Wm. Gardner.

At Windham Hill, Cumberland, Aug. 10th, by Rev. A. D. Morton, A. M., Jos. S. Higgs, River Philip, to Christina, daughter of Thomas Wood, Vernon River, P. E. Island.

Deaths.

August 18th, Mary Dora, wife of Wm. Parr, in the 22nd year of her age.

On Thursday, 19th inst., Alex. Cochran, beloved son of Alex. and Fairlie Gunn, in the 28th year of his age.

On Thursday, 19th inst., William J., youngest son of the late Robert Kelly, aged 43 years.

At the residence of T. D. Fraser, McLellan's Brook, on the 18th inst., Hannah McRay, wife of James Murray, aged 32 years.

On Wednesday, Aug. 18th, William, youngest son of the late Dennis and Mary Doyle.

Suddenly, at Annapolis, on Wednesday, Aug. 18th, Mr. William Hardwick, aged 71 years.

On Thursday, 19th inst., Geo. Osborne, infant son of Rev. George O. and Emma L. Troop, aged 7 months.

On Thursday, Daniel O'Brien, aged 62 years.

On the 19th inst., Caroline Agnes, aged 18 years, daughter of Isaac and Caroline Smith.

On Friday, Aug. 20th, Isabel, daughter of the late Benjamin Etter, in the 75th year of her age.

At South Maitland, on the 16th inst., Mr. John Waddell, aged 73 years.

On the 19th inst., Mary Ann, widow of the late Captain Daniel McPherson, of Halifax.

At Rockville, Yarmouth Co., on the 18th inst., Mr. Stilson Hilton, in the 73rd year of his age.

August 10th, after a lingering illness of consumption, Minnie E., youngest child of Edwin and Jane Walker, aged 11 years and 5 months.

In Webster, Mass., Aug. 3rd, Annie D., wife of George Grogins, Esq., and third daughter of George Rafuse, of Waterville, Hants Co., N. S., aged 30 years 4 months and 25 days.

On the 23rd day of June last, Mrs. Ann Wooten, aged 85 years—a meek and lowly christian—baptized by the late Rev. Mr. McLennan.

At Bridgewater, on the 11th inst., Dena H., beloved wife of Charles H. Chase, Esq., and daughter of the late James Manning, Esq., aged 57 years, leaving her husband and four children to mourn their loss. She sleeps in Jesus. Her dying words were, "Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly." Her funeral was largely attended, and a sermon preached on the occasion by Rev. S. March in the Methodist Church, Text Job xxiii. 30, the Rev. Mr. Allen (Methodist) taking part in the exercises.

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