

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

This "Canada of ours" is becoming better known than formerly as to the extent of its territory. It is now pretty well understood that its fertility in many parts is scarcely excelled by any of the civilized nations. The following figures may convey some idea of its extent. By a comparison of Nova Scotia, or either of the other Provinces, with the whole extent, some faint idea may be gathered of its vastness:

	Square miles.
Province of Ontario.....	109,480
Quebec.....	193,355
New Brunswick.....	27,322
Nova Scotia.....	21,731
P. E. Island.....	2,133
Manitoba.....	150,000
British Columbia, including Vancouver and other islands.....	390,344
North West Territory.....	1,868,000
Province of Keewatin-district.....	309,977
Provincial islands in the Arctic Ocean.....	311,700
Provincial islands in Hudson Bay.....	23,400
Total.....	3,406,542

Nova Scotia is about one hundred and sixtieth of the whole.

The Montreal Herald assures its readers that there need be no apprehension of the lumber trade. There are yet 110,000,000 acres of heavily timbered land in British Columbia.

In the absence of the Governor-General, Sir Patrick McDougall, Commander of the Forces, is the Administrator of the Government. He was sworn in at Ottawa on Friday last, all the members of the Government being present. He will reside at Rideau Hall during his administration.

There is much speculation as to who will fill the vacant seat in the Cabinet. The Ottawa Free Press says the fight is between Messrs. Daly and Costigan.

There will be a suspension of railway travel through from Ottawa to Manitoba after the 15th, when the last special train was to leave.

The Province of Quebec has a general election on hand. The Quebec Official Gazette contains three proclamations; one dissolving the Assembly, another fixing the nomination for the 25th November; and another calling Parliament for Thursday 29th December.

Grapes may be turned to better account than by making wine of them. Toronto is purposing to manufacture grape sugar from them. A contract has already been made for the construction of the building which is expected to cost \$60,000 exclusive of machinery. The factory when in operation will employ about 100 hands, and will turn out a quarter of million dollars worth of grape sugar annually.

It is said that Governor Laird has been asked by Sir John to retain the governorship of the North-West a while longer, but declines, unless a specified time is named.

A French company the Societe Generale Paris is proposing to invest largely—it is said to the extent of twenty million of francs—in Ottawa mining and manufacturing operations. A delegate of the body was at Ottawa last week, making enquiries and investigations.

Manitoba is modestly asking for better terms, and is getting up an agitation for control and possession of the Crown lands of the province.

The Bureau of Statistics projected by the Ontario Government in connection with the Department of Agriculture, has at length taken shape. Though nothing definite has yet been officially decided upon, it is learned that the scheme will embrace an extensive field,—taking in statistics of the products of the soil, of the forest, of the mine, of shipments of cattle, of dairy products, of entomological research, etc. It will also glean immediate, full and accurate information regarding epidemics among cattle, and of the various forms of injury to growing crops when such evils become apparent in any locality.

The printers of Philadelphia are endeavouring by combination to compel the publishers to come to the terms they dictate. They have failed thus far.

The fire fiend has been at work with unusual success during the week. At Old Orchard, Maine, on Friday last, a fire commenced at midnight, and burned six hotels, the Lawrence, Blanchard, St. Cloud, Belmont, Aldine and Fiske. Total loss \$70,000; insurance \$51,000. At Austin, Texas, the old State House, with State library, valuable paintings, etc., was burned on Thursday. The aggregate loss is \$220,000. At Richmond, Va., on Friday last the machine and pattern shops and saw mill of the Metropolitan Iron Works were burned. Loss \$100,000.

At Modesto, Cal., on Friday, a fire caused a loss of \$100,000.

On Wednesday morning a three-story tenement house on the corner of South Fifth Avenue and Grand Street, New York, fell, burying the occupants. The fire department was summoned and with the assistance of citizens extricated seven victims.

The trial of Guiteau at Washington commenced on Monday. He became much excited and acted as if insane, but it was regarded as assumed.

After the election of the new Lord Mayor of London, on Wednesday last, he went in state to Guildhall with great display. The Stars and Stripes were carried in the procession, preceded by the drum and fife band of the fourth battalion, city militia, playing the "Star Spangled Banner." After a short interval came the band from the training ship of war, Pitt, playing "Yank-e Doodle." The American flag, as it came in view, was received with a general clapping of hands and cheers by the spectators.

At the banquet which followed, Lord Granville, Foreign Secretary, said: "Ever since the United States became an independent power there has never been a time when the same friendly feeling existed, as exists now between the two great English speaking nations. I know of no more striking test than the feeling which has been shown of sincere and deep grief in England in regard to the death of President Garfield and devoted loyalty of Americans to our Queen."

It is understood that the American Legation will take an early opportunity to thank the Government for the salute to the American flag when carried in the Lord Mayor's procession.

The operations of the Land Act are progressing. The Land Commission sat on Saturday last, until midnight. The number of applications before it has now reached fully 45,000.

The first arrangement between landlord and tenant under the Act occurred on the estate belonging to an ex-member of Parliament for County of Mayo. The tenants agreed to take leases for fifteen years at a reduction of from £3 10s. a year on each holding, calculated for the past ten years.

Agrarian outrages during October, numbered 32 in Ulster, 102 in Leinster, 133 in Connaught and 224 in Munster.

Staffordshire is being greatly disturbed by the combinations of workmen in the potteries. All the men connected with the Operatives' Association resolved to cease work on Thursday unless an advance of wages is granted. The strike will affect 50,000 employes. On Tuesday last the employers pledged themselves to refuse an advance.

Lord Lorne arrived on Monday. The Princess Louise met the Marquis on board the steamer Sardinian. They were cheered by thousands of people who assembled at Birkenhead landing stage. There was also a popular and municipal reception in their honor at Chester.

France has succeeded in a change of government without any disturbance. Premier Ferry and colleagues tendered their resignation to President Grevy on Thursday who accepted them. After a conference with the President, Gambetta forthwith took steps to form a new cabinet.

The city of Amalfi in Italy, had a large fire on Thursday last, which threatened the destruction of the greater part of the city. A telegram from Rome on the 13th says by an explosion of gas in a sulphur mine at Gessolungo, near Catanis-etta, 40 persons were killed and 41 injured.

The cholera is raging at Mecca. It has been increasing each day since the 3rd Inst. On that day, 155 died, on the 4th, 215, and on the 5th, 214, and more on the 6th. Caravans comprising five thousand pilgrims left Mecca on the 6th inst., and it is feared that the 460 Egyptian troops stationed at Elwadji will be unwilling or unable to prevent them entering the town.

The Eastern Canada (Quebec) Home Mission Convention held its 23rd annual meeting in the Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, on Thursday, October 25th. About thirty ministers were present. The receipts of the year amounted to \$2372.44, and the expenditures to nearly the same. The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President—Rev. A. H. Munro.  
Vice Presidents—Messrs. J. H. Packard, D. Bentley, G. Edwards, M. Link A. A. Ayer.  
Secretary—Rev. Dr. Clark, Montreal.  
Applications were subsequently received by the Board of Directors from twenty-five churches, and \$1,500 were granted to the several mission fields. Mr. Stephen Tucker, now 84 years of

age, was present. He was the first person baptized in the Ottawa River. He had been actively engaged for the past 60 years in establishing new churches and aiding missionaries in that region.

THEOLOGICAL STUDY AT ACADIA COLLEGE.

It is not generally known, we believe, what an amount of work is being done in Acadia College. Many institutions having much larger pretensions, and perhaps reputations, do far less, and yet we hear much more of them. The course aims at what is permanently valuable rather than what is more popular and showy. Each member of the Faculty is working, we believe, not in a mere perfunctory manner, but with energy and whole-heartedness, worthy of themselves and of the body for whom they act. They aim to keep up with the times, but are slow in publishing what is done. We occasionally get a glance at their work when at Anniversaries, Associations and Conventions, but do not hear much from them at other times, save s by making direct enquiry.

The following programme and course has been forwarded to us, and we are glad to place it before our readers, with the hope that students will avail themselves of the advantages offered:

THEOLOGICAL STUDY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ACADIA COLLEGE. 1881-1882

In order to meet the wants of ministerial students of more or less advanced literary standing, the following courses of Theological Study have been arranged.

First Course.

This course is for graduates who shall have taken Hebrew during their senior year in College. It occupies two years, and embraces the following subjects:—

First Year:—Hebrew Exegesis, Greek Exegesis, Sacred Geography, Laws of Scripture Interpretation, Systematic Theology, Homiletics.

Second Year:—Hebrew Exegesis, Greek Exegesis, History of the Canon of the Old and New Testaments, Church History, Church Polity, Pastoral Duties, Homiletics, Elocution.

Second Course.

Students will be admitted to this course on having passed the usual matriculation examination. No deviation from this rule will be permitted, except for reasons satisfactory to the President of the College and the Professors of the Theological Department. The course occupies three years, and embraces the following subjects:—

First Year:—Elementary Hebrew, Sacred Geography, Laws of Scripture Interpretation (in the Theological Department); and Classics, Language, Rhetoric, English Literature (in the Arts Department).

Second Year:—Hebrew Exegesis, Greek Exegesis, History of the Canon of the Old and New Testaments, Systematic Theology, Homiletics, (in the Theological Department); and Logic (in the Arts Department).

Third Year:—Church History, Church Polity, Pastoral Duties, Homiletics, Elocution (in the Theological Department); and Evidences of Christianity, Intellectual Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, (in the Arts Department).

The standing of students in the several courses will be kept by marks, and they will undergo a written examination at the end of each term.

At the end of each year there will be a written and oral examination of the classes, which examination will be open to the public.

Upon all students of the First Course who have completed the studies of the same, and passed a satisfactory examination therein, the degree of B. D. will be conferred.

Students of the Second Course who have completed its studies and passed a satisfactory examination therein, will receive a certificate of the same.

Students entering upon either of the two courses, but not remaining the full time allotted to it, will receive a certificate of the amount of work done, and of the degree of merit reached.

Lectures from men of learning outside the Department, will be given from time to time, on subjects related to ministerial and pastoral work.

Ministerial students of limited means will be assisted as the funds raised by the Convention Scheme and coming from other sources will permit.

The following resume will show what subjects are embraced in the foregoing courses and by whom they are taught.—

DR. CRAWLEY.—Laws of Scripture Interpretation, History of the N. T. Canon, Greek Exegesis, Church History, Church Polity, Pastoral Duties.

DR. WELTON.—Sacred Geography, History of the O. T. Canon, Elementary Hebrew, Hebrew Exegesis, Systematic Theology, Homiletics, Elocution.

DR. SAWYER.—Evidences of Christianity, Moral Philosophy.

DR. SCHERMAN.—Language, Rhetorical English Literature, Logic, Intellectual Philosophy.

PROF. JONES.—Latin and Greek.  
E. A. CRAWLEY.  
A. W. SAWYER.  
D. M. WELTON.

FROM MONTREAL.

The following extracts from a private letter from George B. Muir, Esq., will interest many of our readers:

Dear Sir,—I trust that Mr. Warren may be as successful as our Mr. Dyke was; he started two years ago to raise \$10,000 for the debt on Woodstock Institute, and \$50,000 as an endowment—and he has just closed his labors having raised \$82,000, but he never could have done it if two or three rich men in Brantford, and one liberal brother in Montreal had not given him a good start—one with \$7,000 and the others with \$1,000, and \$2,000.

The Baptists are largely a farming community especially in Nova Scotia, and Western Ontario, and never were they in a better position to give—with good crops and cattle and frstrate prices. We never felt more encouraged with regard to our denomination in Quebec and Ontario than now,—with a splendid Theological college in Toronto, and Literary college at Woodstock, both free of debt, and partially endowed, with fine churches in most of our large cities. Our prospects, therefore are very hopeful. I trust a few large-hearted and liberal souls may arise in the Lower Provinces, and place all your institutions on a sound basis. You have not had the difficulties to contend with that we had. We have had to fight our way through terrible obstacles.

We had good meetings of the Canada Baptist Union in Montreal. The grand idea that it attempted to realize of consolidating all our societies is given up for the present, and it will have to be reorganized on a more modest basis. Some united effort ought to be made for our great North West—that will soon be peopled by millions.

Yours truly &c.,

BAPTIST UNION OF CANADA.

The Canadian Baptist gives us a good report if the meetings of this body, but recently formed. The editor remarks:—

The attendance was large, the welcome and hospitality of the Montreal friends left nothing to be desired, and the spirit and interest manifested in all the exercises were of the most delightful character. The visits and addresses of Rev. Dr. McArthur of Calgary church, New York, and of Rev. Dr. McKenzie of the Mission Rooms, Boston, were highly appreciated, and contributed in no small degree to the importance of the occasion. So far as Eastern Ontario and the Province of Quebec are concerned, the representation from the churches was very good; but from the whole field occupied by the Western Convention, there was a total attendance of just twenty-four pastors and delegates, of whom only eight were from the great Baptist constituency west of Toronto.

The experience of this year shows that it will be impossible to secure a full attendance at anniversary denominational meetings held on successive weeks, and that any constitutional provision forbidding an annual meeting of the Union to be held west of Toronto will be a mistake. Indeed it has been proved by "the logic of events" that the objects contemplated in the original constitution of the Union cannot now be accomplished, as the different societies it was proposed to absorb, have shown, no desire to surrender their independent existence. Some parts of the constitution are therefore a nullity, others are at variance with the Act of Incorporation, and the Act itself is based on a wrong assumption. Accordingly it has been wisely decided to set aside the old constitution, and formulate a new one.

The following is such an expression of sympathy as hundreds of our readers will feel disposed to give to our brother and sister Churchill in this, their hour of sorrow:

WOLFVILLE, Nov. 11, 1881.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger,

DEAR SIR,—I have received a letter from Mrs. Churchill, giving an account of the sad bereavement which our friends have suffered, and of their own affliction. Under ordinary circumstances I would have published some brief extracts, but I forbear. The words of a heart-broken mother, and of a father who was compelled to perform with his own hands the labors connected with the interment of his child, are too sacred for publication. May He who "bindeth up the broken in heart and healeth their wounds" comfort and strengthen the bereaved, and may the Saviour who has received the child support the parents! Mrs. Sanford also has been seriously ill.

Yours,  
J. M. C.

The Baptist Union Autumnal Session was held at Portsmouth and Southampton a few days since. Formerly this was the London Baptist Union, but the Autumnal Session being held in different parts of the kingdom has given it much more of a national character. The London Freeman says in reference to "The spiritual power of the Baptist Union":

The Baptist Union, whose Autumnal meetings will shortly be held at Portsmouth and Southampton, is practically

a congeries of powerful agencies. A quarter of a century ago it was a distinct unit—standing alone. To day, in its practical operations, it gathers around it the most valued institutions identified with the Baptist denomination. In its Autumnal Session, held successively in the large towns of the country, it presents a common platform for the advocacy of the claims of the great societies which stand high in the regard of the churches. By this means our societies have valuable opportunities for presenting their objects to a large and influential constituency. Even if these opportunities only brought them into contact in successive years with chosen and honored representatives, important ends must be secured; but the fact that the Autumnal Session is "a moveable feast," renders an intimate acquaintance with the operations of our most useful organizations, and kindly association with the best men of our body, the common privilege of vast numbers of our people in the large towns and their surrounding districts. This arrangement deepens the foundations of the confidence of our people in their denominational institutions, and enlarges their sympathy with their objects. With these results it is not at all strange that the interest in the meetings of the Union still grows, that those who can attend them proceed to them with joyful anticipations, or that many a pastor and many a godly deacon, too, count constrained absence from them the sorest privation.

In the multiplicity of matters of routine business devotion must not be crowded out. It is scarcely possible that the momentous interests of the Kingdom of God can in such assemblies be dwarfed down to the dry details of an ordinary committee. Everything is unspeakably great here, and to be wisely dealt with requires the Divine guidance which only comes of fervent prayer. Those who stand on the steps of the Eternal Throne can see farthest into fields of Christian service.

The courages at Portsmouth and Southampton have long looked forward to these meetings with prayerful interest. The churches are waiting for an abundant blessing. Nor is this feeling confined to our own denomination. Sister churches of other communions more or less kindred to our own are equally desirous of seeing the mighty power of God displayed in connection with the visit of the Baptist Union. We may hope that these preliminary manifestations of love and friendship are foretastes of richer blessing.

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WOLFVILLE ITEMS.—On Sunday,

6th inst., Rev. S. W. DeBlois baptized a young man, a student in the Academy. The Wolfville Church is succeeding well in reference to the Convention Scheme.

We copy the following item of interesting information from the Witness of last Saturday:

An *in hunc effectum* meeting of Presbytery will be held in Alberton on Wednesday, 16th inst., at 7.30 p. m., for the purpose of receiving and considering a petition for moderation in a call from the congregation of Tignish, Montrose and Bloomfield.

We shall not presume to determine what is the nature of said meeting. It must surely either be Roman Catholic, or Latin Presbyterian.

RUTH STUYVESANT, OF THE GOLDEN HARVEST, by Estelle Thomson, American Baptist Publication Society, pp. —, price \$1.25.

This is a book that we can heartily recommend mothers to place in the hands of their young daughters. Its thoroughly healthy tone and religious teaching should make it a welcome addition to young people's libraries. The heroine during a visit to her uncle's country home, finds out that she has not been using the opportunities she might for brightening the lives of others—Her own words are, "I have passed by the little crevices in the rocks where something beautiful might be made to grow, and looked only for the large garden plots, where I hoped to see flowers blossom right away. I wonder I never thought more of the little solitary seeds that might be scattered, without aspiring to a whole flower-bed of good deeds."

We have just received copies of the Minutes of the Eastern and Western New Brunswick Associations. The publication of the Year Book has been delayed for want of the statistical and other matters these contain. It will now be put through with all despatch.

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