

A Murder Confessed After Twenty Years.

The following telegram received from Cincinnati on Monday of last week, makes a strange solution of a mystery which has long been connected with the death of one well known to many of our readers:—

The mystery in which the assassination of Prof. Crawley, of Mount Vernon Female College here, has been buried for twenty years, has been dispelled by the confession of a dying man in the hospital at Nashville, Tenn., that he and two companions committed the crime because Crawley defended a lady whom they were insulting. All the parties are dead.

The St. John Globe, in printing the telegram says "it revives the recollection of a murder that, when it occurred, attracted a great deal of attention in this Province and in Nova Scotia. Prof. Crawley was a son of Henry Crawley, Esq., of Sydney, C. B., a nephew of Rev. Dr. Crawley, and a brother of Rev. Arthur R. R. Crawley the well-known Burmah missionary. His uncle, Rev. E. A. Crawley, was Principal of the Mount Vernon College, at Cincinnati, and Prof. Crawley was an assistant. One evening he was accompanying some ladies home, when a party of rough fellows made some insulting remarks. Prof. Crawley left the ladies at their own door, which was close by, and went back to the insulters to remonstrate with, or punish them, as he was quite capable of doing, for he was a splendid specimen of an athlete. But the cowardly wretches stabbed him and left him with the knife in his body. They were never found. One of them has now confessed the deed, after a lapse of nearly a quarter of a century."

The Baptist body in Ontario and Quebec last year took great pains to prepare for, and subsequently succeeded in forming what was termed "THE BAPTIST UNION OF CANADA." It was intended by its promoters to embrace the Conventions of Ontario and Quebec, and probably, ultimately, supersede them. We were not a little surprised last week to find the following in the Toronto Christian Helper:

A BLOW AT THE BAPTIST UNION. The series of resolutions introduced by Dr. Davidson, at the April B. Convention of Ontario, and passed by that body, are a direct blow at the newly-formed Baptist Union of Canada. The time named in the resolutions for the special and separate meeting of the Ontario Convention is the precise time when the Union is to be held in Montreal. The majority of Baptists being interested in the work in Ontario, it is quite patent that the meeting of the Convention will be large, while that of the Union will be very small.

This coincidence will be a misfortune to both Union and Convention, for both will lose the counsel of representative men who will be forced to make choice between the two meetings, but who, otherwise, would attend both. The Baptist Union of Canada is not yet an accomplished fact, and further legislation is required before it can become such. Authority must be secured from the Ontario Legislature before the Union may have conveyed to it the property now vested in the Canadian Literary Institute, in the Conventions of Ontario and Quebec, and in the other Societies which are to be affiliated with the Union.

We are not sure what this means, and must wait for its further development.

THE YEAR BOOK, 1881.—Brother Hopper writes us from St. John, N. B., as follows:—

Dear Bro. Selden,— Will you please say through the MESSENGER, that we have several hundred copies of the Year Book on hand, and will supply any who need. Oblige yours, J. E. HOPPER.

The Rev. G. O. Troop, who has for some time past been the very efficient and devoted curate, to the Rev. Dr. Hill of St. Paul's, is shortly to remove to Huron, Ontario. Mr. Troop will take with him the high esteem of many besides the congregation to whom he has ministered. He is, we are informed, to be succeeded by a son of the Rev. Foster Almon, formerly of St. George's Church in this city.

After we had gone to press last week, we were informed by Rev. E. W. Kelly, the esteemed pastor of Leinster Street Church, St. John, N. B., that the paragraph in the Visitor "relative to one of the city pastors entering the Foreign Field at an early day, was premature." We regret that we had copied it before receiving the intimation.

Rev. F. O. WEEKS, formerly of Antigonish was in Halifax during the past week on his way from New York, where he has been spending the past winter in Elocutionary and other studies. He was intending to go to Antigonish and remain a few days with his brother Rev. L. M. Weeks, who succeeded him there. Under the labors of these brothers, the cause in Antigonish has made good progress.

MR. RALPH HUNT, (Lic.) from Newton, was in our office the other day. He was expecting to leave via St. John, N. B., yesterday, on board the steamship Widdrington, on a visit to England for a portion of the Summer vacation. This will be of great benefit to him. We hope he may have a pleasant and profitable visit to the mother country.

REV. S. B. KEMPTON has just returned from a visit of a few weeks to the United States. We are glad to learn that he hopes soon to be able to resume his full work. He says God has been very gracious to me: His sustaining arm held me up, when heart and flesh failed. My people have been unwearied in their attention and kindness, surely no minister ever received more kindness than I have experienced from my people. Every thing that could be done they have done for my comfort, and my brethren in the ministry in this county and elsewhere have caused me great comfort by their kind remembrance of me. To God be the praise.

Political circles have been somewhat excited during the past week over an alleged attempt on the part of Mr. Joseph Seeton, on the 30th of March last, by the offer of \$1000, to induce Hon. W. C. Whitman to retire from the Legislative Council; so that he, Mr. Seeton, might be appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Whitman has at length given a declaration, under oath, to the effect, that,

"On the morning of the said thirtieth day of March the said Joseph Seeton again called at my house, and there and then offered me the sum of one thousand dollars, if I would place my resignation as said Legislative Councillor in his hands, which I refused to do, adding that I never would be the recipient of money at the sacrifice of honor.

He further said that he had a team engaged to convey him to the bank in Bridgetown, where he would draw the cash and pay it over to me immediately upon his return to Lawrencetown aforesaid."

This offer Mr. Whitman affirms he indignantly refused. Mr. Seeton publishes a counter declaration. He says,

"My visit to Lawrencetown in the latter part of March last was wholly connected with my business as a merchant. I was not asked to go there by the Local Government of Nova Scotia or any member thereof, and had no authority from them either personally or by agent to make any advances of any kind to Mr. Whitman to secure his resignation; nor have I ever had any conversation with any member of the Government on that subject either before or since my said visit.

Being in Lawrencetown, and finding that I had a few hours at my disposal, I availed myself of the opportunity to call on a few of my old friends there,— Mr. James, the Post master, Mr. Whitman, and others. In the course of my conversation with Mr. Whitman, he referred to his feebleness, and stated that he never would be able to return to Halifax, and also referred to what he styled "the generosity of the Government" in allowing him to return home after a few days attendance at the Council, with his full pay. He then referred to the announcement of Mr. Cutler's resignation, and asked me if I thought he should resign too, or words to that effect. I replied, jokingly, that I thought he might just as well resign, since he did not expect to make any more money out of it, and that he might thereby give some of his friends a chance. The conversation then turned upon other topics, but after a while Mr. Whitman returned to the subject of his resignation, and said that he "really supposed he would make no more money out of it." I remarked that I supposed that did not make very much difference, as he was a wealthy man, when he made answer something to this effect:—"Oh no; I am not wealthy; I have lost a great deal of money within the last two or three years; I think as much of a dollar as any other man; and added, laughing, "You don't think, do you, that I could get from \$500 to \$1,000 for my resignation?" My answer was in the following words, as near as I can remember: "Well, I do not doubt but that you could find men willing to give you even \$1,000, especially if we could thus get enough votes to abolish the whole thing." The conversation again turned to other matters and no further reference was made during the evening to the subject of his resignation. On my rising

to leave, Mr. Whitman asked me to call back the next morning, to which I replied that if I had time I would. Thinking that perhaps he had some message to forward by me, I called back in the morning before leaving, and in the course of conversation asked Mr. Whitman with a laugh, "if he was going to send his resignation down with me?" He replied, smiling, that "he thought not, since he got his commission from the Queen, he thought he ought to die in harness." The whole conversation between Mr. Whitman and myself, as far as related to his resignation, was soley in the spirit of banter, as I believed at the time, on his part, and was without serious intent on my part, and the whole matter passed out of my mind until I saw it brought up against me as a serious charge in the Morning Chronicle a few days ago."

The Revised Version of the New Testament has made its appearance, and all the newspapers are talking about it. This is one of the events of the year, which will render it memorable. The following is its title page: "The New Testament of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ translated out of the Greek: being the version set forth A. D. 1611, compared with the most ancient authorities and revised A. D. 1881." The Preface gives a very interesting history of the proceedings of the revisors, and the rules by which they were guided in their work of revision. At the end of the book is a long "List of Readings and Renderings preferred by the American Committee recorded at their desire." A careful examination of these will shew that the revision has been a very painstaking careful work done by men of independent mind, and yet those who were willing to work in harmony with other learned men no less independent. One of these "preferred readings" will be regarded by Baptists as a gain in the way of the prepositions relating to baptism. The texts such as Acts i. 5, where "baptized with water" is in the margin. The American Committee, however, would have had the text "in," and the marginal reading "with." From the "Companion to the Revised New Testament," we learn that there were of the American suggestions adopted:

In the Gospels.....318
In Acts.....186
In Epistles and Revelation.....400

Messrs. I. K. Funk & Co., 10 & 12 Dey Street, New York, has rendered a valuable service in getting out a cheap edition of the Revised New Testament, the letter-press of which is as good as the best, and which they sell for 15 cents.

Funk & Co. have also prepared and published in their STANDARD SERIES: THE COMPANION TO THE REVISED VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, by Alex. Roberts, D. D., member of the English Committee of Revisers, and by a member of the American Committee of Revision. Price, paper, 8vo, 25 cents. I. K. Funk & Co., New York. This book, being prepared carefully by Members of both Revision Committees, carries official weight. It shows what changes have been made, and also the reasons which influenced the Revisers in making them. It will be difficult to judge of the merits of the Revision without the aid of this COMPANION VOLUME.

Says Dr. Chambers, a member of the American Committee, in speaking of this book:

"Many persons have expressed desire that, simultaneously with the issue of the Revised New Testament, there appear an authentic explanation of the reasons for such changes as will be found in its pages. This book is exactly fitted to meet this desire."

It is not a little remarkable to see how the prejudice which formerly existed is broken down. It is only a few years since that it was regarded as a very wicked thing to make any change in the English Version of the Scriptures. That was regarded as the standard version, and all other translations must be in accordance with that one. To attempt a Revision would give an advantage to the sceptic, and so the Bible would lose its hold on the people. It is evident by the millions of copies already sold, that Bible readers generally are supplying themselves with this long looked for book.

THE BEACON LIGHT.—A collection of Hymns and Tunes for Sunday Schools. By J. H. TENNEY and E. A. HOFFMAN. OLIVER, DITSON & Co. Boston. Price 30 cents.

Another new collection of Sunday School songs. The compilers announce that out of a large pile of manuscript, only about one in five songs were

chosen, as first-class ones for the book, and its contents may therefore be considered as choice. Rev. E. A. Hoffman, of Cleveland, O., who furnishes the words, is an accomplished hymn-writer, and also a Sunday School Superintendent of long experience. The music is the work of Mr. Tenney, a quiet "farmer and musician," who lives in the neighborhood of Whittier, the poet, and is, in popular music, about what the other is in fine writing.

Traveller's Guide, by John T. Fraser & W. J. Nelson, is a very handy book for travellers, with varied information respecting lines of travel, railways, &c., &c., and a large number of advertisements. The next issue was promised the 1st of June.

REVISED NEW TESTAMENT, OXFORD EDITION.—5 cases, 5000 copies, just received. Additional supplies in a few days. Orders received will be attended to immediately. Liberal discount to traders, Sabbath Schools, etc. Mr. J. Burgoyne, 136 Hollis St., and Mr. D. McGregor, 145 Hollis Street, will also receive orders. A. McBEAN, 173 Hollis St., Halifax.

Notices.

Baptist Anniversaries 1881.

NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATIONS. WESTERN, meets at 10 a. m. Saturday, June 18th, at Paradise. Sermon by Rev. A. Cohoon or Rev. J. H. Saunders; Circular Letter by Rev. J. A. McLean.

CENTRAL, meets at 10 a. m. on Saturday, June 25th, at Billtown, Cornwallis. Sermon by Rev. E. Whitman or Rev. George Armstrong; Circular Letter by Rev. S. March.

EASTERN, meets at 10 a. m., on Saturday, July 9th, at North Sydney, C. B. Sermon by Rev. D. A. Steele, or Rev. J. E. Goucher; Circular Letter by J. J. Armstrong.

NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATIONS. SOUTHERN, meets at St. Martins, on Tuesday, June 14th. Sermon by Rev. T. W. Crawley or Rev. W. A. Corey.

WESTERN, meets at 2 p. m. on Tuesday June 28th, at Upper Gagetown. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Harvey, or Rev. W. P. Anderson; Circular Letter by Rev. J. Cahill.

EASTERN, meets at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, July 12th, at Harvey. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Hughes, or Rev. H. Foshay; Circular Letter by Rev. G. O. Gates.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ASSOCIATION, meets at 10 a. m., on Saturday, July 2nd, at Bedeque. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Gordon, or Rev. D. G. McDonald; Circular Letter by Rev. J. B. Woodland.

*CHARLOTTETOWN, May 25th, 1881.

Dear Brother Selden,— I notice a mistake in the printed Minutes of our last Association. Our next meeting takes place at Bedeque, on Saturday, July 2nd, instead of July 5th, as the minutes read. Please call attention to the mistake. Yours truly, M. G. MACLEOD, Clerk of Association.

BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES meets at 10 a. m., on Saturday, August 20, at Yarmouth, N. S. Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hopper or Rev. W. A. Corey.

THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

will be held in Toronto, June 22nd, 23rd, 24th. The Executive Committee of the Sunday School Convention of the Maritime Province would be glad to hear from any Sabbath School workers who intend to be present at the Toronto Convention. So that they be furnished with the necessary credentials. JAS. FORREST, Cor. Sec'y.

P. E. I. QUARTERLY MEETING.

The next session of the P. E. I. Baptist Quarterly Meeting will be held (D. V.) with the Church at Lot 16. First Session at 3 o'clock, p. m., on Thursday, June 9. Preaching on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, at half past seven. On Sabbath, June 12, Dedicatory Services will be held in the new house of worship, morning, afternoon and evening. All persons coming by rail, will take tickets to Summerside, where teams on Thursday and Saturday will await the arrival of the mid-day trains, east and west, to carry passengers to Lot 16. J. B. WOODLAND.

May 16th, 1881.

N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

All persons who expect to attend the Central Association, to be held at Billtown, Cornwallis, on the 25th June, are requested to send their names to the

Committee of Arrangements as early as the 10th proximo.

Will those coming by rail, kindly inform us by what train, and teams will be in waiting at Kentville, to convey them over. H. P. SWEET, Sec.

N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Delegates purposing to attend the Association to convene at Paradise, on the 18th proximo, will please forward their names to either of the undersigned on or before the 4th of June, in order that provision may be made for their entertainment, and notice thereof given in due time through the Messenger.

Parties will be good enough to state whether they intend coming by rail or by their own conveyances. The Meeting House is not more than ten rods from the railway station. Parties arriving by the trains on the 18th inst., will be met by Committee at the station.

J. F. EATON, Chairman Com. A. LONGLEY, Secretary. Paradise, May 16th, 1881.

CONVENTION FUNDS RECEIVED.

First Horton Church for Mission Aid and Relief.....\$25 25
Digby Church, instalment..... 25 00
Milton Church, Yarmouth, do..... 23 00
A. C. Robbins, Esq., Yarmouth, balance..... 300 00
Mr. and Mrs. George Churchill, Bobbili..... 5 00
Mr. Tedford, Ohio..... 0 50

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G. E. DAY.
Yarmouth, May 30, 1881.

CONVENTION FUND FOR P. E. I.

Cavendish Church, P. E. I.....\$14 00
D. G. MACDONALD, Fin. Com. of P. E. I. May 28th, 1881.

Moneys Received.

A. Fisk, \$2; C. Sutherland, \$4; J. B. Thomas, \$2; Rev. E. Hickson, \$3; Mrs. J. E. Bagnall, \$2; Mrs. E. A. Rice, \$1; M. Kinsman, \$5.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—The Subscriber wishes to inform the public and especially Druggists and Merchants, everywhere in the Dominion of Canada, that he has sold out all his right, title and interest in MINARD'S LINIMENT, NELSON'S CHEROKEE VERMIFUGE, MINARD'S PILLS, MINARD'S HONEY BALM, MINARD'S CATHOLICON, MINARD'S EYE WATER, MINARD'S VERMIFUGE AND MINARD'S HAIR BEAUTIFIER, to W. J. NELSON, who is now the sole proprietor of the above mentioned medicines, and the only authorized person to collect all debts due for any and all of the above preparations either on Sale, Note of Hand or Due Bills. LEVI MINARD, Brooklin, Hants Co., May 16th, 1881. All Business will be carried on in future by the proprietors. All orders to be sent to W. J. NELSON & CO., Bridgewater, N. S., who always have a full line of the above medicines, in stock.

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This Plaster is put in one ounce tin boxes, and is much cheaper to use than those ready spread, a box being sufficient to spread a plaster and renew it many times.

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