

CONGO, CENTRAL AFRICA.

The Baptist mission to Central Africa appears to present a more favorable aspect. We find by the Freeman that from a letter just received from Mr Bentley (dated November 18) that the savage people who shot at Mr. Comber are in a considerable state of fright. They have removed their camp, women, children, goods, and all they possess to a considerable distance. The chief eats off a wood trencher for some reason or other. He is saluted by his own people with "Go along with you, you shot the white man." For a length of time he sat crying, "Oh, dear, my town, killed, burned." The men who were guilty of the attack have all fled. Altogether the tribe appears to have seen plenty of trouble in consequences of the business. Mr. Bentley says that no one seems to doubt now that they shall be able to pass and find no more difficulty in their progress.

The work is going on steadily at Congo. The day-school for men and boys is in full operation. The king is anxious for his wives and the girls to be taught. Our brethren are anxious to teach the people self-help. They tell them they must build a school-house themselves, and then the women and girls shall be instructed.

Mr. Bentley is conducting a Sunday-school. Two of the king's sons attend, and with them about a dozen other boys. He says the attention and interest might shame some schools at home. He has written home for a printing press. Messrs. Comber and Hartland were awaiting a message and if favourable would start at once for the Post, which they would reach in about two months. Mr. Crudgington will occupy some station midway, and Mr. Bentley remain at Congo. He is in first-rate health and spirits.

May God be with, and continue to preserve our brethren from peril, and sustain them in bright ness of heart.

We always wish to be under the influence of Common Sense. The communication on another page from a worthy brother who adopts that non de plume, opens up to us a pleasant picture of harmony and union, and one which in many respects would be a consummation devoutly to be desired. But how to secure its accomplishment is a problem not easily solved. Like many another match greater intimacy and propinquity is needed than at present exists before both parties would regard it as a desirable combination to be formed, and one mutually advantageous.

Since the article referred to was in print we have received a further portion which the writer wished to have incorporated with his communication. It came too late for that, but as we have no desire to withhold from our Presbyterian friends any credit to which they are entitled, and as we have not the slightest objection to the addition being made, we therefore give it here although perhaps a little out of place.

THE PRESBYTERIANS AND DALHOUSIE COLLEGE.

Mr. Editor,— Holding the opinions expressed in another column, I cannot but regard articles like these in your last two issues as extremely ill-advised and impolitic. That the Presbyterians united their forces with those of Dalhousie in 1863, and thereby raised that College from a position of uselessness to one of efficiency, so far from being a grievance or an injury to us, is a procedure for which they deserve some degree of credit instead of obloquy.

If they secured a prize, that prize was open to us on exactly the same terms. Rest assured, Mr. Editor, there is before us a far higher and nobler course, in pursuing which we will secure the advancement of Higher Education and the interests of our denomination alike. That course I have endeavored to point out.

Halifax, 25th March, 1881. We do not yet perceive how such a combination could be effected without some injurious compromise being made on one side or the other, or perhaps on both sides, and the probability of difficulties arising which might effect a separation that would place both parties again where they now are.

Efforts to combine iron and clay have usually resulted in weakness, disappointment and failure. A platform in which some of the planks are unsound, should never be regarded as safe and must be expected at some time or other to bring disaster to all depending upon it for support. In the present case—Acadia—the Endowment is absolute, and on a sound basis. The donations are made to the Institution, and under the sole control of the Board of Governors. In the case of the

Presbyterian chairs in Dalhousie, as we understand, they are not endowments at all. Dalhousie could not retain them for an hour if the Presbyterian Synod at any time chose to withdraw them. The Munro Professorships too at Dalhousie, whilst munificent donations, are we believe, not established unconditionally, but are dependent on certain contingencies as to whether they will be continued or not.

It will therefore be perceived by "Common Sense" that Acadia could not remove to Dalhousie, nor vice versa, but if the Presbyterian body would endow three Professorships in Acadia, "Common Sense" will see that it might be done, but not otherwise. "Can two walk together except they be agreed?"

Rev. John Francis is at present proprietor of the Evangel, Baptist paper published in San Francisco. The editor is noticing the death of Rev. Dr. Tupper, says:

"Rev. John Francis succeeded Dr. Tupper at Amherst in 1850, where he had been laboring for many years, and speaks in the highest terms of his efficiency and power as a good minister of Jesus Christ. He laid the foundation of a good work in Amherst, and during the three years' labour of Bro. Francis there, there was great prosperity and growth. His faithful seed-sowing enabled Bro. Francis in his youthful zeal and enthusiasm to gather wonderful harvests. Three churches were built and a great ingathering of souls resulted."

The Central Board of Agriculture have elected David Matheson, Esq., of Pictou, president of the Board for the present year in the absence of the chairman Colonel Laurie, who has resumed active military service, and gone to South Africa. The Board ordered the imported cattle to be sold. They were sold on Friday at Richmond as follows:

Short horn Durham bull: Young Ebor, to Mr. M. J. McDonald, Strait of Canso, for \$150; Lord Randolph, to Mr. A. M. Cunningham, Antigonish Society, \$410; Lord Brett, to Hon. D. McCurdy Baddeck Society, \$135; Earl of Surrey to Mr. George Neilly, Clarence Society, \$405; Rowland, to Mr. W. M. Blair, M. P. P., Onslow Society \$200; Cabul, to Mr. J. S. Kitchen, River John, \$300. Short horn Durham cows: Duchess of Warwick 3rd, to Mr. E. W. Smith, Windsor, \$300; Merry Face, to Mr. Rufus Seamen, Minudie, \$155; Roseleaf, to Pro. Lawson, \$300. Short horn Durham bull calf to Mr. George Forrest, Amherst Society, \$155; do. do., heifer calf, Hon L. E. Baker, Yarmouth, \$100; do. do., Mr. C. F. Eaton, Cornwallis, \$75.

Notices.

THE BAPTIST M. & M. CONFERENCE OF ANnapolis COUNTY will hold its Quarterly session on Tuesday, the 12th of April, with the Lawrenceston Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Preacher of the evening Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M.

Paradise, N. S., March 25, 1881.

THE DIGBY CO. MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE will meet in Digby, April 12th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. There will be a public missionary meeting in the evening of this day. A sermon by Rev. J. A. McLean or Rev. J. F. Kempton may be expected. All members of the Conference are cordially invited to be present.

At the last meeting of this Conference it was Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Conference that the "Convention Scheme" best meets the practical necessities of our denomination in our benevolent operations. We therefore recommend its adoption by our churches.

J. H. SAUNDERS, Sec'y. Digby, March 24, 1881.

CASH RECEIVED FOR ACADIA COLLEGE BUILDING FUND. Wm. Woodworth, New Germany, \$ 2 00 J. Leander Delong, do. do. 1 00 A. F. Randolph, Fredericton, N.B. 500 00 \$508 00

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A. D. W. BARRS, Treas. Wolfville, March 26, 1881.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Miss Rachel West, Aylesford, \$1 00 Great Village, Mrs. M. P. Freeman, 4 00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, March 29, 1881.

THE SHELBURNE COUNTY MINISTERIAL AND LAY CONFERENCE

will meet with the church at Upper Sable, on Tuesday, April 12th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Papers will be read by Rev. J. F. McKenna on The Scriptural Law of Beneficence.

By Rev. G. H. Goudy on The Principle of Independence in Baptist Church Polity.

By Rev. J. A. Durkee on The Relation of Faith and Baptism in Salvation.

By Rev. W. H. Richan on The Mutual Relation of Baptism and the Communion.

Pastors and churches throughout the county will please note the above, and send lay delegates to the number of 1 for every 30 and fraction of 30 of the membership.

W. H. RICHAN, Sec'y. Barrington, March 21, 1881.

KINGS COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

This body will meet with the Kentville Church on Tuesday, the 5th of April, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Hants County Conference have accepted an invitation to be present. Several papers will be read and important questions will be discussed. It is hoped that all the churches of Kings will be represented. The meetings will be open to the members of the Kentville Church. Bro. Whitman of Hantsport will preach in the evening when a collection will be taken up for Home Missions.

D. M. WELTON, Sec'y pro tem.

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LITERATURE IN 1880.—We have once again to note the fact that England is not wholly given to novel reading, nor is theology at a discount in that country. It appears that there issued from the press last year 5,708 publications. Theology heads the list. We give a few details

Theological and Biblical.....975 Educational.....675 Works for the Young.....719 Novels.....580 Scientific and Artistic.....479 Historical.....363 Voyages and Travels.....285 Political and Social Economy.....226

This to us is satisfactory. "The former days were not better than these." The fact that nearly one-fourth of the publications for the year were more or less educational, intended for the young; that works on science and history exceeded in number the novels issued; and that the distinctly religious still heads the lists ought to convince us that England is not deteriorating, but that the reading public, on the whole, choose their publications wisely. We gratefully record the ascendancy of the religious and the educational in the publications of 1880.

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