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News from the Churches.

We learn that Rev. Isaiah Wallace baptised one person at the Island, Lower Economy last Lord's Day, Sabbath 16th.

We regret to learn from Rev. D. G. Macdonald, who writes from Sackville, N. B., of the continued illness of Mrs. McDonald. He says: "The way to Morgan Park is hedged up. I have accepted the charge of the Baptist cause here. The work to be done is great, but God's grace is sufficient. Please ask your readers to pray for us and address their letters to Sackville, N. B., instead of Charlottetown, P. E. I."

A Scotch Baptist church has been organised in Patagonia. There are Chinese Baptist churches in Guiana, and a French one in the Argentine Republic.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, at Bristol, two men, members of the Bible-class in connection with Trinity Church, St. Philip's, were baptized by immersion in the church, by Rev. H. Armstrong Hall, the vicar, in the presence of about 120 members of the Bible-Class.

Yet another baptism by immersion in an Episcopal church, was observed on the evening of Wednesday, June 21, by Rev. C. H. Sturdy, M. A., in St. Paul's Church, Dorking. A bath was hired of a local iron-monger for the purpose, but as no public notice of the time for the observance had been given, all who went with the expectation of witnessing it arrived too late. Mr. Sturdy in the course of his sermon afterwards alluded to what had taken place as unusual, and therefore demanding from him a few remarks. He then proceeded to show from the service in the "Book of Common Prayer" entitled "Ministration of Baptism to such as are of Riper Years," that he was justified by the directions given there in the course he had taken.

At the Irish Baptist Association recently held at Carrickfergus it was found that financially and spiritually most of the churches were in a healthy condition. Large blessings had attended the labours of the pastors at Belfast, Tubbermore, and Tandragee, whilst gratifying increases were reported at Banbridge, Lisnaglear, Ballymena, Derryneill, and Athlone. Slight decreases were reported at Dublin, Clough, Letterkenny, Coulig, Omagh, Ballymoney, and Grange Corner. These decreases in most cases were caused by emigration &c. The total increase was 100. There were 189 baptized during the year.

A baptismal service of a somewhat unique and certainly impressive character took place on Wednesday afternoon, June 28, at Aldreth High Bridge, England. When the preliminaries were finished Rev. T. Henry Smith (pastor of the church at Haddenham) and Rev. T. Mustill (of Over) walked into the river and immersed fifty-seven persons, candidates from the churches of Haddenham and Aldreth, alternately, in the presence of about 8,000 persons. Tea was provided in a tent erected in a meadow lent by Mr. Prime, and about 900 friends sat down together.

PRESBYTERIAN.—The committee of the Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland on Disestablishment have had two meetings, and have asked the Premier, in the event of his receiving a deputation from the Free Church on the subject of Church and State in Scotland, to grant a similar interview to a deputation from the Church of Scotland.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has forbidden its congregations to use instrumental music by a vote of 360 to 345.

The Rev. Dr. Begg, in the debate on instrumental music at the Assembly, told an old story about a minister trying to induce a city Arab to attend his church by telling him there was an organ in it. The young rascal asked with a grin, "And hae ye a puggie tac?" A correspondent of the Scotsman wickedly suggests that Dr. Begg thereby insinuates that "when an organ is in the gallery a monkey must be in the pulpit."

EPISCOPAL.—A fracas occurred in St. James' Church, Hatcham, on the 23rd ult. Immediately after the Prayer of Consecration had been recited, Mr. Bridges, the vicar's warden, presented himself as a communicant, and, having been communicated by the vicar in one kind, was about being offered the chalice, when Mr. Saunders at once entered the chancel and forcibly prevented the rev. gentlemen from completing the administration of the communion. Mr. Walker in vain endeavoured to perform his sacred ministration, but Mr. Saunders resolutely refused it being done, and in a loud voice called upon him to stop, as it was illegal to have a celebration unless three at least presented themselves.

Cetewayo is coming to England, and may be expected to arrive in August. He will be regarded as a curiosity, and all who may have a chance of seeing him will no doubt avail themselves of it. We have no apprehension, however that he will be exhibited in any way which would be unpleasant to himself. He will probably remain long enough to gain some familiarity with our cities, our people, our social condition, our national manners, our institutions, and our resources. If the knowledge thus acquired is to be of any practical advantage to him, he must have an opportunity of putting it to use in his native country; and so we conclude that his coming to England is only preparatory to his return to Zululand.

Dr. Somerville of Glasgow, Scotland, who recently laboured with great usefulness in the German cities, has been invited to conduct an evangelistic campaign in South Africa. The only part of the British Empire he has not visited for this purpose.

No fewer than twenty ladies, some of them of high social rank, at the present time in different parts of England are teaching the Bible-classes and night schools, reading at the dinner-hour, opening savings banks, holding mothers meetings, and in other ways helping work the Navy Mission.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

The Presbyterian Mission Garden Party on Wednesday last was quite a success.

The lobster fishing season is extended 21 days in Quebec and P. E. Island, and in some parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Two cows had a fight at North Sydney, C. B., the other day, in which one of the bovines was killed.

The Eastern Beacon, of Port Hawkesbury, C. B., has suspended publication.

The catch of lobsters at Port Hood, C. B., this season has been large. On some days from 14 to 15 tons were caught.

White Creek, Antigonish Co., must be a cool place. Snow from last winter has remained in that vicinity up to the 13th of the present month.

Strawberry Festivals are now the order of the day.

An agricultural and industrial exhibition will be held at Truro on October 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. A prize list of \$2,500 has been published.

Messrs. Davidson & Crichton of this city, dry goods merchants, on Friday received a letter from a Roman Catholic clergyman of Charlottetown, P. E. I., enclosing \$895 as restitution. The amount was a sum of which they had been defrauded, and the person who had so defrauded them desired to make restitution, and took this means of doing so.

WINDSOR is to take a vote on the question of bringing the water into the town on the 3rd of August, some of the benefits, expected from a water supply are the saving of insurance; a preventive against fire; inducements for persons to build within the limits of the Town, &c. The estimated cost is less than one-half per cent on the assessment of property. A man that now pays \$10 taxes will then have to pay \$11.60, or \$1-60 additional to his present taxes.

THE GATES ORGAN AND PIANOFORTE FACTORY at Truro, was visited by a large number of Teachers, School Inspectors, and other friends on Friday, the 14th inst. They expressed themselves much pleased with the Factory, works and fine-toned instruments. The Company's sales during last year were over 2,000 and from that it appears that their change of locality has been wisely made.

The writer probably intended to say year but did not.

New Brunswick.

While Mr. J. M. M. Huggard and family, of Norton, N. B., were driving over a bridge on their way to church service last Tuesday, the bridge gave way and the team with its occupants went down. It is believed that Mrs. Huggard's back is broken, while all the rest are seriously injured. As they fell down the horses were thrown over backwards into the wagon. The height of the bridge was fourteen feet and its length twenty feet.

On Tuesday a young man named James Pelley, of Moncton, had a narrow escape from fatal poisoning on over indulgence in liquor. The skull of three M. D.'s was called into requisition before he recovered consciousness.

Attempts are being made to vote down the Canadian Temperance Act in Fredericton.

A man named Patrick Bradley, of Fredericton, N. B., was sent to jail on the 15th inst., for two months, for a fourth violation of the Scott Act. The petition asking for a new election on the Scott Act has 239 signatures.

Mrs. Wilcox, of Grand Manan, N. B., reported as being asleep for two weeks, died on the 15th inst.

A prisoner named McDonald confined at Moncton on a serious charge, on last Thursday night broke a window in his cell and escaped.

The St. John Telegraph takes time by the forelock. It already reminds its citizens that the Dominion Exhibition is to be held in that place in 1883.

A man named Daniel McCarthy on last Friday evening, in the presence of a number of people, walked down a wharf at St. John, and deliberately jumped overboard.

Dominion of Canada.

Some packages of Dominion \$1 and \$2 bills were stolen from the Dominion Treasury recently without being signed. They are now in circulation, of the following numbers: \$1 bills, from number 505,001 to 505,600; \$2 bills, from number 145,001 to 146,000; second package of \$2 bills from number 155,001 to 156,000.

Mr. Thos. Foote, treasurer of the I. C. R., has been superannuated.

Each of the electoral districts of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, are constituted health districts for the purpose of statistics.

Lord Lorne and Princess Louise leave for British Columbia about the middle of September.

John Hays, Credit P. O., says: "His shoulder was so lame for nine months that he could not raise his hand to his head, but by the use of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil the pain and lameness disappeared, and although three months have elapsed, he has not had an attack of it since."

Mr. Paretus Boileau, Ottawa, says: "I was radically cured of piles, from which I had been suffering for over two months, by the use of Thomas' Electric Oil. I used it both internally and externally, taking it in small doses before meals and on retiring to bed. In one week I was cured, and have had no trouble since. I believe it saved my life."

THE HIGHEST AWARD.—That Putner's Emulsion stands day higher and far ahead of any other compound of the kind, and is acknowledged by the profession to be the most reliable in the treatment of *Wasting, Scrofulous, and Children's Diseases*, where the brain is overworked, and the general system run down for the want of *Phosphorus*, which is the only *Nerve Tonic*.
Jan. 19. 6m.

Humbug Advertisements

The time never has been and never will be when the people of this or any other country can buy a gold dollar for seventy five cents. Neither can you, dear reader, purchase an organ worth three or four hundred dollars for \$60. This is all nonsense. Still we have no objection to other people doing their business just as they see fit. We are selling a good, honest made Piano at from \$185 to \$375, and a good, honest Organ (not all stops) for from \$48 to \$475. All our goods are made upon honor, and we send to any part of the world on test trial, and if no pleasure, no keepee, as the Chinaman would say. For the past ten years we have sent both Pianos and Organs to every part of the world, and our instruments give the most universal satisfaction. If you wish a good instrument, one that will always last you, we shall be pleased to send you our catalogue and prices; and if you purchase one of the Thomas Brothers' *Silver Tone Instruments* you will get what you require, and one instrument sold in a neighborhood always sells us more. Address, for prices, etc.,

JAS. H. THOMAS,
Successor to THOMAS BROTHERS,
Catakill, N. Y., U. S. A.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

An Appeal from New Harbor Baptist Church in the County of Guysboro'.

To Sister churches of the N. S. Eastern Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,—The church at New Harbor have recently erected a meeting house all finished outside which cost them a large sum. There remains a debt of three hundred and fifty dollars against their house which they are unable to meet unless aided by brethren of other churches. With the help of the Home Mission Board they have secured my services for a year and therefore, feel more anxious to have the house finished.

By their own earnest request I brought their case to the notice of the Eastern Association. I am happy to say that the good ministering brethren assembled there, gave me all the encouragement possible and moved that a collection should be taken to aid in finishing the meeting house. A collection was taken amounting to \$16.00 for which we return our hearty thanks to the ministering brethren and the good sisters and brethren of Pugnash.

On my way home I remained a while at Antigonish where I met with bro. Whidden who entertained me with Christian cheerfulness and hospitality, and introduced me to friends there, used influence in my favor and consequently I received \$14.00; a large portion of which was given by himself and family. Making in all \$30.00.

I feel greatly encouraged in the expectation of having our house in a comfortable state before the cold comes on. I would urge, therefore, upon all the churches in this Association the necessity of considering our position so that our efforts to do good be not crippled.

I would urge upon each pastor that he would bring our extremity to the notice of his people.

Our request is one that pertains to the salvation of men, and to the glory of our Redeemer.

Any friend who may read these lines and feel inclined to help us, can send his or her donation to me or to I. S. Niclerson, Church Clerk, New Harbor, Guysboro' Co., and we will promptly acknowledge the same in the *Christian Messenger*. Finally, dear brethren do not pass by our request without due consideration. Let us "bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

By order of the Church,
D McLEOD,
New Harbor, Guysboro' Co., N. S.
July 20th, 1882.

For the Christian Messenger.

TO THE CHURCHES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren,—Sine our pleasant and profitable gathering at North River your Secretaries have been gathering the denominational statistics as furnished in your itters, and for obvious reasons they take this method of giving you some other results of their labour.

According to these letters we have now a membership of one thousand six hundred and fifty-eight, a gain over last year of one hundred and eighty-seven. Ninety-six baptisms were reported, and comparatively few deaths. The gain in it is true is small but this God's Providence we trust is the me of full sowing and we have reason to believe that the harvest will soon appear.

Ten ordained ministers and two licentias have the charge of twenty-

four churches, an average of two churches, beside a large number of preaching stations to each pastor. Brethren, of the larger and more wealthy churches may you not enjoy a large proportion of your minister's time and care, and does it not rest with you to increase the staff of ministers in this province, thus giving our denomination more strength and influence? Important questions, brethren, will you not consider them?

We would call attention to the fact that we have not raised one dollar per number yet for our "Convention Scheme." Some of the churches have done nobly even going beyond the required amount. Namely, *Cavendish* with a membership of 44 giving *forty-four dollars* to Convention Scheme and \$31 to Foreign Missions through its W. A. Society.

Uigg has *twenty-eight members* and contributed *thirty-eight dollars fifty cents* to Convention Scheme. Other churches such as Grand River, Clyde River, Bedeque, North River, and others have very nearly doubled the required sum. And it is intimated that another effort will be made after Convention to secure the full amount. And if such an effort is made we have no reason to doubt its successful issue. Our contributions amount in all to about *eight hundred dollars* at the present writing. Our membership is 1658, or deducting the non-residents, we have a *resident membership* of 1123. We want to raise *eight hundred and fifty-eight more dollars* to make up our full contribution to the Convention Scheme—or if we wish to pay \$1 for each *resident member*—(a very small sum indeed) we have but to supplement our present contributions to about *three hundred and twenty-five dollars* (\$325). We have a few weeks left in which to do the work.

Will not our churches take the matter in hand and carry it on to a successful issue? The money is needed, brethren—it has, every cent and much more, been earned, and it should not be withheld from them to whom it justly belongs.

Bro. Cohoon reports that no less than \$3,000 are needed at the present time by the Home Mission Board alone. This simply means that there are \$3,000 due to our Home Missionaries who do their best, receiving but small pecuniary reward for their faithful labors, and who should certainly not be kept waiting and waiting still for the small sum they receive from the Board, long after it has been honestly earned, to their personal injury and to the injury of our common cause.

We are now asking the all wise Giver of every good gift to bless the labors of our hands in granting us a bountiful harvest. Well, then "Honor the Lord with thy substance, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty."

Yours truly,
A. H. LAVERS,
Secretary.

For the Christian Messenger.

TO THE MINISTERS, DELEGATES AND OTHERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE SEVEN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Dear Brethren,—

Year after year you have been in the habit of meeting in some central or convenient locality within the bounds of your several Associations in order as you supposed, to do business for the Lord and for the furtherance of his cause. You have done this at considerable sacrifice no doubt, of time, money and in many cases of personal convenience, but you have done this cheerfully thinking that it was your duty and privilege to go "up to the help of the Lord."

Many of you at the request of your brethren, have made careful preliminary

preparations for these meetings. You have prepared sermons, Circular letters, reports, &c., &c., in great numbers, spending much time and strength upon these productions; and the results of your labors have been published from time to time, and in my humble opinion can be profitably read and meditated upon even now. And you did all this as you thought for the glory of God and to benefit your fellow men.

During the sessions of your respective Associations you have listened to, and many of you have participated in the earnest and prayerful discussion of those questions which are of vital importance to us as Baptists or as members of Christ's Kingdom. And you thought you were both getting good and doing good by being present at and being engaged in these discussions.

You have also seen very large gatherings at these meetings—especially in the evenings, and on the Sabbath days. Stirring addresses upon missions, home and foreign, education, temperance, and kindred subjects have been delivered. Scores upon scores of Gospel sermons preached, and churches have been quickened and souls saved through this agency—and so you had very good reason to believe that the assembling of yourselves together after this manner was not altogether in vain.

You have likewise gone down to your own churches strengthened and encouraged because you have been enabled to meet with so many of the brethren from the other churches and confer with them, and you have felt that a powerful and necessary impetus had been given to the work in all of the churches which had been represented. But dear brethren you have been deceived all along—all your sacrifices and labors, your prayers, your sermons, your addresses, your letters—everything you have done has amounted to just "nothing." You have been squandering your money—wasting your powers of mind and body, and fooling away your time—you had better staid at home—you can do "nothing" at those Associations of yours—you have done "nothing," and you will continue to do "nothing" if you persist in coming together at those do-"nothing"-meetings.

One of our young brethren has made this discovery for you and very kindly tells you that your Associational gatherings amount to just "nothing." Now that you are undeceived in this matter, and the veil taken from your eyes, you will, I trust, heed the admonition so freely tendered to you by some of our worthy brethren and have no more to do with such *impotent, helpless, do-nothing* affairs as Baptist Associations.

Yours truly,
ONE WHO HAS JUST WOKE UP.
P. E. I., July, 1882.

A Thanksgiving Celebration of the of the Salvation Army was held on Monday, the 3rd inst, at the Alexandria Palace, London, on the occasion of the seventeenth anniversary of the establishment of the Army. About 30,000 persons were present, mostly officers and members of the army. General Booth read the following letter which his wife had received, and the reading of which evoked enthusiastic cheering:—"Windsor Castle, June 30, 1882.—Madam,—I am commanded by the Queen to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., and to assure you that Her Majesty learns with much satisfaction that you have, with other members of your society, been successful in your efforts to win many thousands to the ways of temperance, virtue, and religion. I regret, however, to have to inform you that Her Majesty cannot contribute to the fund you are now endeavouring to raise for the purchase of the Grecian Theatre.—I have the honor to be, Madam, your obedient servant (Signed), HENRY F. PONSONBY."