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Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Theological Department of Acadia College.

The close of the yearly course of instruction in the Theological Department of Acadia College will be attended with appropriate exercises to take place D. V. in the large College Hall on Tuesday the 30th of May, commencing at 8 o'clock, P. M.

All persons interested are invited to attend. After singing and prayer, the Record of Instruction in the Department during the year will be read from the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Welton, Prof. of Hebrew, &c., will then by special request deliver an essay on "The Ministry we need and how to obtain it."

Dr. Schurman, Prof. of Mental Philosophy, &c., is expected to follow with interesting information on Education in Europe—Theological or otherwise.

The Rev. Dr. Sawyer, President of the University, it is hoped will add some remarks; after which addresses are expected from ministering brethren on several correlative subjects:

1. Rev. D. A. Stee, A. M., will speak on the question, "How may we best promote the interests of a sound gospel ministry?"

2. Rev. E. M. Keirstead, A. M., on "The advantages and special obligations of an Educated Ministry."

3. Rev. Mr. Hopper, on the question "Could an uneducated man have accomplished the work of the Apostle Paul?"

4. Rev. Dr. Day on "The Patriotic aspect of a Theological School."

It is proposed that these addresses shall occupy not more than about fifteen minutes each.

The meeting will close with Prayer and singing the Dextology.

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The Anniversaries at Acadia College.

Acadia's Anniversary will occur on the first day of June, and promises to be one of the best for many years.

The closing exercises of the Collegiate School and Ladies Seminary will be held on Wednesday morning and afternoon, May 31st, when, in addition to examination of classes, there will be original papers, Music, &c., by certain young ladies and gentlemen of the schools. In the evening there will be held in the College Hall the

DR. CRAMP MEMORIAL SERVICE.

consisting as follows:

Oration on Life of Dr. Cramp, by Dr. Sawyer, occupying about three-fourths of an hour. Then will follow addresses, by Rev. Dr. Bill on Dr. Cramp as a Preacher.

By T. H. Rand, D. C. L., on Dr. Cramp as a Teacher.

By A. Longley, M. P., on Dr. Cramp as a Temperance Advocate.

Hon. Dr. Parker, on Dr. Cramp as a Governor of Acadia College.

By Professor Schurman, on Dr. Cramp as a Literateur.

These will be interspersed with choice music by the choir. Thursday will be the great day, no doubt, for the College Anniversary.

The procession of Governors, Professors, Graduates and Students will be larger this year than ever. The large Hall of the College will be crowded before the hour of commencement with the elite of Kings County largely supplemented by the leading Baptists and Educationists of the Maritime Provinces. A fine class will be graduated, whose Orations will give the visitors from other colleges some idea of the mental ability, and training possessed by Acadia's men. The Alumni Dinner

at 2 P. M., on Thursday, immediately after the closing of the College, promises to sustain the high character of the dinners in the past. Short after-dinner speeches by leading representative men will be given, and time allowed visitors to view the beauties of Wolfville and surroundings.

The village of W. will be redolent of Spring time and apple blossoms, and our friends are advised to arrange for a visit to Acadia at this season. Reduced fares will be granted by the Railway authorities east and west, so that the enjoyments can be obtained at a very small expense.

J. PARSONS.

President of Alumni of Acadia College.

News of the Churches.

DARTMOUTH—Two persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church here on Sabbath morning last, by the pastor Rev. E. J. Grant.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK OF GRACE IN DOVER, HALIFAX COUNTY.—Dear Editor,—For three months I had not been able to get to Dover on account of the impassable state of the roads, there having been no travelling there with teams to break them. Last week I succeeded in getting there through mud and snow, and found all the converts growing in grace and maintaining their meetings with an interest which might put many more highly favoured communities to shame.

We had very interesting meetings four evenings of the week and on Saturday a refreshing Conference, in which thirty-two spoke freely of God's dealings with them, and on Sabbath morning five happy converts, three of them heads of families were baptized in the presence of about two hundred spectators, after which our place of meeting was crowded with listeners to the gospel. There are now thirty members here covenanted together to maintain the worship of God, and a number of others are anxiously enquiring after truth. More will doubtless be baptized on my next visit. The Lord be praised for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Yours in the gospel,

A. W. BARSS.

May 2nd, 1882.

Dear Editor,—

Bro. Young is still with us and the good work is rapidly spreading. On Lord's Day, April 30th, nine were added to the church by baptism at Port Lorne.

Yours, &c.,

E. H. SWEET.

Port Lorne, May 1st, 1882.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Rev. H. Foshay writes: "I have to report some progress in church affairs in Sussex. During the year fifteen have been baptized, and three added by letter. Prayer meetings show signs of life, and the people have a mind to work. Our Sabbath School rooms are in progress. We are doing what we can for the 'Convention Fund.' We take monthly collections for the Scheme, and hope to have something to contribute soon; but to tell the truth it is our belief that more money can be raised by presenting the objects embraced in the Convention plan separately. However, we are looking for a visit from Bro. Warren this month, and hope to derive benefit from his words."

TRURO.—Dear Brother,—Six young people put on Christ by baptism here yesterday. The morning was cheerful and sunny. So we went to the River instead of using our font. It was a pleasant service.

Yours truly,

J. E. GOUGHEN.

May 8th.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—The work of the Lord still prospers graciously in Lower Granville, six persons were baptized yesterday, (Sabbath, May 7.) at the Island, in the presence of a very large assembly. These make 35 baptized since the work commenced and the prospects for further enlargement are very hopeful. Many are enquiring for the way of salvation. I rejoice to hear of the progress of the good work in other places.

Yours truly,

ISA. WALLACE.

May 8th.

MIDDLETON.—Dear Brother.—It was my privilege yesterday to baptize three at Hanley Mountain, and Sunday previous sixteen, making nineteen at Hanley Mountain, and thirteen at the Grove. There are others converted who will also obey the command. May the Lord grant larger blessings here, and in other churches also.

Yours truly,

J. H. ROBBINS.

May 8th.

LECTURE BEFORE THE ACADIA ATHENAEUM.—On Friday Evening last the Rev. E. M. Keirstead of Windsor, delivered an excellent address before the Acadia Athenaeum on "Sources of character." This was a very earnest thoughtful discourse, and well calculated to be a permanent benefit to the young men for whom it was more particularly intended. It is seldom one hears such a well conceived and forcible presentation of this important subject.

Rev. E. M. Keirstead preached at Wolfville on Sabbath morning, and addressed the Missionary meeting in the evening. Very instructive addresses were also given by Dr. Sawyer and Mr. Bars.

REV. DR. DEBLOIS.—At the Conference of the Wolfville Church on Saturday last, it was unanimously resolved that their pastor, Dr. deBlois be granted six months leave of absence with the hope that after rest from pastoral labor may restore to him in some measure his wonted health. Dr. deBlois has had a long and successful pastorate, and never has he been so firmly entrenched in the affections of his people as at present. They have noticed with painful apprehension his impaired eye-sight and general loss of physical vigor, and have decided to continue his salary as heretofore, while making other provision for the pulpit during the coming half-year. It is earnestly to be hoped that Pastor deBlois may be perfectly restored.

The visit of Mr. Moody and Mr. Sankey to Edinburgh will be commemorated by the erection of an evangelistic hall for the city. An eligible site, within a little distance of the house of John Knox, has been secured.

The Friend of India says there is a wonderful religious movement in Eastern Bengal, and that several thousand native Christians have seceded from the Catholic communion and become Protestants.

The whole Bible has been translated into eight African tongues and portions of it into twenty-four others, making thirty-two in all.

Here are some figures which will show you how the kingdom of Christ has grown since the seed were first planted, nineteen years ago.

First century..... 500,000

Third century..... 5,000,000

Fifteenth century..... 15,000,000

Sixteenth century..... 100,000,000

Seventeenth century..... 125,000,000

Eighteenth century..... 155,000,000

Nineteenth century..... 200,000,000

The figures show the number of Christians; and the increase in the numbers shows how the kingdom of Christ on earth has grown.

The Greek Testament in the ancient tongue is now, by order of the Greek Government, read in its 1,200 schools, which have 80,000 pupils.

Yours truly,

J. E. GOUGHEN.

May 8th.

The Rev. Dr. O. Flett, of Paisley, baptized, on Sabbath, 12th inst., the Rev. Robert Thompson, who has been for the last nine years a minister of the Church of England. He is a native of Glasgow, was educated in the Glasgow University, and has served in the English Church in London and Canterbury. On the Sabbath following his baptism he conducted the services for Dr. Flett, and in the afternoon preached a very able discourse on the question of Baptism, taking for his motto the words, "What doth hinder me to be baptized?"

Rev. Mr. Javin, a Presbyterian minister of St. Anne, Ill., was recently baptized, and ordained, at the Kankakee Baptist church.—Christian Index.

In Memoriam.

JOHN FROST, ESQ.,

of Grand River, Lot 56, P. E. Island, died on April 16th, 1882, aged 79 years. The deceased was for many years a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and in the past when the cause was weak was largely instrumental in establishing a Sabbath School, and supporting other branches of Christian work. He stood by Baptist principles when but few professed them, had the satisfaction of witnessing the spread of these principles, and just previous to his departure gave expression to his interest in the welfare of Zion. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—JOHN HOWLETT.

News of the World.

The Irish question has assumed a new phase during the past week by the resignation by Mr. Forster of the Secretaryship. He gave as his reasons for so doing that he objected to releasing suspects without a public declaration from them that they would cease opposing the execution of the law. Parnell, Dillon and O'Kelly had incited lawless acts. Had Parnell not been imprisoned he would have become an uncrowned king of Ireland. The Coercion Act was a necessary measure. Punishment should be meted out to those who had committed outrages. He said his individual opinions as to the proper course to pursue were opposed by his thirteen colleagues; the course he had hoped to see pursued was that the act strengthening ordinary law should be pressed forward, and then all the suspects released. He feared that the price which would have to be paid for the immediate diminution of outrages, which might be produced by an unconditional release of Parnell, would be weakening to the power of any Government to protect life and property.

Sir Stafford Northcote thought the present aspect of affairs looked like a triumph for the agitators.

Mr. Gladstone warmly praised Mr. Forster, and declared that there was no arrangement or bargain with the Leaguers, but that the Government had availed themselves of information tendered by men in position to offer it. There was quite a lively discussion in the House. Parnell, Dillon, and O'Kelly were present part of the time. Mr. Sexton, said that the Government had taken the first step in a policy that would crown its administration with glory, and would produce ties of mutual interest between Ireland and Scotland.

Mr. Gibson, member for Dublin University and formerly Attorney-General for Ireland, made a lengthy speech against the Government. He maintained that the agitation in Ireland was mainly supported by the American press and American gold, and that without American aid it would be a very small affair indeed.

On the news of Mr. Forster's resignation reaching Dublin, there was much excitement. Crowds gathered in the streets and cheered for Parnell and grieved for Forster. Bands paraded the city playing the national airs.

At Limerick many people danced with joy, shouting, "Forster is gone! God save Ireland!" Bands turned out at Waterford. Emblems of rejoicing were universal. Fires were blazing on Wicklow hills.

The Telegraph said: Mr. Forster has been treated as a Jonah and thrown overboard to lighten the vessel of the administration on its new tack.

The Times said the policy now to be tried in Ireland is one of concession and conciliation, pure and simple.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday the consideration of the cloths resolution was resumed. O'Donnell's

amendment that the initiative of closing a debate be taken by a responsible Minister, and not by the Speaker, was rejected by 220 to 164.

Earl Spencer only accepted the Vice-Royalty of Ireland provisionally, and it is stated that Earl Dufferin will assume the duties of Lord Lieutenant in August.

A new writ has been ordered for an election for the Northern Division of the West Riding of Yorkshire, in consequence of Lord Frederick Cavendish accepting the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland.

An English jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against a soldier, who recently shot and killed a Spanish Smuggler.

The Cornish fishing fleet lost £3,000 worth of nets during the late gale.

ASSASSINATION OF THE NEW SECRETARY AND UNDER-SECRETARY.

More the above was written, another and more shocking event has transpired. On Saturday last about 8 10 in the evening, in broad daylight, Lord Frederick Cavendish, the new Secretary, and Mr. Thomas Henry Burke, Under Secretary for Ireland, were assassinated in Phoenix Park, Dublin. Lord Frederick Cavendish and Earl Spencer had remained at Dublin Castle engaged in the transaction of official business until six o'clock, when each drove to his respective residence. After dinner Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke went for a walk in Phoenix Park. They were strolling in the Park about half a mile from the city gate, when it is said a car drove up containing four men, two of whom jumped down from the car and attacked Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke, stabbing both several times in the throat and breast. The upper part of Mr. Burke's body was perforated in a shocking manner. The body of the Chief Secretary displayed the same dreadful wounds, in addition to which his left arm was broken and torn as it he had put it up to protect his breast. Lord Cavendish was quite dead.

It is said that after the act the murderers immediately drove off. A large quantity of notes and gold coin, besides their gold watches, were found in the pockets of the victims, which showed that the object of the crime was not robbery. Great excitement prevails throughout Dublin, and widespread indignation is expressed over the event.

It is since reported that Burke was the victim whose assassination had been planned, and that Lord Frederick Cavendish was only killed because he was in Burke's company.

It appears that on Saturday afternoon a car was seen to pass through Graton Street, Dublin, containing four very suspicious looking fellows, with blackened faces, and wearing slouched hats pulled down in front to conceal their faces. Telegrams were immediately sent to all the police stations in Ireland and Great Britain giving information of the murder. Burke has long been regarded with extreme disfavor by the Nationalists of Ireland.

Mr. Parnell has expressed his abhorrence of the deed and says this is one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed. Its effect must certainly be most damaging to the interests of the Irish people. I always found Lord Frederick Cavendish a most amiable gentleman, painstaking and strictly conscientious in the fulfilment of his official duties. There seems an unhappy destiny presiding over Ireland, which always comes at the moment when there seems some chance for the country, to destroy the hopes of her best friends. I hope the people of Ireland will take immediate and practical steps to express their sympathy with Gladstone in his most painful position.

A manifesto to the people of Ireland, signed by Messrs Parnell, Dillon, and Davitt, has been issued, deprecating the blow which has fallen like a blight upon what seemed so bright a future for Ireland.

The remains of Lord Frederick Cavendish will be conveyed to England on Tuesday and interred at Chatsworth on Wednesday.

Great sympathy is expressed for the family of Lord Cavendish, from the Queen down through all ranks of society. Many columns of the London morning papers on Monday were filled with the names of those who called to express sympathy with the relatives of Lord Frederick Cavendish.

Sir S. Northcote has assured the government of the support of the opposition should martial law be proclaimed.

The Herald's special from Dublin says four men have been arrested on

suspicion of being the murderers. They are believed to be Englishmen.

England will co-operate with other nations in establishing a chain of circum-polar, magnetic and meteorological observatories. Fort Rye, in the North of Canada, is the station selected.

The Spanish patriot Castellar has given assurance to the government of that country that, although he is a republican and would give friendly support to a liberal ministry yet he will not seek to embarrass the government under existing difficulties.

Turkey is keeping a vigilant eye on Egypt, and has had five ironclads kept in readiness the past month to sail at a moment's notice to convey troops there, should the powers agree as to the necessity for Turkish intervention.

A despatch from Cairo, says the recent sentence of court-martial concludes as follows: "Whereas, the court finds that Ismail Pacha instigated the plot and sent Rantih Pacha to Egypt to organize it, the question of the discontinuance of Ismail Pacha's civil list will be submitted to the Khedive and a council of Ministers."

Another insurrection has broken out in Sudan. A false prophet, Mahd, defeated Egyptian troops, captured the city of Sennar and taken Mudier prisoner.

The west coast of Africa is in a very disturbed state; a despatch from Bonny, reports that there has been heavy fighting between the natives of New Calabar and the followers of Oko Jumbo. The latter were the aggressors. The slaughter has been fearful, at least 2,000 persons having been killed. It was feared that Jaga would take part in the fighting, thus causing a war which would become a wholesale carnage. There was much alarm among the English inhabitants. It was expected that two gunboats would be ordered to the scene.

The Indians are giving trouble in New Mexico, a southern Territory of the United States. It is stated that in an encounter on the 28th ult., fifteen were killed and on the 1st forty more, and 200 head of cattle were re-captured. The loss of the U. S. troops is given as five.

It is reported that one hundred and forty-one whites and Mexicans were killed by Fort Rae Indians, who in the past two weeks five hundred head of stock were killed and captured, and the destruction of over \$75,000 worth of property.

By a railway accident at Minneapolis on Thursday last, Albert Endy, John Cochran and John Griffen were killed. The city of Racine, in Wisconsin was almost burned by fire on Friday last. The loss is estimated at thirteen millions of dollars. Fire engines were sent from Chicago and Milwaukee.

The St. Paul's elevator was burned. Loss half a million of dollars.

English dealers in ice are buying ice in Maine, and it sells in England for nine dollars a ton. About 300,000 tons will supply all England for the season, while New York city alone uses 2,000,000 tons.

Lord Randolph Churchill, the Duke of Manchester, Lord Mandeville, Count Montsalin and Lord Elphinstone arrived at New York, last week from Europe.

A new horse disease, partaking of the nature of both lock-jaw and hay fever, is prevalent in Chicago.

Three men were drowned at Ogdensburg, N. Y. on Friday, by a boat upsetting.

William Richards, wanted for a murder committed near Montreal, in July, was arrested at Waterbury, Conn., on Friday. Richards is charged with being the murderer of Joseph Jackson, whose dead body was found in the woods at Sutton, Quebec, last summer.

James Mooney, President of the Irish National Land League, has issued the following proclamation to the Land League of America: "The execrable and cowardly assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish, the newly appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland, and Under Secretary Burke, has horrified the world, and is especially painful and abhorrent to every true friend of Ireland."

The following was cabled on Sunday night, to Mr. Gladstone: "As President of the Land League in America, I beg to express the deepest abhorrence of the terrible crime just committed in Dublin, especially in an hour which, owing to your change of policy, looked brighter for Ireland."

(Signed) JAMES MOONEY.