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News from the Churches.

The Methodist Churches of this city received additions to their membership on Sunday the 4th inst. In Brunswick Street 13; in Grafton Street 2 and in Charles Street Church 10.

At Lower Horton on the 4th inst., Centennial Services were held. Rev. T. Rogers preached at a social meeting on Tuesday evening. Addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Rounsfell, an old and valued local preacher of fifty-two years standing, and the Rev. George Johnson, a veteran in the itinerancy. The superintendent gave a list of the ministers from time to time appointed to the circuit, and of those who had visited it in its earlier days. A collection of \$65 was taken up.

NEW GERMANY.—Hearing of the good work that is being carried on in many sections of the country around us, causes us to rejoice and to feel thankful to the Giver of all good things. We in this place have received a blessing from the Lord. During the months of April and May, twenty-two happy converts professed publicly that they had given themselves entirely to the service of their Lord and Master. Wanderers have been reclaimed. Those who have been striving to fight the good fight of faith, have had their faith increased. For these blessings we desire to give God the glory. We received valuable assistance in our work, from Rev. J. L. M. Young, of Illinois.

It is my privilege to have my lot cast in the midst of a kind and benevolent people. During the past year, I have been the recipient of one hundred and ten dollars, in addition to my year's salary. May the Lord reward them.

M. W. BROWN.

[We have also learned from Rev. J. L. M. Young of the good work at New Germany. His kind expressions respecting the church at New Germany we know are well deserved. He says "the church is a good one, zealous and faithful, sound in doctrine, peaceful and full of hope"—Ed. C. M.]

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

The May Meetings in New York.

By the kindness of some members of my church I was present at the Anniversary of our United States Societies held at New York from May 24th to 31st, and a brief account of the proceedings may be given for the readers of the Messenger. The meetings were held with the 1st Baptist Church on 39th Street, of which Rev. Dr. Peddie, a Canadian by birth, is pastor. The building is large and well equipped. The Home Mission Society occupied Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. At the first meeting a fine address of welcome was given by Dr. Peddie, and when the assembly composed of representatives of North and South, and all parts of the country joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," all hearts must have been moved by the power of Christian love. Then came the report of the Board presented by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Morehouse. The receipts for the past year were \$124,000 in excess of those of last or any previous year, reaching the sum of \$359,000. To this might be added \$56,000 from the church edifice fund, making \$415,000 as having passed through the Treasurer's hands. There were also amounts given directly to the Freedmen's Schools under control of the Board that would bring the funds up to something over \$500,000 for the work of the Society. This is encouraging. It must be remembered also that each State spends money for Home Mission work in connection with its own Convention, if we would know what our United States brethren are doing for their own country.

The increase of the funds was largely due to the gifts of one man and one woman, John H. Deane (a Canadian who went to New York a few years ago) gave \$30,000, and Mrs. C. C. Bishop gave \$37,500 during the year.

The year's work showed 16,523 weeks of labor; 1,460 churches and stations supplied; 36,440 sermons; 1,675 baptisms; 75 churches organized. There were 513 missionaries employed, of whom 292 were among Americans, 46 among Germans, 41 Scandinavians, 9 French, 2 Mexicans, 12 Indians, 21 Freedmen, 1 Chinese. There are 13 schools with 89 teachers and 2,151 scholars.

The Society's work extends into 46 States and Territories including British Columbia and Mexico. Contributions were received from 48 States and Territories and from France.

In subsequent sessions reports and addresses were given on the various departments of the work. Two Chinese converts were introduced, and the Indians asked for the gospel by an old Chief and a young Indian student who spoke very well. It was an effective way to move the Society to greater effort. There was a convert from the Roman Catholic French Priesthood introduced. He was one of 16 Priests converted by means of Father Chiniquy and had been a priest 14 years. Representatives of German, Mexican, and Western Missions were heard and all nations seemed present to ask for the knowledge of Christ. There was an animated discussion on the Chinese question. The great majority of those present were opposed to recent legislation whereby Chinese immigration is stopped for 10 years. It was claimed that 100,000 Chinese, the number now in United States could not peril the industries or institutions of the nation. Only 3 to 5,000 came yearly.

Dr. Abbott of California took the ground and stated that he represented in this view the Baptists of the Pacific.

The address of Dr. Anderson, President of Rochester University given at the Academy of Music at the public meeting of the Society was the work of one of the very ablest men. A poem by Dr. Dyer, who has written several books was inaudible to most of us. The singing of some "godless" music by a star singing lady provoked much criticism. Drs. N. Howard Doane and Morehouse were eager to disclaim any responsibility for it. I mention this, Mr. Editor, to show that if Committees of Arrangements in our Associations and Conventions sometimes fail to have everything first class they are not to be severely blamed. I have never seen anything in Canadian Anniversaries so out of place as the music offered to the thousands of Baptist elite gathered on that great occasion in the Academy of Music.

The Publication Society had a favorable Report to make at its 58th Annual meeting. The receipts of the business department were \$345,632 being \$28,000 more than any previous year. Receipts of Missionary Department were \$103,784. The total receipts were \$449,416. The number of pages printed during year was 589,589,446. The question of Bible work came up in the Societies and was evidently a *live* question. The prevailing feeling was that the Missionary Union and the Publication Society were the only organizations necessary for circulating the Scriptures abroad or at home, though the American and Foreign Bible Society has warm friends.

Personal feelings have a large place in the discussion of this question as they do with other religious bodies. This is most deplorable but I suppose it will cling to us for some time yet. A general Conference is to be had on the subject referred to, in which by Resolution offered by Dr. Armitage and concurred in by the Societies, Canadians are to be represented. It was stated that one fifth of the population in the United States without the Bible.

THE MISSIONARY UNION did not seem to have made much preparation for its meetings. This with the fact that they came last of the series made them of less interest than they ought to have had. The Report gives receipts at \$352,787. The debt is only \$396.

There are 181 missionaries; 1,198 native preachers; 1,061 churches; 8,347 baptisms; membership 95,560.

There were speeches by several brethren. Among the missionaries Rev. W. George who did no discredit to the cause, himself, or Nova Scotia.

Dr. A. K. Potter of Springfield spoke well. "The spiritual life of the church" he said is the measure of the pastor's power. If the church is wanting in spiritual life a minister's power is small. He may preach good sermons but they do not tell. So also the spiritual life of our churches is the measure of the missionary's power. How absurd to take a young man after a course of 10 years' study without any vital connection with our churches and tell him, "now go forth as a missionary. Take your life in your hand, sacrifice everything for your work." He took dinner with a wealthy brother. After several courses of elegant fare they adjourned from the dining room. The conversation was on missions. "What we want" said this brother, "is more Pauline missionaries, missionaries like Paul." Then the brother ordered out his carriage and span to take a drive! Pauline Missionaries! What we need is Pauline laymen. How much are we sacrificing for missions? We cannot expect a missionary to have a different spirit from that we have at home. This then was his point, that the power of the missionary is in proportion to the spiritual life of the churches that send him. In accordance with the suggestion of a wise brother who was near me and who loves our Province, I commend this to our churches engaged in our Foreign Mission work. I ought to mention the sermons, but my space is exhausted. Dr. Pepper preached an admirable discourse on loyalty to Christ and His gospel; and the sermon by Dr. Gordon of Boston before the Missionary Union, was one of the finest pieces of pulpit oratory I ever heard.

There were during the meetings many good addresses. With your correspondent that the average of the speaking was not high; especially when we remember they were the picked men of the whole country that were put forward. Our own Convention need not be ashamed of itself in comparison if any proper allowance is made for difference of number &c. There was a spirit of "brag" in many of the meetings quite contrary to the spirit of Christ or of Paul.

"North America for Christ" was the motto of one Society but they left out all except the United States, that is they omitted the greater part of North America on the map put before us. "Our country; the world's hope," was the motto on another map that adorned the church wall. Modest, wasn't it? Speaking of French fickleness Joseph Cook said "Eternity is not visible from Paris." So large does the States grow in estimation of the United States man, that "God is not in all his thoughts." His hope is in his country. Says the Psalmist, "My soul hope thou in God." Not in any country or nation, not even in the earnest people of the great Republic, must be our hope, but in the blessed fact that God has given us His Son and will with Him freely give us all things. But every Christian must rejoice in the great success attending the earnest labors of our brethren. May their zeal provoke us to larger giving and greater consecration.

N. S.

For the Christian Messenger.

Home Missions.

The June meeting of the Board of Home Missions was held yesterday in the vestry of the 1st Church, Yarmouth. Treasurer reported receipts of the month \$130.25.

Reports received from Missionaries—Haverstock, McGregor, Fletcher, Hayward, Grant, Howe, Spencer, Good, Edwards, Higgins, Bartlett, Coy and Normandy.

GRANTS.

1. To the New Harbour and Crow Harbour Churches &c., N. S., \$150.00 for one year from May 1st, 1882. Rev. D. McLeod, pastor.

2. To Springfield, Hainesville, Upper Queensbury, Maple Ridge and Temperance Vale Churches, in York Co., N. B., \$200.00 for one year beginning Feb. 14th, 1882. Rev. J. H. Coy, pastor.

APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE BOARD.

In Central Association—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D. In P. E. Island Association and Southern N. B., in place of Rev. J. Clark, Rev. J. A. Gordon. In N. S. Eastern and N. B. Eastern, the Cor Secretary. In N. B. Western, Rev. A. H. Hayward.

A. COBURN, Cor. Sec'y.
Yarmouth Co. June 6, 1882.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

Kings County has been suffering from robberies supposed to have been done by a gang of thieves. The Wolfville post office was broken into on Thursday week. Fragments of stolen letters were found a short distance from the office. A man supposed to be one of the thieves was captured near Wolfville on Tuesday. On his person was found a full set of burglar's tools and skeleton keys, plans of different banks and public buildings in the province, and a number of blank cheques. The boots he was wearing and a suit of clothes carried in his valise were recognized as stolen property. He also carried a lot of dynamite cartridges. He was brought to Windsor and lodged in jail.

From an account in the *Morning Chronicle* of Monday, this man seems to have had memoranda and a plan for operating on the Halifax banks, and other places where money might be expected to be found, giving minute particulars how to proceed. It would seem therefore that the man was one of a gang. It is some satisfaction to know that he is safely lodged in the jail at Windsor.

A store at Bridgewater, owned by Mr. Geo. A. Corbin, was broken into on last Sunday night, and about \$50 worth of goods stolen.

Mr. F. Forbes, son of Dr. Forbes, of Liverpool, caught six fine salmon with a fly a few days ago at Pouchok, some 15 or 20 miles above the two dams at Milton, where Mr. W. H. Rodgers constructed his new fish ladders two years ago. Salmon have not been taken there before invention a complete success for both salmon and alewives. The salmon fishery is opening very lively, with prospects now of a large catch every where.

APPOINTMENTS.—To be Justices of the Peace, Wm. McKean, Pictou; Jas. Cressland, Tangier, Hx. Co. To be High Sheriff for the county Queens, Thos. F. Campbell, vice J. N. Freeman, resigned.

Mr. Nutt the proprietor of the Bridgetown corn-canning factory has received one order for 10,000 cases, a total of 240,000 cans! The business seems to be capable of a tremendous increase, if the farmers will only plant the corn in sufficient quantities. Mr. Nutt says the amount of business he could do would employ from 100 to 200 hands in the season which extends over a period of several months.—*Witness*.

Four women, two of whom were widows and two or three men were arraigned under summonses in the Police Court last week, for having violated the Sunday closing ordinance by having their huckster shops open on Sunday. Two were fined \$2 or 10 days, and the next \$1 or 5 days. This is the first prosecution under this new ordinance.

THE STUDENTS OF ACADEMY COLLEGE AND HORTON ACADEMY, boarding on the Hill, previous to closing gave a reception in Chipman Hall to the ladies of the Seminary, and the Professors and their wives. On the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Keddy, who have resigned their position in connection with the Boarding House, were presented with an address from the Students accompanied with a token of esteem. The gift was composed of three pieces of silverware, a butter cooler, cake basket, and a set of castors. The evening was a very enjoyable one. The Hall was decorated with evergreens and refreshments were served.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.—A new Grange was organized at River Hebert on 6th inst. This brings the number of Subordinate Granges instituted in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia up to one hundred. We give below the names of its officers:

Master—M. R. Pugsley.
Overseer—R. A. Christie.
Secretary—John W. Lowe.
Treasurer—Edmund Christie.
Lecturer—E. A. Lowe.
Chaplain—Rev. J. R. Skinner.
Steward—J. R. Moffat.
A. S.—E. B. Christie.
Gatekeeper—John Porter.
Cores—Mrs. John Porter.
Pamona—Mrs. J. W. Lowe.
Flora—Mrs. John Moffat.
L. S. S.—Mrs. A. Lowe.

Mr. Linton is to receive 1,000 guineas from Queen Victoria for his painting of the marriage of Prince Leopold. There is a regular series of pictures of every similar event in Her Majesty's reign. Most of them hang in the grand corridor in the private apartments at Windsor.

Queen Victoria has just honored M. Bassano, of the St. James's Fine Art Studio, London, with two sittings for her portrait.

Miss Gladstone daughter of the English Premier, will probably be elected Principal of the flourishing Ladies' College at Cambridge.

The planters of the Sandwich Islands have unanimously declared in favor of the prohibition of the importation and sale of spirituous liquors.

Great care carries with it a certain respectability whether it attaches to a person or thing. This is seen particularly in the case of *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment*, which is the most marvelous internal and external remedy ever discovered. It ought to be kept in every house.

If farmers and others continue to buy dust and ashes put up in large packs and sold for condition powders it won't be our fault. We have exposed the swindle time and again. *Sheridan's Powders* are the only kind we know of worth carrying home.

New Brunswick.

The corner stone of the new cotton factory at St. John was laid on Tuesday last by His Worship the Mayor. A large number of persons were present.

A destructive fire took place at Fredericton, on Wednesday evening; three or four buildings were destroyed. The loss on the buildings is estimated at about \$14,000.

On Saturday last a bear measuring 7 feet 4 inches in length, was shot and killed in a gun trap near Sackville.

Gaspereaux have not been so abundant in the inland lakes of Queens and Sunbury Counties, during the past fifty years, as at present. The catch of shad is also likely to be very large; this fish was selling on Saturday at 6 and 8 cents a piece.

Dominion of Canada.

Notice is given that the Montreal public schools will be closed on and after Aug. 1st. The direct cause is extra-ordinance on the part of the School Board for that purpose, using funds which should have been retained to supply teachers and text-books, Protestants and Catholics alike protest against the mismanagement.

The New York "Herald," in an article on "The Canadian Elections," says "The canvass is being conducted with intense bitterness, and the partisan journals on both sides would do credit to this side of the border line in a Presidential campaign."

The Hon. Alexander MacKenzie has been dangerously ill during the week, but on Thursday was pronounced out of danger.

Each party throughout the Dominion pronounces the other side in a demoralized condition and perfectly hopeless, whilst their own side is sure to win. They may perhaps say what they think, yet the wish is doubtless father to the thought. It is well that the agony of suspense will soon be over.

The arrival of the Princess Louise at Quebec, was the occasion of much excitement on Sunday week. It was about 7 o'clock in the evening when she landed from the ferry steamer *Arctic*, which had previously taken the Marquis to the *Sarmatian*.

The Princess was accompanied from England by Miss Hervey, Miss McNeill, Mr. Douglas Dawson, Capt. W. Campbell and Mr. J. Bagot, Grenadier Guards, A. D. C., to His Excellency of the Marquis of Lorne.

The Quebec Squadron of Canadian Hussars furnished the mounted escort offered by Lieut. Col. Turnbull, and Lieut. Col. F. Wood Gray.

The major and members of the City Council occupied a position close to the gangway, and Her Royal Highness having shaken hands with His Worship, Mayor Langelier read an address of the Citizens in the French language, to which Her Royal Highness replied in French, thanking the Mayor for his gracious address and expressing the pleasure with which she had returned to Canada. The Princess, from consideration, doubtless, to the numbers of spectators, gave orders to have the covers thrown back from her carriage before starting, notwithstanding the falling rain.

Her Royal Highness was plainly attired in a very narrow striped grey waterproof ulster and hat trimmed with black satin and plush. The only ornaments visible were small ear-rings of plain pearl. We learn that Her Royal Highness enjoyed the passage out very much, and suffered very little indeed from sea-sickness. She moved about and conversed freely with the passengers, and manifested considerable interest in the condition of the steerage passengers, whose quarters she visited on the day after leaving Liverpool.

Her Royal Highness appears to be in the enjoyment of excellent health, and looks none the worse for her long sea voyage.

The Montreal *Gazette* of Friday last, says the liabilities of Vaughan & Co., merchants of Liverpool, England, amount to £200,000.

Newfoundland.

Ten thousand young harp seals, valued at \$24,000, were hauled on shore by the inhabitants between Grignet and Cape Norman, on the north-east coast.

The Government offers a reward of \$1,000 for the discovery and conviction of the persons guilty of placing an obstruction on the railway, which fortunately was discovered in time. Two men have been arrested.

News of the World.

The Irish judges protest against a commission of three judges to try criminals without juries as provided in the Repression Bill. The amendment to the bill, offered by Mr. Parnell seeking to define intimidation, and limiting it to certain definite acts, was rejected, 247 to 86.

Walter M. Bourke, a Galway landlord residing at Rahasane, was shot dead on Tuesday, while returning from Gort. His escort, a soldier, was also killed. After the shooting, six men were noticed going away from the scene.

The news of the murder, created a profound sensation in the Commons. Parnell and other Irish members expressed regret at the assassination.

On Sunday last 30,000 people attended a Democratic meeting held at Hyde Park, London, to protest against the Repression Bill.

The proposal to cremate the body of Garribaldi was over-ruled and he was buried temporarily at Capra on Thursday last, with high honors. Speeches were delivered at the grave by the Vice-President of the Senate, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, two Cabinet Ministers present and Signor Crispi. All applauded the deed by the Italian people.

At Constantinople, the Sultan has informed the foreign representatives that he is prepared to go almost any length to prevent the meeting of the proposed Conference, which he regards as a direct infringement of his rights.

In consequence of a protest of the British Government against military preparations in Egypt, the sultan has telegraphed the Khedive to request Arabi Pasha to discontinue them and order the cessation of work on fortifications at Alexandria.

Serious riots broke out between hostile natives and Europeans at Alexandria, on Sunday, during which several persons were killed and a number of houses destroyed. The English consul was severely wounded by a gun shot and an engineer of the British war ship *Superb* was killed. The disturbance was finally stopped by the military.

Serious fires are reported from Tuaba Province and Yechigo, Japan. In the former place a fire which happened in May consumed a hundred and sixty houses. In the latter, on May 4th, 521 houses, 6 temples and one school-house were burned. In Tokio, on May 9th 428 houses were destroyed.

Owing to the heavy rains and cold the northern portions of the cotton districts in the United States are expected to fail and large sections of land are being plowed up for corn.

The anticipated strikes of iron workers have not taken place. Mills have resumed work.

On Wednesday last, five children of Mr. John Lockwood, while walking on the track of the Harlem railroad, near Cos Cob, were run over and killed by an express train. The engineer of the train was an Uncle of the children.

On Tuesday, a runaway locomotive on the elevated railroad, fell off the track at a switch at West Brighton. Nine persons were injured and the track torn up.

At San Antonio, Texas, on Tuesday three workmen were killed and five wounded by an explosion of 250 kegs of gunpowder in a tunnel on the G. P. and T. Railway extension.

Reports from Patrick Co., Virginia, show that a famine is in progress there. Owing to the failure of last year's crops the people are starving for want of meal and flour, and many have died. Measures will be taken to relieve them.

M. Liljestrand, a Baptist evangelist, has been assassinated in Finland while in the act of preaching.