

bassador. Few Christians ever have any adequate conception of the anxiety of a true minister in his flock. Oh, if they could see him on Saturday night wrestling with God in view of the responsibilities of his Sabbath work, crying like Jacob at Peniel, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me;" if they could see him Sabbath night, watering with his tears, before God, the seed that he had sown during the day, -they could not help praying for him. It is doubtful whether either ministers or people appreciate fully the relation of prayer to preaching. We want eloquent sermons; but the sentences that are most brilliant, that please the ear, and charm the fancy, may be as hard as diamonds and as cold as icicles. The sermons that fall upon men's hearts as the good seed of the kingdom, that germinate and bring forth fruit, are not always great intellectually; but they are sermons that have been "steeped in prayer, and that are preached to those whose spirits have been mellowed by prayer." If any congregation thinks that the minister does not preach well enough, let it first inquire if it has prayed for him enough. Don't breathe, don't begin to criticize or complain until you are sure that you have done your full duty in the case. Don't say, "It is Moses' fault that the Amalekites prevail," when God has told you to hold up Moses' hands and you have not done it.

News of the World.

Princes are subject to human infirmities the same as other mortals, and it is probable that the marriage of Prince Leopold will be postponed on account of his illness. Preparations for the ceremony have been suspended. In the British House of Commons Sir Henry James, Attorney-General, on Thursday introduced a bill to disfranchise certain boroughs for corrupt practices at elections. Wonder when such things will follow "corrupt practices at elections" on this side the Atlantic! Capt. Beaumont, who was lieutenant on board of the Discovery in Captain Nares' Arctic expedition, has accepted the command of a recently proposed expedition to the Arctic regions. The annual inter-university boat race has just been rowed over the usual course on the Thames. It resulted in a victory for the Oxford crew by one length. The water was beautiful, but the contest created less interest than usual. A third Fenian assassination within the month has intensified the consternation of official circles. Dorset Street, Dublin where the murder occurred, is notorious as a Fenian neighborhood. Three men (McMahon, Martin and Brophy), entered a tavern and retired to a private room behind the bar. Shortly afterward a shot was heard. Brophy rushed out but was caught in the street. McMahon lay on the floor shot through the heart. Brophy exclaimed, "It serve him right. He had done the same to others." Martin sobbing hysterically, said the whole affair was an accident. It is said that Mr. Lowell the American minister has in the name of his Government asked for a reprieve for Dr. Lamson until new evidence can be forwarded from America. No proofs of his American nationality had been furnished on Saturday. Spain seems to be in a very unsettled state, two hundred and fifty persons have been arrested, including many revolutionary agents. A serious strike has occurred in Barcelona and other towns opposed to the reform of the tariff, and workshops and mills have been closed. The Province of Catalonia has been proclaimed in a state of siege. Official despatches report the agitation abating. On Friday the Diet at Berlin finally passed the Ecclesiastical Bill. The man who defrauded Dr. Evans, an American dentist, out of 1,000,000 francs, and who was arrested in Belgium, has been extradited. The affair is causing much interest in Brussels. It is reported that a party of soldiers, by order of the Governor of Egypt, has taken possession of the works and warehouses of an English railway running from Alexandria to Ramleh, and ordered their immediate demolition on the ground that they interfere with fortifications. The railway company has appealed to the British Consul-General. St. Petersburg is still in a constant state of alarm. Terrorist placards are again making their appearance on the walls of the city. One of the most

violent character, declares that Alexandria III. is now condemned to death definitely and without appeal, as he is the incarnation of all the vices of his ancestors. Another Nihilist leader was arrested for participation in the construction of a mine in Little Garden Street. The latest number of the Will of the People, the Nihilist organ, dated for February, urges a continuation of the organizations of the conspiracy, notwithstanding the repulses of the Government. It is officially announced that the Czar has ordered the commutation of all death sentences passed at the recent trial of Nihilists to an indefinite period of hard labor in the mines, except in the case of Marine Lieut. Suchanoff, in which the sentence is confirmed, as his position as an officer aggravated his crime. General Strelnikoff, Public Prosecutor of Kieff Military Tribunal, was shot with a revolver while sitting on the boulevard, at Odessa, and died immediately. Two assassins were arrested. Walker Hall, one of the finest of the College buildings, at Amherst, Mass., was burned on Wednesday night. It contained the Shepard collection of minerals, valued at \$80,000, a collection of physical apparatus; besides a fine collection of paintings and archives. The loss is estimated fully at a quarter of a million dollars. The packet Golden City, en route from New Orleans to Cincinnati, was burned at the wharf at St. Paul on Thursday morning. Between 30 and 50 lives were lost, principally women and children. Information has reached Natchez, Miss., of the destruction of Ralston gin near Lake St. John, in Texas Parish, La., by which 120 refugees lost their lives. This gin was one of the largest in North Louisiana, and was packed to over flowing with negroes from the adjoining plantations. The British steamer City of Lincoln, which arrived at Boston, last week, reported that Captain Stewart jumped overboard on Sunday afternoon, in a fit of delirium tremens, and was drowned. The body was recovered. A violent hurricane swept over Monroe, La. on Sunday morning. It took an easterly course, destroying many buildings. An old colored woman was blown away and her body has not been found. Several negroes are reported killed. At New York on Sunday last Cornelius J. Vanderbilt, brother of W. H. Vanderbilt, committed suicide by shooting himself. Moses Devere, an employee on the Fitchburg Railway, was struck by cars near Athol, Mass., on Friday night last, and died on Saturday morning from his injuries. He was aged about 50, and was from Prince Edward Island. The fearful fact was stated lately that 700 children died at Philadelphia annually of neglect, starvation and abuse, and that of the children taken to the almshouse, or born there, about 95 per cent die. Happily, Halifax is entirely different, thanks to the Infants' Home, the S. P. C. A. and city mission workers. Our Halifax Infants' Home has done a most valuable work in the saving of child-life, and the percentage of deaths is the smallest possible. -Chron.

In connection with a Baptist church in Brooklyn, a novel entertainment was held and conducted by the Chinese members (to the number of about 100) who belonged to the school and Bible class. The whole management and cost of the entertainment, consisting of Chinese instrumental music, the singing and repeating the Lord's Prayer and Commandments in Chinese, &c.; decorations of Chinese lanterns, signs, umbrellas, balloons and panels, was borne by the Chinese themselves at their request. Harper's Weekly states that "a great proportion of the grog-shops in New York are maintained by the money given in alms on the street." The charity disposed should rarely give money to the poor except through well organized and acknowledged relief societies, or the clergy. At St. Louis as two laborers were digging a drain on Friday last, on the premises of James E. Haggerty, 912 Collins Street, they unearthed a large pot tightly sealed, which was found to contain a large amount of English sovereigns, American silver dollars, and a half more or less of continental currency. The money has not been counted, but there is probably between twenty and thirty thousand dollars of coin, which is dated in the last century, and the currency bears date 1777. The house was occupied by Montgomery Blair many years ago, and subsequently passed into the possession of Samuel Gaty. Captain Anderson, of the bark Funder, from Carthage, and Captain Lamb, of the Elizabeth, from Calcutta, recently arrived at New York, both report passing through enormous masses of dead fish on March 21 in latitude 39 degrees 30 minutes. The sea was completely covered with the fish for over forty miles. They have probably been killed by some volcanic eruption.

Home News.

Nova Scotia.

The closing musical and literary festival of the Y. M. C. Association, on Tuesday evening of last week, was the best one of the season. The readings were most entertaining. One by Mr. Nairn, on the evils arising from the use of spectacles in public worship was a capital burlesque on the arguments against the use of organs in churches. The music was very good, especially the duets by Mr. and Miss Shannon which were finely rendered.

The Granville Street Sabbath School gave a musical and literary entertainment, on Thursday evening last. It comprised choice readings by Messrs. Hermes, J. G. Smith, and Dr. Delaney, and select pieces of vocal music by Misses Barnstead, Twining and Paint, and Mr. J. G. Smith. The choir under the direction of Wm. Ackhurst, Esq., gave a short but beautiful anthem at the opening and another at the close. It was a pleasant evening and enjoyed by the large company present.

The cable steamer "Minia" arrived on Monday. She reports the loss of two of her crew. -Joseph Hart, of Guysboro, and Wm. Fredrick, of Cunard St., this city, in a fearful gale.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT. - A sad and fatal accident occurred at the Grand Lake Station, early on Thursday morning, by which Conductor Geldert was killed. It appears that Mr. G. left Truro with a special train composed largely of empty cars, having three loaded cars and a van at the end of the train.

Conductor Logan left Truro for Halifax some time after with another special train. Geldert's train lost time at different points, and had stopped at Grand Lake station. They were about starting and the engine was backing the train half a dozen car lengths, preparatory to starting, when the brakeman saw Conductor Logan's special coming upon them at a rapid rate, just round a sudden bend in the road. He opened the door of the van and shouted to Geldert and then jumped clear. Geldert was reclining as though he had been sleeping, and seemed to start up as the brakeman called to him, but not in time to escape. The engine of the rear train struck the van, telescoping it and causing several of the other cars to be derailed. Geldert was thrown through the bottom of the car and was found on the road, but one leg was torn completely off and carried four or five car lengths along the road. A mattress was procured and Geldert was transferred to it. He was alive and conscious, and realized that death was inevitable. He turned over on his back without assistance and asked them to raise him up. They did so, a shudder passed through the body and he was dead.

An inquest was held before Dr. T. R. Almon, coroner, on Friday, Saturday, and Monday afternoons. After the corpse had been viewed, Dr. Wickwire gave his testimony that on arriving at Grand Lake he found that Geldert had been dead for twenty-five minutes. In his opinion death had been caused by the shock in the leg being cut off. The verdict of the jury was: The jury are of opinion that the deceased came to his death owing to danger signals not being placed in position on his train, it having been stopped over the time specified in the regulations, and strongly condemn the system of making or allowing men to work more than one day and night without rest. We also consider that no blame is attachable to Conductor Logan or the hands on his train.

Conductor Geldert had been on the road about nineteen years, and was one of the best known and most generally popular men on the line. He leaves a widow and family in Truro, where he was buried on Sunday last, amidst the universal expressions of sorrow and sympathy with his widow and family.

PROFESSOR SCHURMAN of Acadia College lectured on Friday evening, before the students of Dalhousie College, on "John Milton, the genius of English Puritanism." There was a large audience present who received the lecture with the profoundest attention, interrupted only by the occasional bursts of applause that were called forth by the learned lecturer. The Evening Mail of Saturday contained an excellent compendium of the lecture which has doubtless been read by thousands in all parts of the Province.

A SCIENTIFIC ENTERTAINMENT was given in College Hall, Wolfville, on the evening of March 31st. A large number of beautiful and interesting chemical experiments, accompanied by appropriate explanations, were conducted by Prof. Goldwell. The composition of "the air we breathe and the water we drink," was shown by actual test, some of the constituent gases being produced by a variety of methods in presence of the spectators. The principles of the Davy safety-lamp and the oxy-hydrogen blow pipe were explained and amply illustrated; so that altogether the lecture was a very brilliant one. Great credit is also due to those who conducted the musical part of the entertainment, which contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment of the evening. The rendering of the music was also the successful experiments by the Professor, together with his pleasant turns of wit were highly appreciated by an unusually large audience. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purchase of scientific apparatus for the College. -Chron.

THANKFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. - On the 18th of February, while passing through the Nine Mile Woods on my way to Pubnico, my horse in crossing a piece of ice where the road was overflowed, suddenly slid and backed into a pond of water from 5 to 6 feet deep. As the ice formed a wall all around the opening, it was impossible for him to

get out. We were three miles from any habitation, and the cold was very intense, so that he must have perished in a very short time, but for the timely aid of Mr. Chute, Organ Agent, and Mr. Jeremiah Daly of Pubnico. These gentlemen happened to be furnished with a strong horse and a long leather strap, by means of which they pulled the poor beast out by the neck. The harness was so cut up in extricating him from the wagon, that I was obliged to drive him back to Oak Park on foot. After dining at Mr. Roswell Brown's, that gentleman took me in his wagon, leading my horse, to the scene of the disaster, and lent me a harness, so that I went on my way rejoicing. W. H. RICHAN.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY. - A Division Grange for the counties of Lunenburg and Queens, was organized at Pleasant River on 25th ult. The following are the officers, viz.: Master, J. M. Freeman, of Pleasant River; Overseer, W. R. Bars, of New Germany; Secretary, S. M. Freeman, of North Brookfield; Treasurer, James Speers, of Brookfield; Lecturer, Z. W. Freeman, of New Germany; G. C. Middlemas, of Caladonia; Steward, Albert D. Delong, of New Germany; A. S. Wm. Butler, of Chelsea; Gatekeeper, W. P. Doliver, of Kempt; Ceres, Mrs. W. Douglas, of Caladonia; Pomona, Mrs. G. C. Middlemas, of Caladonia; Flora, Mrs. W. Baker, of Chelsea; L. A. S., Mrs. Z. W. Freeman, of Kempt; Executive Committee, J. L. Delong, C. Cushing, Z. Freeman, J. Speers, and H. Kedy; Auditors, Wm. Faulkner, and W. R. Bars.

A Subordinate Grange was organized at Baker's Settlement, Lunenburg Co., on 27th ult., with the following officers: Master, Robt. G. Armstrong; Overseer, Barnabas Boliver; Secretary, W. F. Selig; Treasurer, Elkanah Baker; Lecturer, Lewis Selig; Chaplain, J. E. Boliver; Steward, Daniel Wile; A. S., Rupert Newcomb; Gatekeeper, William Veinot; Ceres, Miss E. R. Hebb; Pomona, Mrs. B. Boliver; Flora, Mrs. W. Veinot; L. A. S., Mrs. W. Selig.

P. E. Island.

The Island papers are discussing the possibility of getting an underground connection by tunnel with Cape Tormentine. It would only be a matter of about twelve millions of dollars. It will probably be left for completion some time in the next century. One of the Island papers gives an account of a Mrs. Graham, a widow woman residing at Alma, who is probably the oldest woman in that Province. She was born at Covehead, on the Island, and is now in her 105th year. This venerable woman was married twice and raised two families, most of whom are dead. If her oldest son were alive now he would be 78 years of age. Notwithstanding her extreme age, she still retains all her faculties almost unimpaired. She spins, she knits, and can read fine print without spectacles. Her memory is excellent and she converses freely on many subjects.

Dominion of Canada.

On Saturday last, Judge Henry in the Exchequer Court, gave judgment in the Prince Edward Island Railway accident cases. He decided in every instance against the Government. It will be remembered that in 1879 an accident occurred on the road, by which a number of persons were maimed and wounded. They sued the Government for damages on account of the rotten, neglected and dangerous state into which the road had been allowed to fall. The decision in favor of the plaintiff was as follows: Geo. McLeod, \$36,000; Hallowell, \$750; Murphy, \$2,500; Catherine McDonald, \$1,500; Thomas Stewart, \$100. Total \$41,750. An exciting scene was presented at Point Douglas, Manitoba on Wednesday last. It was fine weather, and nearly 2,000 people were at the station witnessing the arrival of the immigrant trains. Some 1,200 arrived, from the South and West. The hotels were crowded and several immigrant sheds are full. The Government sheds are not yet ready. Tents in different parts of the city are rapidly filling.

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Notices.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries for Convention Funds Received, Yarmouth, March 31, 1882.

WOLFVILLE, March 31st, 1882. Received from Rev. Dr. Day. Convention funds - Fifty Dollars - for Ministerial Education. J. W. BARRS, Treas.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Lists amounts received for Home Missions, March 13.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES. Wolfville - Miss Barrs \$16 00 Halifax, Granville St. Church - Mrs. A. L. Wood \$5 25 Halifax, Mission Band, Granville St. Church, for support of Lizzie - Miss K. Robinson 6 00 Halifax, Mission Band, North Church, for support of "David," Mrs. A. Harris 25 00 Halifax, North Church - Mrs. Clements 24 37 Mrs. Wilson, Pt. Hastings per do. 0 50 Yarmouth, Temple Church - Mrs. A. M. Huestis 33 02 Pine Grove - Mrs. J. Parker Dodge 3 00 M. R. SELDEN, Treasurer. Halifax, April 3rd, 1882.

Mr. Editor, - Permit me through your columns to acknowledge the receipt from "A Friend" of \$26.44 for Ministerial Education. D. M. WELTON.

CORRECTION. - In acknowledgment of monies for Acadia College, instead of being as it appeared in our last, it should stand as follows: FOR DR. TUPPER PROFESSORSHIP. Lieut. Gov. Wilnot \$20 00 From A. N. Layton, Pugwash, N.S. 10 00 CONVENTION FUND. Per Rev. G. E. Day \$100 00 MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. The Annapolis County Baptist Conference to be held at Pine Grove, on Tuesday the 11th of April, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Each member is expected to prepare for the Conference an Essay or Plan of a Sermon. J. T. EATON, Sec. Paradise, March 27th, 1882.

WANTED. Our Secretary of Home Mission Board wishes for a copy of Convention Minutes for 1881. We have not a copy, or would be glad to supply him. TAKE NOTICE. - To any person who has a copy of said Convention Minutes, 1868, and will send it to the "Christian Messenger" Office, Halifax, we will send a copy of the Baptist Year Book, 1881.

HALIFAX BAPTIST CHURCH DIRECTORY.

GRANVILLE STREET CHURCH. - Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Alex. McArthur. Sabbath School in the New Vestry Spring Garden Road at 2.45 P. M. Prayer-meetings in the same place on Wednesday and Bible studies on Friday evenings at 7.30. NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, GOTTINGEN STREET. - Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Manning. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30. TABERNACLE, NORTH BRUNSWICK ST. - Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Pastor, Rev. J. F. Avery. Sabbath School at 2.30 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.30. DARTMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH. - Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School at 3 P. M. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Pastor Rev. E. J. Grant. AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, CORNWALLIS STREET. - Lord's Day Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sabbath School in the vestry at 3 P. M. Prayer-meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. H. Johnson, Pastor.

Acknowledgments.

Dear Bro. Selden, - Sometimes the Christian laborer is put on "the sunny side." Such was our experience last evening, March 27th. The friends in Scot's Bay assembled in their house of worship. The meeting was organized by appointing Brethren James Rogers, chairman; Slocum, secretary; George Ellis, treasurer; Lemuel Ellis and O. H. Cogswell, managers of the music. Mrs. Ellis, assisted by Miss Burbridge on the organ, with their singers alternating with a band of juvenile singers from the Sabbath School, discoursed sweet music. At a preconcerted signal, the treasurer, in a few words, transferred to Mrs. F. and myself the amount gathered, forty dollars, mostly in cash, the rest in useful articles. In accepting this we felt constrained to call up reminiscences of our labors here during the past twenty-one years, and as our first Sunday in Cornwallis was spent in Scot's Bay, we could not forget this, our first love, especially after the events of this evening. After further remarks by the chairman, and Bro. Daniel Huntley, the meeting was dismissed by singing the doxology, and by the benediction. As these dear friends have communicated to us in carnal things, may they be abundant partakers of spiritual things. Yours fraternally, D. FREEMAN. Canning, March 28, 1882.

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